FEBRUARY LUNCH MEETING

Please join us for lunch and an informative presentation, and earn 1 CPE.

**Topic:** Trends in Fraud  
**Speaker:** Ed Skinner, Crowe Horwath  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 17, 2016  
**Time:** 11:30 am registration; 12:00 pm lunch and introductions; 12:15 pm – 1:15 pm speaker  
**Cost:** IIA members: $35 (non-members $40, retirees $30; students & unemployed active members free). The Chapter encourages members to bring guests. If you bring a non-member to our meeting, we will pay for their 1st lunch.  
**RSVP & Info:** Please RSVP by Monday, February 15, 2016, with your meal preference (Beef, Chicken, Fish or Vegetarian) to Kathryn Andrus at kandrus@ducommun.com or (310) 513-7254. Additional information – Please contact Sher Shah at sshah@portla.org or (310) 732-3019.  
**Meals are ordered based on your RSVP. No RSVP = no meal. No-show RSVP’s without notice will be responsible for meal cost reserved.**

**Location:** The Reef  
800 Harbor Scenic Drive  
Long Beach, CA 90802  
(562) 435-8013

**Driving Directions:** Our meeting place is just south of Downtown Long Beach, across Queensway Bay near the Queen Mary.  
- From the I-405 south,  
  - Take I- 710 south,  
  - Exit on 1A towards Piers F-J/Queen Mary  
  - Merge onto S. Harbor Scenic Drive  
  - S. Harbor Scenic Drive becomes Harbor Scenic Way.  
  - The Reef will be on the left

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Greetings,

Hope you all had a great Christmas and enjoyed the holidays with friends and family and are ready to kick-off another great year.

We held the first lunchtime seminar of 2016 on January 20, 2016 and the attendees enjoyed Jeff Whiteside’s presentation, where he spoke about the Auditor’s Guide to Protecting Data. Jeff presented some very interesting examples of real-life breaches in data at organizations like Target and Anthem and discussed what needs to be done to combat these security breaches and the consequences of data being compromised. Data is the life-blood of organizations and organizations need to do much more to protect and secure their information to drive business growth.

The board is busy scheduling and planning great speakers for you for the remaining part of the year through May 2016. We have almost completed our line-up of speakers for the All-Day Professional Seminar planned for Thursday March 24, 2016 at the Toyota Auto Museum, a venue enjoyed by all who attended last year’s very successful seminar. In addition, the board members are working hard to organize a Student Night that compares favorably with the hugely successful event we organized last year for which the chapter was awarded a crystal plaque by the IIA and we received a letter from Richard F. Chambers, President and CEO of the IIA, congratulating the chapter for a job well done. Further, the IIA had a write-up on our efforts in that regard in the October 2015 issue of Leaders Link and classified our work as best practices.
We need your participation at these two signature events the chapter organizes and your financial support to help the best students choose the internal audit profession and excel in that profession.

Our next scheduled speaker for February is Ed Skinner of Crowe Horwath, who is going to present a topic on fraud and we shall soon be posting the exact title and some details on Ed on our website shortly. Please stay tuned for more information and check our website periodically for news and updates on scheduled events.

We continue to hold our lunchtime seminars on the third Wednesday of each month at the Reef restaurant in Long Beach.

We look forward to your support and participation in the events we are planning and would appreciate hearing from you if you have any concerns, ideas and suggestions.

Thank you.

Sher Shah, President, IIA-Beach Cities Chapter

**FEBRUARY LUNCH SPEAKER’S BIOGRAPHY**

Ed Skinner, Crowe Horwath

Edward ("Ed") Skinner was born and raised on the Palos Verdes Peninsula, graduating from Rolling Hills High School, and from California State University Long Beach with a bachelor’s degree in Economics. He began working in Public Accounting in 2000, and earned his CPA in 2003. He is currently a Senior Manager in the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Services Business Unit of Crowe Horwath LLP. Except for some time spent doing audits early in his career, his entire career has been spent working in the Insolvency, Restructuring, Reorganization, and Bankruptcy fields. He has worked as the financial advisor to Debtors, Debtor’s in Possession, and Chapter 7 and Chapter 11 Trustees. He has worked for Chief Restructuring Officers, Receivers, and has served as interim CFO and Controller for distressed entities. During this time he has encountered numerous instances of fraud, and has worked on cases that resulted in significant financial recoveries and criminal convictions for perpetrators of fraud. He is a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) and member of the Association of Insolvency and Restructuring Advisors (AIRA).

