

Our 2020-2021 Board of Directors

The Institute of Internal Auditors Canada (IIA Canada) Board of Directors, stewards the vision, mandate and operational responsibilities for IIA Canada. A “virtual” institute affiliated with The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) - a global organization established in 1941 and representing over 200,000 members worldwide. IIA Canada’s Board of Directors guides and oversees IIA Canada’s advocacy efforts, professional learning and training, thought leadership publications, budgets, operations and membership services. IIA Canada’s close and collaborative relationship with IIA North America ensures that Canadian members receive all the benefits from the North American organization within the context of the Canadian perspective.

Richard Arthurs, CPA, CMA, MBA, CIA, CFE, CRMA, QIAL
Chair



Richard is a Partner and National Data and Information Dynamics Leader with MNP, based in Calgary. Prior to joining MNP, Richard served as the Director of Internal Audit and Risk Management for General Mills Inc. located in Minneapolis, MN, USA. Most recently, he was Chief Audit Executive and Vice President of Risk Management and Compliance for AltaLink, a Berkshire Hathaway Energy Company. Richard helped start IIA Canada’s Thought Leadership Committee prior to joining the Board and was an active IIA member at the Minneapolis/Saint Paul, Twin Cities Chapter in the US from 2002 until 2012. Richard has over 25 years of professional experience. He is a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA), qualifying as a Certified Management Accountant (CMA) in 2003, and holds the Certified Internal Auditor (CIA), Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) and Certification in Risk Management Assurance (CRMA) designations. Richard was the first Canadian to receive the Qualification in Internal Audit Leadership (QIAL) designation.

Jeff Erdman, CIA, CRMA
Past Chair



Jeff leads the global internal audit and risk management function for Finning, the world's largest Caterpillar dealer. In his position, he assumes overall responsibility for Finning's Global Risk Management and Internal Audit Team. Prior to joining Finning, Jeff was a Partner at Deloitte's Enterprise Risk practice in Vancouver where he led the Business Risk Solutions Division. Jeff is a former member of The IIA's North American and Global Boards and is currently a member of The IIA's Global Advocacy Committee. Jeff has over 22 years of professional experience having served in both the public and private sectors with particular expertise in the areas of enterprise risk management, governance and internal audit. Jeff is a frequent speaker on the topics of control, risk and governance and has presented for The IIA and the Institute of Chartered Accountants of BC. Jeff is a Chartered Accountant, Certified Internal Auditor, Certified Information Systems Auditor and Certified Information Systems Security Professional.

Guy Desrochers, CIA, CRMA
Senior Vice-Chair, Advocacy



Since 2012, Guy has been Vice President, Internal Audit at Québecor Média Inc. - a leader in telecommunications, media, and sports and entertainment in Québec. Guy has over 35 years of experience with major enterprises including Pratt & Whitney Canada, Bombardier Aerospace, and Molson Coors Brewing Company. While with Molson Coors, Guy built and led the company's Canadian internal audit functions. He has led several corporations' Finance Groups, and has been responsible for a major ERP Finance Implementation. Guy served on the Board of IIA Canada's Montréal Chapter between 2008 and 2013, and was President of the Executive Committee from 2011 to 2013.

David Helberg, CIA, CRMA

District Advisor and Vice Chair, Sustainable Growth



David is the Director, Internal Audit, and the Corporate Ethics & Privacy Officer for Canadian-based mining company, Cameco. He is a widely recognized and respected senior governance, risk, and audit leader. He has been a coach, mentor, and trusted business advisor to numerous professionals and a frequent lecturer on the topics of internal audit, ethics, and compliance. David specializes in the areas of governance, corporate privacy, corporate strategy and marketing, operational excellence, internal audit and controls, enterprise risk management, and leadership. He has a broad range of experience in providing assurance and advisory services with one of the world's leading professional services firms and with large publicly traded organizations, and has several years of marketing management experience. He holds the Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) and Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) designations and has earned his certification in Risk Management Assurance from The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA). David holds a Bachelor of Commerce (B.Com.) degree and a Masters of Business Administration (MBA) degree.

Janet Hnytka, CIA, CGA, CRMA

Vice Chair, Professionalism



Janet is the Chief Financial and Risk Officer for Carpathia Credit Union, a full service member-owned financial institution located in Winnipeg Manitoba. At Carpathia, Janet assumes the management of accounting, financial reporting and enterprise risk management functions. She also oversees the centralized administration and information technology functions and the delivery of the human resources program and services. Janet obtained her Honours Bachelor of Commerce (H.B.Com.) degree from Laurentian University in 2006 and her Masters of Business Administration (MBA) degree in 2017. She is a member of the Certified General Accountants Association of Manitoba and Past President of IIA Canada's Winnipeg Chapter.

