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**The President’s Monthly Message**  
**The IIA and The IIA Albuquerque Chapter Want Your News!**

The IIA recently announced that there will be some changes in 2013 to The IIA’s member newsletter, *IIA Today*. The IIA will increase the size of this direct mail newsletter from 16 to 20 pages and deliver it on a quarterly basis. The bi-weekly e-newsletter *IIA Connection* will continue to keep members informed of more timely news and offerings from The IIA via email.

In addition, The IIA wants to expand the information presented in these publications. As an organization comprising more than 180,000 members globally, The IIA wants to share the achievements, accolades, and initiatives of its members and chapters. The IIA Albuquerque Chapter would also like to share this type of information through this newsletter, *Audit Tales*.

To that end, both The IIA and The IIA Albuquerque Chapter encourage our members to submit for publication anything you think is newsworthy, including:

- Award Announcements
- Member Promotion, Retirement, or Move
- Community Outreach
- Member/Chapter Achievements or Milestones
- Advocacy Efforts

If you have something you want to submit to The IIA, you may [Submit Your Member/Chapter News Online](http://www.iia.org). If you have something to submit for *Audit Tales*, please send your submission to our Newsletter Editor, [Mike Hansen](mailto:abhansen@iia.org). We highly encourage each submission to include a photo.

I know there are a lot of great things happening with our members and within the audit shops in our Chapter, and I hope you will consider sharing some of what you are doing with the larger internal auditing community.

*Sabrina Greinel, IIA Albuquerque Chapter President*

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**Calendar of Events**

**Recent Events**

- Albuquerque Chapter Board Meeting – January 9th
- IIA free seminar on ERM – January 16th

**Upcoming Events**

- IIA Networking Event (See below for details) – February 20th
- IIA Spring Seminar (See below for details) – March 13-14th
- IIA Quarterly Meeting (See below for details) – April 10th

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**Networking Event!**

The IIA Albuquerque Chapter presents a two-hour networking event sponsored by ExamMatrix

![ExamMatrix](http://www.exammatrix.com/)

Please join us for appetizers as you network with your peers in an informal setting!

**Date:** Wednesday, February 20, 2013  
**Time:** 5:30 – 7:30 pm  
**Location:** Chama River Brewing Company  
**Cost:** Free for IIA members  
**This event is for IIA members only**

RSVP to [abq.iia@gmail.com](mailto:abq.iia@gmail.com) by **Friday, February 15**

A big Thank You! to our sponsor, ExamMatrix. We invite you to learn about their CIA exam review materials on their website at [http://www.exammatrix.com/](http://www.exammatrix.com/)
**IIA Spring Seminar**

IIA vs. GAO Standards  
Instructor: Leita Hart-Fanta  

**Date:** March 13-14, 2013  
**Time:** 8 am – 5 pm both days  
**Location:** New Mexico Educators Federal Credit Union Training Center  
4100 Pan American Freeway NE  
**CPE:** 16 technical hours  
**Cost:** $375 members, $450 non-members  
Lunch and snacks will be provided.

*Non-members will receive one year free IIA membership with their paid registration!*

This two-day seminar will cover the core requirements and differences between The IIA’s International Professional Practices Framework (the “Red Book”) and the Government Auditing Standards (the “Yellow Book”).  
*A hard copy of the Red Book and Yellow Book will be provided to each participant.*

Please RSVP to abq.iia@gmail.com by Friday, March 1st.  
For more information and to pay by PayPal, visit our website:  

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**IIA April Quarterly Meeting**

Auditors’ Responsibilities for Detecting and Preventing Fraud  
Instructor: Stephen Morgan  

**Date:** April 10, 2013  
**Time:** 11:45 am – 4:30 pm  
**Location:** CNM Workforce Training Center  
5600 Eagle Rock Avenue NE  
**CPE:** 4 hours  
**Cost:** $70 members, $85 non-members  
Lunch and snacks will be provided.

Please RSVP to abq.iia@gmail.com by Saturday, April 6th.  
For more information and to pay by PayPal, visit our website:  

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**Membership News**

**Welcome New Members!**

The Albuquerque Chapter Board of Governors would like to welcome the following new members to the Chapter:

- Michele Ziegler, *Gap Inc.*  
- Liana Velasquez, *New Mexico Department of Transportation*  
- Jessica Kretz, *New Mexico Department of Transportation*

We look forward to meeting you at a future Chapter event!
Updating Your IIA Member Information

If you would like to update your personal or contact information, remember you can do this yourself by visiting The IIA’s website.

Go to www.theiia.org. Once on the homepage, look in the upper right hand corner and click on ‘Sign In.’ Enter your login information when prompted. Once you are logged in, look into your upper right hand corner and click on ‘Profile’ and select ‘My Profile.’ Now you are in the ‘My Information’ section and can edit your personal, address, and contact information by clicking the ‘Edit’ button. You can also update your contact preferences by clicking ‘My Preferences.’