**STUDENT NIGHT 2016**

IIA-Beach Cities Chapter has organized a Student Night for several years. The purpose of Student Night is to provide a service to students in the South Bay region, to inform and educate them about the possibilities that exist for them should they choose to join the accounting and auditing profession. Additionally, it is hoped that the students get an opportunity to interact with recruiters from a myriad of companies and provide a win-win opportunity for both recruiters and students in providing employment opportunities that may exist in recruiting organizations for the most suitable candidates.

The Board is busy planning for this event and preliminary data leads us to believe that this Student Night is going to be bigger than previous events and we are expecting more than 150 students from several universities/colleges to attend. As you know, the Chapter is a not-for-profit organization and we need your sponsorship dollars to pay for the meals being provided to students by the Chapter. As members of this Chapter, we are requesting that you make a direct contribution to sponsor a student meal at $30 per meal, and request that you ask your work organization to contribute towards the cost of providing a meal or meals as well.

Please make the checks payable to “Beach Cities IIA” and mail the checks to:

Treasurer
IIA-Beach Cities Chapter,
2415 W. 233rd Street,
Torrance, CA 90501.

If you are interested in obtaining more information about the Student Night 2016, please contact Sher Shah at sshah@portla.org or by phone at (310) 732-3019.

This meeting will be held Wednesday, April 20th at the Reef Restaurant, in Long Beach. Additional details can be found on pages 10-11 of this newsletter.
**POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

- **Auditor for Beach Cities Chapter**  
  Seeking an independent auditor, CPA, or CIA, for auditing the annual report of Income and Expenses, and conducting periodic reviews of financial data for the Beach Cities Chapter. **This is a voluntary position.** Please contact Sher Shah at sshah@portla.org or (310) 732-3019 for more information if you are interested.

- **Webmaster for Beach Cities Chapter**  
  Looking for a webmaster to post current and future chapter events, as well as monthly newsletters and job as necessary. **This is a voluntary position.** Please contact Sher Shah at sshah@portla.org or (310) 732-3019 for more information if you are interested.

- **Senior Performance Auditor for Long Beach City Auditor’s Office (see attached flyer)**  
  To apply, e-mail cover letter, resume and a list of three professional references to kori.grylls@longbeach.gov

- **Staff Performance Auditor for Long Beach City Auditor’s Office (see attached flyer)**  
  To apply, e-mail cover letter, resume and a list of three professional references to kori.grylls@longbeach.gov

- **IT Audit Manager – Administrative Manager II**  
  Orange County Auditor-Controller (Santa Ana)  
  [www.ocgov.com/jobs](http://www.ocgov.com/jobs). For specific questions, please contact Lauren Hirano at (714) 834-3116 or Lauren.Hirano@ac.oc.gov.

**CALENDAR CORNER**

- **February 17, 2016:** Lunch meeting at The Reef - Ed Skinner – Trends in Fraud
- **March 24, 2016:** All-Day Professional Seminar at Toyota Auto Museum
- **April 20, 2016:** Student Night at The Reef
- **May 18, 2016:** Lunch meeting at The Reef - TBD

**GLEIM REVIEW SYSTEM**

Beach Cities Chapter has partnered with Gleim Publications to ensure your success on the CIA exam! Working together, we will provide you the necessary study tools to prepare for this difficult exam.

Gleim has been preparing candidates for success with their extensive self-study course for the CIA exam for over 30 years! The Gleim Review System enables you to identify your weak areas so you know where to focus your efforts and GUARANTEES that you will pass each exam part the first time. Our goal is that you achieve success while minimizing your frustration, cost, and time.

