Welcome Spring

Spring means it is time for the annual Board of Governors election and approval of the Chapter’s Bylaws.

In addition to the election, it is also time for membership to approve the Chapter’s Bylaws.

The Bylaws govern how the Chapter operates and serves its membership. This includes the duties of the Board of Governors, the structure of the Board, how funds should be managed and other relevant matters.

Chapter members will soon be receiving an e-mail with a Survey Monkey link to facilitate the approval process. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact anyone on the Board per the contact info at the bottom of this newsletter.

Update from Programs
Find out past and future trainings.

Date Change for Upcoming Training
Read about the date change for the event Leveraging Data Analytics to Fight Fraud.

New Members
Welcome new members to the Chapter.

New EHS Technology Webinar
Get the details on an upcoming webinar from the EHS Audit Center.

Upcoming Events
Get the details on upcoming trainings offered by the local Chapter along with links to purchase tickets.

Calendar of Events
Find out what topics are remaining in the program year.

Other News
Read about regional and national IIA initiatives and trainings.

More Information
Get links to the Chapter website, our social media, and The IIA website and other information.

Around Town
Find out about local events.

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Participation on the Board is voluntary. Each member has chosen to advocate and steer the Internal Audit community for Albuquerque and the surrounding areas for a one-year term limit and perform the associated responsibilities.

There are various positions on the Board, although one can participate as a Member-at-Large that takes on ad-hoc responsibilities as needed. Some new positions that will be a part of the Board include Business Outreach and Social Media Coordinator, both of which aim to engage members and expand the Chapter’s communication efforts.

If a year-long commitment is not feasible, there is also the option to volunteer for any needs the Board may have in exchange for discounted or free CPE. Tasks may include performing sign-ins on the day of training, helping to coordinate morning and/or afternoon snacks, breaking down the training room, etc.

If interested in volunteering in either capacity, please contact one of the Nominating Committee members.
In January, Tim Hungerford and his wife Cheryl paid us a visit to help us learn more about fraud and flex our interviewing skills. Tim presented interesting stories and practical approaches to fraud investigations. The fun part was getting to solve a Mystery Fraud right after lunch.

Thank you to our actors: Kerry Gonzales, Alex Zamora, Joy Vanmeter and Michael Ellis for putting our sleuth skills to work!

Lori Cox, our District Representative for the Southern Region, generously shared her insight and extensive experience for Ethics & the Auditor: Roles, Responsibilities, and Resolutions in February. Everyone enjoyed the stories Lori had to share and we sure appreciate her spending the time to host this essential class!

We have two events scheduled in April. The first event, April 3rd, is Defending You and Your Loved Ones Against Fraudsters and Scam Artists by Rich Brody from UNM. This will be a lunch session with registration beginning at 11:30am. April 17th is a half-day event Increasing Effectiveness of Audits – Mitigating the Risk Surrounding Lack of Effective Communications presented by Julie M. Kowalski of the Spizzerinctum Group. Registration is at 7:30am with breakfast provided. Both events are at the Nusenda Training Center. For more details, please see the “Upcoming Events” section below.

Date Change for Upcoming Training

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the instructors for the March training event Leveraging Data Analytics to Fight Fraud could not make the March 8-9 dates. As a result, the Chapter has rescheduled the training to May 23-24, at Nusenda Training Center, with a networking event to immediately follow the first day of training on May 23rd. We appreciate your understanding and flexibility as we try to host a topic that is currently relevant in the Internal Audit community.

New Environmental Health & Safety Technology Webinar

The IIA’s Environmental Health & Safety (EHS) Audit Center is proud to present the Webinar: Auditing Reimagined – Innovating the Auditing Practice through Frontier Technologies.

Auditing efficiency, accuracy, and consistency are highlighted by EHS auditors as areas to innovate and improve. For 20 years, Gensuite has worked with auditing teams and EHS professionals across several industries to develop best practices and to redefine what is possible through continuous improvement and practical innovation.

Learning Objectives:

- Enable Standardization, accuracy, consistency and efficiency within your auditing practice.
- Understand how the use of technology can redefine EHS auditors’ engagements.
- Discover best practices for EHS practitioners.

WEBINAR INFORMATION

Date: 4-3-2018
Course Duration: 1 hour
CPE Hours: 1
Advanced Preparation: None
More info at: Webinar Info

NEW MEMBERS

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Upcoming Events

Defending You and Your Loved Ones Against Fraudsters and Scam Artists. April 3, 2018

Dr. Richard G. Brody, CPA, CFE, CFF, CGMA, FCPA (with UNM) will define what fraud looks like and how the elderly are subject to losing their investments and assets. He will discuss the “fraud triangle,” and how the characteristics of the elderly create vulnerable situations. Types of elder fraud, general financial exploitation, identity theft and lottery scams will be discussed to assist caregivers in protecting their family.

Registration begins at 11:30 with lunch at 12 noon. The presentation will be from 12:30 to 1:30pm. The location is Nusenda Training Center. Registration is $20 members / $25 non-members and $15 for students. Tickets are on sale until March 30th at 5:00pm via the following link:

Purchase Fraud Tickets

Increasing Effectiveness of Audits: Mitigating the Risk Surrounding Lack of Effective Communications. April 17, 2018

In celebration of “tax” day, take some time off to improve on skills that will make your job easier! This is an exceptional opportunity to learn vital communication skills from highly acclaimed speaker Julie Kowalski of Spizzerinctum Group!

By the time the course is over, participants will be able to:
- Have a list of words they need to REMOVE from and ADD to their vocabulary
- Understand how communication creates supportive or defensive environments
- Turn complaints into requests
- Frame communications (oral and written) in a positive manner to ensure clear understanding
- Influence others and help them “see” differently through effective communications

Registration and breakfast begins at 7:30 with class from 8:00am to 12 noon. The location is Nusenda Training Center. Early Registration, up to 5:00pm on April 4, 2018, is $125 members / $150 non-members and $15 for students. Regular registration is $175 members / $200 non-members and closes April 13, 2018 at 5:00pm. To register, please click the link below:

Purchase Communication Tickets

For more information, including detailed flyers of each program: Detailed Program Information
**AROUND TOWN**

**Bike & Brew Tours**
Enjoy the vibrant flavors of New Mexico’s microbreweries by bike beginning this March. More information [here](#).

**Making Africa: A Continent of Contemporary Design**
Showcasing the work of more than 120 artists and designers. Now through May 6, 2018. More information [here](#).

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