If you need assistance, please feel free to contact Marisa Vargas at mvarga@sandia.gov.

Announcements

New Website – Reminder!

This is just a reminder that The IIA Albuquerque Chapter has a new website, which can be found at https://chapters.theiia.org/Albuquerque/Pages/default.aspx. In addition to information about all of our upcoming Chapter events, it also has local career opportunities and links to various parts of The IIA International’s website. Eventually, we will also develop the members-only portion of the website.

If you have any specific ideas on content you’d like to see on the new site, please contact our Web Administrator, KariAnn Blea, at Kariann.Blea1@state.nm.us.

Why Become a Certified Internal Auditor?

Many have considered taking the steps necessary to become a Certified Internal Auditor. If you’ve thought about it but still aren’t convinced, The Institute of Internal Auditors offers the below benefits of becoming a CIA.

The CIA credential elevates your standing in the audit community, boosting your career opportunities and earning you increased credibility and respect within the profession and your organization. Ultimately, the CIA designation will:

- Distinguish you from your peers.
- Carry weight with internal staff and external clients.
- Develop your knowledge of best practices in the industry.
- Demonstrate your proficiency and professionalism.
- Give you personal satisfaction of achievement.
- Lay a foundation for continued improvement and advancement.

Earning the CIA designation is a valuable accomplishment and a professional advantage for auditors at all stages of their careers, including chief audit executives, audit managers, audit staff, risk management staff, and also students enrolled in an accounting or other business or financial degree program.

See the IIA website at https://na.theiia.org/certification/CIA-Certification/Pages/CIA-Certification.aspx for more information on becoming a Certified Internal Auditor.

Reminder–‘Like’ Us on Facebook!

This is just a reminder that The IIA Albuquerque Chapter has set up its own page on Facebook. Please stop by www.facebook.com/abq.iia and ‘like’ us to catch up on all the latest chapter news, events, and information.
Attention LinkedIn users!

Did you know that The Albuquerque Chapter IIA has its own LinkedIn members-only Group page? For those of you not familiar with LinkedIn, it is a social website used strictly for professional networking. Unlike its similar counterpart, Facebook, which is mainly used for bringing friends together, posting pictures and chatting, LinkedIn keeps a person’s professional life separate from their personal. Some of the benefits of using LinkedIn are for networking with colleagues; hiring; posting jobs; acquiring business advice; getting discussions started on company topics; asking for ideas on how to build specific audit programs; and discussing best study techniques for obtaining certifications.

For those members not on LinkedIn who would like access to The Albuquerque Chapter Group page, first create an account. Simply go to www.linkedin.com to build your profile. It is free of charge and you just need a working e-mail address. Once you have created your account, you can fill in your information, set up privacy settings and connect with people as you wish.

Look for us under Institute of Internal Auditors – Albuquerque Chapter. If you have problems finding the Group, feel free to find me on LinkedIn and I can invite you to the group.

Thanks!
~KariAnn Blea

Job Opportunities

The following are job opportunities in the area of Internal Auditing.

- The City of Albuquerque has a job opening for the Inspector General position. The deadline to apply is February 15th.
- REDW has both an Internal Audit Sr. Accountant and an Internal Audit Staff Accountant job opening.

Please refer to https://chapters.theiia.org/albuquerque/Careers/Pages/default.aspx for closing dates and additional application information.

Upcoming Events of Other Organizations

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

ACFE: The next ACFE monthly meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2013, at 11:30 A.M. at the NM Educator’s Federal Credit Union Training Center, at 4100 Pan American Freeway NE, Building B, in Albuquerque. The presenter is Javiar Almodovar, Supervisory Special Agent of the White Collar Crimes (WCC) squad of the Albuquerque Division. The topic is “The FBI’s Handling of Public Corruption/White Collar Cases.”

The cost for one hour of CPE is $20 for ACFE-NM members and $25 for non-members; the meeting includes a box lunch. Please RSVP by February 22nd to Beth Mohr at bmohr@themchardfirm.com.

AGA: AGA has a few upcoming events as well in March and April. They will have a luncheon meeting on February 21st with a speaker talking on the Federal Cost Accounting Standards. On March 21st they will host a luncheon meeting with a speaker discussing the City of Albuquerque’s CAFR. A professional development conference is tentatively scheduled for April 17th and 18th. Interested persons should call or e-mail Laura Beltran-Schmitz at 505-822-8737 or lbschmitz@bacaredwinecpa.com for more information.

The Editor’s Corner

Please submit newsletter articles for March by Thursday, March 7th. If you would like to have included in future newsletters upcoming events from other organizations, such as AICPA, AGA, and ALGA, please let me know. Thank you!

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