As a member of the chapter, you are eligible for 20% off all Gleim's CIA Review materials, as well as Gleim CPE. To take advantage of the reduced prices, please contact our chapter representative, Melissa Leonard.

By phone: (800) 874-5346, Ext. 131
By email: melissa.leonard@gleim.com
By fax: (888) 375-6940, attn: Melissa Leonard

Visit gleim.com/cia for more information on the CIA Exam or how Gleim can help you pass.

**IIA’S CIA LEARNING SYSTEM**

See [www.learnncia.com/chapters](http://www.learnncia.com/chapters) for special member discount pricing.
Place Your ADS for JOBS

Online and newsletter ads are free to all IIA Beach Cities chapter members, and are $50 for non-members. Contact Kristen Clement at (562) 570-5873 or kristen.clement@longbeach.gov

Notice to all Recipients:

See our website at www.TheIIA.Org/BeachCities for additional newsletter details. Please advise Jim Olds at jolds@portla.org if your email address changes, or if you no longer would like to receive these newsletters.
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Beach Cities Chapter - Institute of Internal Auditors
Annual Professional Seminar

**Thursday, March 24, 2016 * Eight Hours of Excellent CPE**

Registration: 7:30am - 8:30am   Seminar: 8:30am - 5:00pm

Planned Topics:

“TBD”
Captain III Jodi Wakefield, LAPD, Audit Division

“The Internet of Things”
Jeffrey Sanchez, CIA, Managing Director, Protiviti

“People v. Rude. A Description of Forensic Accounting Analysis in Criminal Prosecution”
David Wall, JD, CPA, CFE, Director, SingerLewak

“Soft Skills for Every Auditor’s Toolbox”
Jannies Burlingame, CPA, CRMA Executive Director of Internal Audit, IntelSource ConsultingCorp

“Ethics, Values, and Professional Responsibilities”
Dr. Larry Kalbers, CPA, Drier Chair in Accounting Ethics
Director, Center for Accounting Ethics, Governance, and the Public Interest
Loyola Marymount University

“Exposing Fraudsters using Profiling and Forensic Data Analysis”
Brian Lopez, CFE, CIDA Director, Forensic, Investigative and Dispute Services, Grant Thornton, LLP and Zach Sickles, CPA Senior Manager, Forensic, Investigative and Dispute Services, Grant Thornton, LLP
Registration Form

March 24, 2016 Beach Cities IIA Professional Seminar

**Toyota Auto Museum**

(Across from the former site of Toyota USA Headquarters Campus)
19600 Van Ness Avenue, Torrance, CA 90501  310-468-4728

8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Registration: 7:30 a.m.

$110.00 Members; $130.00 Non-Members (includes full breakfast, lunch, and refreshments)

25% Group Discount (5 or more attendees).

- **Top Quality** - The Beach Cities Chapter offers you a high-quality professional seminar
- **Seminar materials** - All attendees will be able to access the course materials from the Chapter website after the seminar [http://www.theia.org/chapters/index.cfm/home.page/cid/188](http://www.theia.org/chapters/index.cfm/home.page/cid/188)
- **Network** - Meet with your audit buddies to catch up or make new friends.
- **Excellent Value** - We work hard to offer you a high-quality seminar at a low price, especially for groups. Your fee includes breakfast, lunch, refreshments and free parking!
- **Register Now** - Please complete the form below so we can accommodate everyone. Please rsvp to Kathryn Andrus, kandrus@ducommun.com. We keep this information confidential.
- **Questions?**  Please contact Jim Olds, jolds@portla.org

Please mail checks payable to “Beach Cities IIA” and mail to:
Treasurer, 2415 W. 233rd St, Torrance, CA 90501
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The Beach Cities chapter reserves the right to change the speakers, program topics, and times as needed without notice and does not guarantee any particular topic(s) will be presented. All effort will be made to provide a full day's program for eight CPE hours.
THE BEACH CITIES CHAPTER (IIA) and SOUTH BAY CHAPTER (IMA) PRESENT THEIR ANNUAL

