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**A New Chapter Year**

If you can believe it, we are already in May (even though I swear we were just celebrating the holidays)! Anyway, this month is the last one of our Chapter year, and also my last month as your Chapter President. It has been an honor to lead this organization for the last two years and to serve alongside so many talented and committed volunteers, and I thank you for allowing me that privilege.

Beginning in June, our Chapter will be steered by a very capable and experienced leader, Allen Leatherwood. Allen has been on the Board for many years and has contributed to the Chapter’s success in several different ways. We will also be welcoming two new Board members (Tracy Rowe and Lacey McNally) and saying good-bye to three existing members (Mike Padilla, Dhaval Patel, and Tyler Zundel). These aren’t the only changes you can expect, however. As we do each year, the Chapter is reconsidering the professional training programs we offer, and you may see modifications to our typical event format in order to better serve the needs of our members. If you’d like to weigh in on what those changes look like, please respond to our annual survey, which will be coming out soon. This survey is your opportunity to shape the events of the coming year, and we truly value your input and feedback.

To all of our members and especially to all of the hard-working volunteers on the Chapter’s Board of Governors, thank you for making 2013/2014 a successful year, and cheers to continued success in the future!

*Sabrina Greinel, IIA Albuquerque Chapter President*

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**IIA Albuquerque Chapter Calendar of Events**

**Recent Events**

- IIA Albuquerque Chapter Board of Governors Meeting……………………………………………April 9th

**Upcoming Events**

- IIA Albuquerque Chapter Quarterly Meeting (Date changed from May 7th, see below)……………………………………………….June 4th

- IIA Albuquerque Chapter Quarterly Meeting (TBA, see below)……………………………………..July 16th

**IIA Quarterly Meeting:**

**Search Engines: How They Work and Why Auditors Should Care**

**Date:** Wednesday, June 4, 2014

**Time:** 12:15 to 4:30 PM (registration begins at 11:30)

**Location:** New Mexico Educators Federal Credit Union Training Center,
4100 Pan American Freeway NE, Building B, Albuquerque

**Cost:** $100 members; $125 non-members  ■  **CPE:** 4 hours

**Instructor:** Peter Chew, D.Phil, CPA, CFE

**RSVP:** by Friday, May 30, 2014 at [https://iiaabqsearchengines.eventbrite.com](https://iiaabqsearchengines.eventbrite.com)
Note: This meeting was previously scheduled for May 7. If you previously signed up to attend on May 7, please contact Allen Leatherwood at aleatherwood@cnm.edu to indicate which of the following options you prefer:

- Cancel your registration and receive a refund
- Remain registered and attend on the rescheduled date

In this course, you will:
- Understand what “Big Data” is and how search engines evolved.
- Learn about Data Bases and SQL.
- Be introduced to the role of data mining.
- Understand the importance of data in the audit process and the application of various types of approaches in solving real audit problems.

Speaker Bio
Dr. Peter Chew is a Principal Investigator with Galisteo Consulting Group, Inc. in Albuquerque, NM. Through his work with Galisteo, he provides services in data and text analytics, national security, and business process improvement to clients in the public and private sector. Dr. Chew's current work includes projects focused on making sense of large datasets, including cutting-edge and patent-pending applications of statistics and informatics to improve analytic financial processes such as account reconciliation. His work also includes data analytics to support fraud investigations, and research into the cultural and linguistic aspects of national security.

Prior to Galisteo, Dr. Chew served as a Senior Manager at Moss Adams (formerly Neff + Ricci) and at Price Waterhouse in the UK and Russia, where he participated in financial and technology audits of a variety of local and international organizations. Dr. Chew also served for over 5 years on the technical staff at Sandia National Laboratories, leading original research and development into the application of linear and multi-linear algebraic analytic techniques to natural language, in particular multilingual text.

Dr. Chew has a B.A. in Russian Language and Literature with subsidiary Polish from the School of Slavonic and East European Studies at the University of London, and a M.St. in Slavonic Studies and a D.Phil. in Computational Linguistics from the University of Oxford.

IIA Quarterly Meeting – July 16th!
Save the date for the next quarterly meeting, which will be 8 hours of either critical thinking for auditors or communications skills, or two 4-hour sessions on both. The date will be Wednesday, July 16th from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM (registration begins at 7:30). The location and cost is to be determined, but will feature Mr. Phillip Flora of Austin, TX, who has performed numerous trainings for the IIA and other professional organizations in the past. For more information you may contact Michael Hansen or Allen Leatherwood, whose e-mails are listed on page 1.

Membership News

Annual Member Survey – Watch for It!
As mentioned in the President’s article above, we will be sending out the Annual Member Survey soon and we would like to request your feedback. Your input is valuable as it helps us plan events, trainings, and other
activities that are beneficial to you. All who participate will be entered into a drawing for a $25 gift certificate, so please, participate!

**Benefits of Membership**

The Albuquerque Chapter Board of Governors would like to remind you that there are many valuable opportunities available to IIA members as listed below:

- Guidance and resources are available to members to advocate their role with key stakeholders.
- **Advice and resources** geared to those looking for, or expanding on, careers in the internal audit profession is easily accessible
- Special members-only rates on hundreds of products
- Five different certification designations available allowing you to demonstrate your proficiencies including CIA, CGAP, CFSA, CCSA and CRMA
- Special pricing on certification exam parts and registration
- Enjoy complimentary downloads of the IPPF — Standards, Code of Ethics, Practice Advisories, Practice Guides, and Position Papers
- Access videos related to the profession on AuditChannel.tv
- Take full advantage of networking opportunities with other IIA members at chapter events and meetings
- Members-only rates on conferences and seminars, as well as executive development through Vision University, can save you hundreds of dollars
- And many more!

