Dear Chapter Members,

It is hard to believe that after our March meeting we will only have two more luncheons leading up to our break for the summer months. Kelli Murray has had the difficult task of lining up speakers for our luncheons. I appreciate all her efforts, adjustments to last minute cancellations, and her success at keeping the topics important and pertinent. I also want to thank Ruth Prato who ensures the Chapter’s annual scholarship is promoted and awarded. In 2016 we will again be awarding $2,000 to one or more deserving Accounting students at an Alaska university. If you are aware of any students that may qualify, please let them know of this great opportunity.

With luncheons and speakers in mind, I encourage each of you to respond to the Annual Chapter Survey. There are several questions regarding our monthly meetings including recommendations for speakers. The Chapter is always looking for topic suggestions and names of new presenters. I know your responses are heard and efforts are made to bring your suggestions to fruition. My thanks to Carolyn Launer for making sure our survey is developed and meaningful each year.

Finally, one last reminder about serving in the Chapter. Elections and appointments to committees will be completed at the March luncheon. If you are unable to be there, but want to volunteer or have your voice heard, please reach out to one of the board members listed here in the newsletter. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Eric D. Walser, CIA, CRMA
President, IIA Alaska Chapter
Monthly Lunch/Meeting

Speaker: Pat Berry, CIA, CFE, CISA, GSNA
   VP Chief Audit Executive, Credit Union 1
Topic: What is Your Risk Appetite?
Date: Wednesday, March 9, 2016
Time: 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Location: BP Energy Center Meeting Room 900 E. Benson Blvd.
   (The Energy Center is just south of the BP Building – 1st right when you come in the Seward Highway entrance)
Cost: Members $12.00
   Non-Members $15.00
Payment can be made by cash or check
RSVP: Simply reply to this email at iiaalaskachapter@hotmail.com by Friday, March 4th by 3:00 p.m. if you plan to attend.

2015-2016 Upcoming Chapter Meetings

Save the Dates:
   April 13, 2016       Wednesday
   May 11, 2016        Wednesday

IIA Alaska Chapter 2016 Scholarship

The Alaska Chapter of The IIA has established a scholarship for the purpose of attracting interest in the internal audit profession in Alaska. Scholarship(s) will be awarded based on scholastic achievement, educational and career goals and community involvement. Financial need is not a consideration for this scholarship.

The scholarship is available to both part-time and full-time students enrolled in a four-year degree program at an accredited school in Alaska, in Accounting, Business, Information Technology or related area. Students must have completed at least two semesters in order to be eligible for consideration. The number and dollar amount of scholarships awarded depend on the number of qualified applications received, not to exceed $2,000. Please help us get the word out about this amazing opportunity for students.

Applications must be received by the Scholarship Committee by Monday, March 21, 2016. See Scholarship Application for Complete Details
Chapter Elections

The IIA Alaska Chapter Board elections will be held in March 2016. All members are encouraged to consider the opportunity to participate and serve. If you would like to nominate someone or if you are interested in volunteering your time and talents to support the local chapter, please contact Eric Walser at EWalser@asrc.com or Cindy Fields at cfields@scf.cc

The INTERFACE – Alaska IT Conference

INTERFACE is the national series of 29, CPE accredited educational conferences focused on information security, IT infrastructure (BC/DR, data storage & recovery), and enterprise communications. Alaska Conference includes special keynote presentation, more than 15 technology presentations, up to 6 CPE, lunch is provided. There is no cost to attend. See link below for additional information.

Date: April 14, 2016
Location: Dena’ina Convention Center
Registration link: INTERFACE Conference Registration

The IIA’s CIA Learning System

The IIA offers comprehensive facilitator-led courses, CIA refresher seminars and virtual seminars available year-round and across the globe. Available courses and additional information are available at the IIA website: http://www.learnica.com/3partcia/classes-offered

Upcoming IIA Members-only Webinars

Environmental, Health & Safety (EHS) Auditing
Speaker: Raymond Kane, Independent EHS Consultant
Date/Time: March 10, 2016
Course Duration: 1 hour
CPE Hours Available: 1

Auditing Cybersecurity in an Unsecure World
Speaker: Daimon Geopfert
Date/Time: March 15, 2016
Course Duration: 1 hour
CPE Hours Available: 1

For additional information on these webinars and more please check out of the IIA website at: https://na.theiia.org/training/eLearning/Pages/Webinars.aspx