STUDENT NIGHT 2016
“From Average to Awesome”

Keynote Speaker:
Don Mullinax, Western Regional Director
Defense Contract Audit Agency

Date:      WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2016
Location:  REEF RESTAURANT,  880 S. HARBOR SCENIC DRIVE
           LONG BEACH, CA  90802 - (562) 435-8013 (NEAR THE QUEEN MARY)

Agenda:  5:00-6:00 pm      REGISTRATION / MEET-THE-FIRMS NETWORKING
       6:00-6:45 pm      DINNER *(Chicken, Beef, Fish, or Vegetarian Pasta)
       6:45-7:45 pm      PROGRAM
       7:45-8:00pm      RAFFLES
       8:00pm onwards   MORE NETWORKING

FREE EVENT FOR STUDENTS!

IIA MEMBERS $35 and NON-IIA MEMBERS $40
Students must provide a valid, current student ID.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:
RON LAPLANTE at ronlaplante@sbcglobal.net or (571) 242-6737

TO REGISTER with meal choice, PLEASE CONTACT:
KATHRYN ANDRUS at kandrus@ducommun.com no later than April 11, 2016
Mail Checks payable to “Beach Cities IIA” to 2415 W. 233rd St, Torrance, CA 90501
(or pay at the door)

Note: Cancellations not received 24 hours prior and no shows will be responsible for paying for the full price of the meal ordered
Speaker Information:

Mr. Don Mullinax is the Regional Director of the Defense Contract Audit Agency’s Western Region where he leads 900 employees in conducting contract audits and investigative support services of approximately 3,000 contractors located in the nine Western States, including Alaska and Hawaii, the Far East, and the South Pacific.

Mr. Mullinax has over three decades of experience leading and conducting contract, forensic, and performance audits; fraud and misconduct investigations; and anti-fraud consulting engagements across a variety of industries, including aviation, construction, consumer goods, defense, education government, health care, and retail. He has held a number of executive positions in both the private and public sectors, including a Shareholder at Forensic/Strategic Solutions, PC; a Principal at Deloitte Financial Advisory Services LLP; Inspector General of the Los Angeles Unified School District; Chief Investigator of the U.S. Senate’s Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations; and Associate Director with the U.S. Army Audit Agency.

Mr. Mullinax graduated from Georgia College & State University with a Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration (Accounting). He also earned a Master’s degree in Business Management from Central Michigan University. Mr. Mullinax has a number of professional certifications, including Certified Internal Auditor, Certified Fraud Examiner, Certified Government Financial Manager, and Certified Government Auditing Professional.

Mr. Mullinax has received numerous awards and recognitions for performance excellence throughout his career, including the Federal Executive Board’s Leadership Award, a U.S. Senate Outstanding Service Award, and Appreciation Awards from the Inspectors General of the U.S. Department of Transportation and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Topic details:
From Average to Awesome

Too many people simply go through the motions every day. The demands of life cause them to make convenient choices rather than sincere ones. How is it that some people are successful, while others – who are more talented – are just average? Regardless of what you do professionally or personally, this presentation will talk you through lessons, keys, anecdotes, experiences, ideas, and practical steps you can take to get the most out of any situation. Don’t miss this opportunity to learn what could be holding you back from being awesome at work and at home.

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Senior Performance Auditor
Long Beach City Auditor’s Office

An opportunity for those seeking to make a difference in local government.
City of Long Beach

Ideally located on the Pacific Ocean south of Los Angeles, adjacent to Orange County, the City of Long Beach, California (population 490,566) is frequently described as a series of strong, diverse interwoven smaller communities within a large city. Enjoying an ideal Southern California climate, Long Beach is home to an abundance of cultural and recreational options. The Long Beach Convention Center, Aquarium of the Pacific, Queen Mary and the annual Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach, plus a wide variety of other attractions (two historic ranchos, three marinas, and five golf courses), serve to draw 5.5 million visitors a year.