If you would like to join or renew your membership, please visit [https://na.theiia.org/membership/Pages/Membership.aspx](https://na.theiia.org/membership/Pages/Membership.aspx) or the VP of Membership, Marisa Vargas at mvarga@sandia.gov.

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**Announcements**

**Congratulations!**

Michael Padilla recently obtained his Certified Internal Auditor designation. Michael is an Albuquerque native and has a BBA and MBA from the University of New Mexico. He recently served as Senior Internal Auditor for Presbyterian Healthcare, and the Albuquerque IIA Chapter Academic Relations Chair, before taking a job in Orlando, Florida with Starwood Hotels & Resorts. Michael is also a CPA and CFE. Congratulations Michael!

**Gleim CIA Examination Study Books**

The IIA Albuquerque Chapter recently received for the Chapter library the latest edition of Gleim study books for the new 3-part CIA exam. If you wish to check out a book please contact Robert Rimbert, Chapter Librarian and Historian, at Robert.Rimbert@pnmresources.com. The library also has other reference materials available for use by IIA members. Please see the attached file for a list of books held in our library (as of Sept. 2013).
May is International Internal Audit Awareness Month!

As an internal audit professional, you play an important role in raising awareness and elevating the profession. Whether you are an active IIA member or new to internal auditing, there’s something you can do to raise awareness.

For example, you can customize your email signature and social media accounts with the International Internal Audit Awareness Month digital icon (depicted at right). You can hold a lunch-and-learn in your workplace to dispel myths about internal auditing and explain the value that a well-resourced, independent internal audit function can provide. You can also distribute sweet treats or tokens to coworkers with an educational flier about the profession.

Don’t let the opportunity pass to advocate the importance of internal auditing to your coworkers and other stakeholders. For additional ideas, sample programs, tips, and templates, download the free Building Awareness Toolkit from The IIA’s website.

For those of you who are members of ACFE, AGA, or ISACA, these upcoming events may be of interest to you:

**ACFE:** The ACFE-NM chapter monthly meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month, beginning at 11:30 AM, at the NM Educator’s Federal Credit Union Training Center at 4100 Pan American Freeway NE, Building B, in Albuquerque. The next meeting will be on May 27th. The cost for one hour of CPE is $20 for ACFE-NM members and $25 for non-members. Lunch is provided. RSVPs are due the Friday before the Tuesday meetings (May 23rd). The presenters for the upcoming months are shown below. Please contact Beth Mohr at 505-554-2968 or bmohr@themchardfirm.com for more information.

Upcoming Speakers for ACFE:
May – The presenters are Janet McHard CPA, CFE, MAFF, CFF and Beth A. Mohr CFE, CAMS, MPA, PI. The topic is "The New CFE Code of Professional Standards Interpretation and Guidance" which has been approved for Ethics Credit. For Janet & Beth’s Bio, please visit www.themchardfirm.com.
June – No ACFE-NM meeting, due to the ACFE Annual Conference, June 15-20th in San Antonio, Texas.

“SAVE THE DATE: The ACFE-NM is pleased to present Mark Nigrini PhD who will conduct a one-day training on Forensic Analytics & Employee Fraud, on September 22, 2014. The cost is $190.00 per participant, and includes the seminar, book and lunch. Each participant will receive a signed edition of one of Dr. Nigrini's books, either “Benford’s Law: Applications for Forensic Accounting, Auditing and Fraud Detections” or “Forensic Analytics: Methods and Techniques for Forensic Accounting Investigations”. The session will be held at 1635 University Blvd NE, Albuquerque. More details soon. For more information or to register, contact JoAnn Cowman at JCowman@theMcHardfirm.com or call 505-554-2968."

**ISACA:** Please join New Mexico ISACA for our Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers for the upcoming program year!

New Mexico ISACA appreciates the efforts of its all-volunteer board and especially the contributions of our volunteer speakers. Members, speakers, family, and friends are welcome to this event which closes out a successful 2013-2014 program year.

Date: Thursday, May 15, 2014
Location: Chama River Brewing Co.
Time: 5:45 to 8:30 PM
Cost: FREE for New Mexico ISACA members, $10 for guests
Reservations: Please RSVP with Jaime Rumbaoa at either Jaime.Rumbaoa@mossadams.com or 505-878-7245 by 3pm on Monday, May 12, 2014.

Save the date for the upcoming June 10th (Tuesday) luncheon meeting. The speaker will be Miguel Navrot, Web Managing Editor for the City of Albuquerque, and the topic will be “When Anonymous Comes to Your Town.” The location is to be determined. Contact Lew Witz at lwitz@cabq.gov or 768-3166 for more information.

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**The Editor’s Corner**

Greetings! For more information on any of the information in this newsletter, or if you cannot open up a link, go to our chapter website. The address is shown on page one above. It will list upcoming events, Board member addresses, current news, past newsletters, a link to The IIA International, and more!

Please submit newsletter articles for June 2014 no later than **Friday, June 6th**. If you would like to have included in future newsletters upcoming events from other organizations, such as AICPA, AGA, and ALGA, please let me or Sabrina Greinel know (see her e-mail and phone number on page 1 above). Thank you!

_Michael Hansen, Newsletter Editor, mikehansen22@comcast.net_