Tony Malfara, CPA, CGA

Board Member



Tony is a senior partner within KPMG's Risk Consulting Services practice in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) and is lead on a number of KPMG's significant risk advisory engagements, which include internal audit, internal controls, enterprise risk management, and Internal Audit Assessments (QARs). Tony has been an active member of the Institute of Internal Auditors, both at the Toronto Chapter and National levels. He is a member of the Board of Governors for the Toronto Chapter, and Chair of the Advocacy Committee. He is past-Chair of IIA Canada's Advocacy and Academic Relations Committee and a former member of IIA Global's North American Advocacy Committee. Prior to joining KPMG in September of 1997, Tony spent 17 years working for a number of organizations, including St. Lawrence Cement, Maple Leaf Foods, and The Gillette Company where he successfully filled various internal audit management roles. His final five years in industry were served as Director of Internal Audit for St. Lawrence Cement. Tony is on the Board of the Humber River Hospital Foundation and is Chair of the Governance and Risk Committee. A graduate of Ryerson University's Business Administration program, with a Major in Accounting Studies and a Minor in Information Technology, Tony is also a Certified SAP consultant, and has completed the Institute of Corporate Directors, Directors Education Program (DEP).

Dena Palamedes, CIA, CPA, CFE, CCSA, CRMA

Board Member



Dena has worked in numerous Federal Government departments and agencies for more than 36 years. Her experiences are varied and include: managing the structural transformation at Transport Canada in Civil Aviation; leading a team of auditors who reported to Parliament on federal hiring practices; the recruitment and development of the Federal Government's Internal Audit community; and providing authoritative internal audit professional guidance. Dena has fulfilled internal audit and financial roles at: Canada Customs and Revenue Canada; Employment and Immigration; and National Defence. Dena received a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree with a concentration in Economics from the University of Western Ontario. She holds CPA, CMA, CIA, CCSA, CFE and CRMA certifications. In December 2016, Dena retired from the position of Chief Audit Executive (CAE) and Director General, Internal Audit and Program Evaluation for the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA). Dena currently consults in Internal Audit and program evaluation in the Canadian Federal Public Administration and is an IIA Canada facilitator.

Katherine Palmer, CIA, CCSA
Board Member



Kathy is the Auditor for the City of Calgary, leading a team of audit and investigation professionals since June 2013. Kathy has over 25 years of global internal audit and risk management experience which she gained from her multi-industry background in the energy, mining and Canadian banking sectors. Kathy is passionate about the positive impact and value provided by the internal auditing profession. Kathy holds a number of degrees including a Bachelor of Arts (BA) from the University of Western Ontario, a Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.) from Nipissing University College, and an Executive MBA (EMBA) from Richard Ivey School of Business, University of Western Ontario. She has obtained her Certified Internal Auditor (CIA), Certification in Control Self-Assessment (CCSA), and Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) designations. Kathy obtained her Chartered Director designation from The Directors College at McMaster University in 2018. Her personal time is spent travelling within eastern and western Canada, and sharing life lessons with her grandson.

Archie Thomas, CIA
Vice Chair, Finance and Risk



Archie Thomas is a Consulting Internal Auditor in governance, risk, control, quality and training. He has worked in 15 countries in the mining, energy, utilities, retail, healthcare, education and government sectors. He is a member of ClearView Strategic Partners Inc.'s Advisory Council, a Faculty Member of The Directors College and an IIA Distinguished Faculty Member. Archie is a qualified Internal Audit Quality Assessor/Validator and has led over 25 assessments of internal audit activities across Canada and overseas. He is a member of The IIA's Global Professional Responsibility and Ethics Committee, a recipient of The IIA Global Victor Z Brink Award for Distinguished Service and the IIA Canada Lifetime Achievement Award. He was editor and contributing writer of the IIA Research Foundation's *"Essentials: World Class Tools for Building an Internal Audit Activity"*. Archie is a Lifetime Honorary Member of IIA Canada's Toronto Chapter.

Beili Wong, FCPA, FCA, CIA, CISA

IIA Canada Representative on IIA North American and Global Boards



Beili Wong is the Chief Internal Auditor for the Government of Ontario where she is responsible for modernizing and shaping the independent internal audit service across the Ontario Public Sector. Prior to her appointment as Ontario's Chief Internal Auditor in October 2019, Beili was Vice President, Audit and Risk, and Chief Audit Executive at the Liquor Control Board of Ontario. Beili brings a systematic and disciplined approach to evaluating and improving the design and effectiveness of governance, risk management and controls. Her global working experience includes consulting and audit projects in 18 countries and four continents, with experience in retail, wholesale, logistics, manufacturing operations, and government. She is a FCPA, FCA, CIA, CISA and Chartered Director. Beili represents Canada and serves on the IIA North American Board and the IIA Global Board.