Covering approximately 50 square miles, Long Beach is supported by a wide mix of industries with education, health and social services, manufacturing, retail trade, and professional services comprising the highest representation. The City is known for its livable and desirable neighborhoods. The City is also home to California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) and Long Beach City College. CSULB is one of the largest campuses in the California State University system and was recently ranked the No. 3 best value public college in the nation. The Long Beach Unified School District, serving the K-12 student population, consistently attracts international recognition for increasing student achievement and public education best practices.

While it offers all the amenities of a large metropolis, Long Beach has the added benefit of having maintained a strong sense of community and cohesiveness despite its size. The seventh largest city in California, Long Beach has been referred to as the “most diverse city” in the country by USA Today. A superb climate, quality schools, a vibrant downtown, and a wide variety of neighborhoods help make Long Beach one of the most livable communities in the country.

The City is a full-service Charter City governed by a directly elected Mayor and nine City Council Members who are elected by district. The City Auditor, City Attorney and City Prosecutor are also elected positions. Long Beach is a full-service municipality and operates a leading deep-water port, offshore and onshore oil production, a local health department, gas and water utilities, a convention and entertainment center, aquarium, museum, two historic ranchos, marinas, golf courses and a commercial airport. The City is supported by a total FY2014-15 budget of $3 billion and employs approximately 5,000 full and part-time staff.

City Auditor’s Office

Long Beach native, Laura Doud is one of only four elected Auditors in California and has served as City Auditor since 2006. She is a Certified Public Accountant, Certified Fraud Examiner and a law school graduate. Laura is dedicated to the mission of the Office which is to provide independent assurance that public funds are spent responsibly, promote transparency, and prevent fraud, waste and abuse.

The Office performs a variety of audit and review services, including contract and performance audits, operational and internal control reviews surrounding City revenues and expense, and fraud investigations. Laura Doud has ensured the Office meets the highest standards by submitting to triennial peer reviews. This dedication to excellence is evident through the recognition of the Office’s work, which has been given three prestigious Knighton Awards by the Association of Local Government Auditors. These awards recognize the best performance audit reports issued by its 400 members.

“The City Auditor’s Office is a professional office with an excellent working environment. We provide many opportunities for growth and development. The City Charter provides enormous authority and latitude in the selection of the audits we perform. As a result, members of our team gain valuable experience in a variety of settings and departments. Our work is exciting and rewarding as we strive to identify recommendations that provide value to the City. We are looking for dynamic and dedicated individuals to join our team.”

– Laura Doud, City Auditor
The Office has an annual budget of $3 million with 19 staff members that handle audits, garnishments, payment review and administration. For more information on the City Auditor and recent audit reports, please visit the website at www.CityAuditorLauraDoud.com.

**Senior Performance Auditor**

The Senior Performance Auditor is responsible for leading a variety of performance, financial and contract audits as well as reviewing various aspects of the City’s internal controls. The Senior Performance Auditor will have the opportunity to serve as a project leader, participating in all phases of the audit from planning to report preparation. In addition, he/she will assume a leadership role which includes contributing to a positive work environment and supporting the goals of the Office.

Reporting to the Deputy City Auditor, the Senior Performance Auditor will supervise and help mentor in the skill development of Staff Auditors. The position is also responsible for preparing and reviewing audit work papers, department correspondence and reports.

Influenced by a strong team orientation, the City Auditor’s Office supports a high performing professional culture that offers flexibility and the ability to achieve a healthy work-life balance. Long Beach operates on a voluntary 9/80 schedule. The Auditor’s Office is located in City Hall in the center of one of California’s most vibrant coastal downtowns.

**The Ideal Candidate**

The ideal candidate will be a high energy professional who has spent the last couple of years learning about the auditing profession and is ready to move to the next level. This person should be interested in continuous learning and skill development in a team oriented environment while managing a portfolio of diverse assignments and tasks.

The Senior Performance Auditor must be self-directed and well organized and demonstrate good time management tools and techniques.

The ideal candidate will exhibit above average analytical and critical thinking skills and have a history of making sound recommendations and exercising good judgment. He/she will be a creative problem solver who is capable of both identifying as well as designing different solutions and strategies that add value. The individual selected should be familiar with identifying potential audit risk and ensuring audit procedures support objectives surrounding that risk.

In addition to good verbal communication skills, the ideal candidate will be a strong writer and possess the ability to convey complex information in concise and understandable terms appropriate for a selected audience. A history of developing and maintaining positive and productive relationships with fellow staff members, other departments, customers and other professionals will be carefully considered.

A Bachelor’s degree in Accounting, Finance, Business, Public Administration or related field is desired. Two (2) years of government and/or performance auditing experience is strongly preferred. Proficiency in Microsoft Office products will be expected.

**Compensation & Benefits**

The starting salary range is $65,000 - $80,000. Placement within the range will be DOQE. Salary is supplemented by a comprehensive benefits package that includes but is not limited to:

- **Retirement** – City offers CalPERS, coordinated with Social Security.

- **Vacation Leave** – Accrual rate based on years of service starting with 12 days after the first year.

- **Holidays** – Nine (9) designated holidays annually, plus 4 personal holidays utilized at employee’s discretion.
Health Insurance – Two (2) plans available: one HMO and one PPO plan. The City pays major portion of the premium for employee and dependents.

Dental Insurance – Two dental plans available for employees and dependents.

Disability – City paid short-term and long-term disability insurance.

Deferred Compensation – Available through ICMA Retirement Corporation.

Application & Selection Process

Candidates are encouraged to apply immediately for prompt consideration. Resumes will be reviewed upon receipt and screening interviews will commence within days of application for the most qualified candidates. This recruitment will remain open until filled.

To apply for this opportunity, e-mail cover letter, resume and a list of three (3) professional references (names, titles and affiliations only) to kori.grylls@longbeach.gov.

Following completion of initial screening interviews, candidates deemed to be the best qualified will be invited to participate in interviews with the City Auditor’s Office. A selection is anticipated subsequent to final interviews after the successful completion of background and reference checks. References will not be contacted until the end of the process and will be done so in close coordination with the candidate impacted.

The City of Long Beach is an Equal Opportunity Employer and values diversity at all levels of the organization.
The City of Long Beach is an Equal Opportunity Employer and intends to provide reasonable accommodations in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If a special accommodation is desired or if you would like to request this information in an alternative format, please contact (562) 570-6751.

The Long Beach City Auditor’s Office is looking for an energetic professional with exceptional critical thinking and problem resolution skills to join our staff. Our offices provides a variety of audit and review services, including contract and revenue audits, operations and internal control reviews, and fraud investigation covering all areas of City operations.

The Staff Performance Auditor will work on multiple engagement teams assisting in the completion of financial, performance, and fraud engagements. This Office promotes a positive work environment where you will be part of an audit team that assesses effectiveness of controls, accuracy of records, and efficiency of operations. The Staff Performance Auditor must be a creative thinker, able to articulate thoughts and ideas, develop and maintain positive relationships, and have a passion for continuous improvement in City government.

Desired education, experience and skills include an undergraduate degree in accounting, finance, public administration, or related field; proficiency in Microsoft Office products; and possess good written and oral communication skills. This is a full-time position with a starting salary range of $47,000 - $65,000 DOQE. Salary is supplemented by a comprehensive benefit package that includes medical and pension benefits.

Our Mission:

- To provide independent assurance that public funds are spent appropriately and effectively.
- To promote transparency, accountability, and efficiency in City operations.
- To prevent fraud, waste, and abuse of City resources.

How to Apply:

- Mail or email your resume with a brief cover letter to the address below:
  
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  City Auditor’s Office
  Attention: Kori Grylls
  333 W. Ocean Blvd, 8th Floor
  Long Beach, CA 90802

  Email: Kori.Grylls@longbeach.gov

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