A Letter from the President

Charlotte Chapter,

During 2020-21, I have had the honor to both lead and be part of a wonderful organization that allows me and the IIA Charlotte Chapter team to continue providing value to our members. Needless to say, it was a slightly different and challenging year. I can proudly say that our Officers took the obstacles they were faced with, and dedicated time and effort to turn them into opportunities. Last year was a year of change, development, and adaptation. Our Chapter decided to strive by rapidly adapting to recent circumstances and continue providing value virtually/remotely.

We have already starting planning for the next chapter year and stay committed to enhancing our conferences, networking events, and roundtables. We want to know what we can do to fully adapt to your needs. I encourage you to reach out to me or any of our team members with any ideas that will allow us to enhance how we provide value, not to mention all the amazing volunteering opportunities we have. It never hurts to ask!

It has been a pleasure serving as President, working with our Board and Officers, and meeting so many members via Zoom. Please join me in congratulating the 2020-21 leadership team!

Stay safe and take care!

Warm Regards,
Kaila Cole
Please join the IIA Charlotte Chapter in welcoming its newest members through March 30, 2021:

Asma Abushawriyeh
Pamela Adewuyi
Thomas Allen
Sade Baker
Akoi Baysah
Jaronica Belk
William Bickel
Jordan Boice
Matthew Bounds
Ray Brown
Keith Brutcher
Madeline Butcher
Hongyan Chen
Alexander Chipley
Caroline Connor
Marius Cooper
Karen Crouse
Shauntee Dobbins
Abdesslam El Hani
Anthony Famularo
Mark Fanneron
Bryan Gaither
Michael Goodwin
Gaelin Griffith
Rashad Hamilton
Josh Harper
Mariah Harris
James Hopkins
Elizabeth Howard
John Huckert
Benjamin Ikemegbu
Brittany Im
Andrew Jackson
Curtis D. Kale
Anjeela Khatiwada
Kimberly Kovacik
Sarah Krenz
Brittney Kudla
Jonathan Lambert
Lashemi Lineberger
Wade Love
Jason Lu
Mamta Marwaha
Kayla Misenheimer
By the end of March
Julie Huff
Jermaine Monroe
Sudharshan Narva
Geoffrey Rusnak
Roberto Nieves-Mercado
Sriharsha Nuti
Margarita Osadcha
Lindsey Osmera
Donald Palmer
Jacqueline Parker
Manav Patel
Daniella Perkins
Jada Pierre
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Natalie Robinson
Alejandra Rodriguez
Anna Rodriguez
Karen Wrancher

Audit Career Center

Did you know that the IIA can help you find your next great career opportunity in audit? Our Charlotte IIA Chapter publishes local job opportunities on our Careers page. Employers and Agencies that are looking for qualified individuals to fill open positions provide us their job openings. Check frequently for that perfect opportunity waiting for you.

If you are considering that your ‘perfect new job’ might be located in an exciting new area of the country, check out the Audit Career Center located on the IIA North America site. These career resources will help you find the ideal job for which you have been looking.

You are only one click away, so click today….
**Audit Channel**

Don’t forget to visit the Audit Channel, which provides insightful information on various topics, including Leadership and Career Development, Fundamentals, Cybersecurity, Data Analytics, Internal Audit Activity, Fraud & Ethics, and many more.

**Upcoming Trainings**

COVID-19 Update: In light of the continuous developments regarding COVID-19, the Chapter has decided to continue our remotely hosted training events and meetings indefinitely. This includes planned CIA Review courses. Our Leadership team will continue to monitor the situation and adjust accordingly.

Please see below for upcoming Continuing Professional Education (CPEs). For events where Slots are available for registration (IIA CLT hosted events), please register using your assigned registration code. For additional information, please contact us at Chapter91@iiachapters.org.

The IIA and Charlotte Chapter remains focused on supporting your professional needs. If your organization has issued travel restrictions, virtual training options are available, including live streaming of certain public seminars, as well as a full portfolio of online courses. For a full listing of instructor-led online courses (eSeminars), as well as self-study OnDemand training options, Webinars, and CIA exam preparation, please see the North America IIA website.

Be on the lookout for more training opportunities through the 2021 Chapter year. Check the Charlotte IIA Training & Events page often for more updates and information.

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**Welcome to The IIA’s Mailing List.**

We want to provide you with the information you find most helpful through the communication channels you prefer. Please complete the below form to begin receiving IIA communications.

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**2020 Sapphire Chapter**

IIA Charlotte has obtained once again, the Sapphire level of the Chapter Achievement Program.

Congrats to the 2020 Officers, Volunteers, and Members for all their time, efforts, and commitments.

**Online Testing Now Available**

To support the continued professional development of CIA and CRMA candidates around the world and in response to test center closures, The IIA now offering online testing. Watch this video for more information.
Drive Your Career Forward

As the only globally recognized internal audit certification, becoming a Certified Internal Auditor® (CIA®) is the optimum way to communicate knowledge, skills, and competencies to effectively carry out professional responsibilities for any internal audit, anywhere in the world.

The CIA Exam was updated in 2019 and is now available in 12 languages. With additional languages to be released throughout 2020 and into 2021, this is the perfect time to take a fresh look at CIA.

International Conference 2021 Is Virtual! 2-4 November 2020

The IIA’s 2021 International Conference will be held virtually 14-18 June. 2021’s theme is “Scaling New Heights,” and what better theme to represent the diverse and dynamic sovereign island of Singapore, a stunning example of Southeast Asia.

Join us as we bring together experts from across the globe to address the issues impacting the profession, network with fellow internal auditors from 100+ countries, share ideas, and earn CPE credits.

IIA Training—All Platforms Open

The IIA continues our commitment to the safety and well-being of those attending or participating in our professional development opportunities. In addition to ensuring your health and understanding travel concerns, we know budgets are tight and will continue making adjustments to move your career forward as we expand our virtual training portfolio and provide hybrid event experiences. The choice remains yours!

The IIA has built a suite of professional development products available on a variety of platforms. We will always seek ways to improve upon our reputation as the global leader in internal audit education by providing the highest quality, convenience, and value in the business. Just like you, we are committed to the very latest in internal audit training.
IIA CHARLOTTE CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Name: Rhonda Rice (CIA, CFSA)

Current Position: Senior Auditor—First Bank

Educational Background: BS- Accounting (UNCA), NC School of Banking – Chapel Hill NC

IIA Certifications: Certified Internal Auditor (CIA), Certified Financial Services Auditor (CFSA)

Why did you choose to pursue your most recently earned IIA certification?
Ten years ago when I first became an internal auditor, I knew I wanted to be professionally recognized in the internal audit profession and take the necessary steps to advance my career. At that time, I earned my CFSA certification. Shortly after earning my CFSA, my career path took a different direction. Years later I found myself again working as an Internal Auditor. I decided to pursue this certification so I could deepen my knowledge and enhance my skills with regards to practicing internal auditing.

What study materials did you use while preparing for your most recently earned IIA certification?
I used the Gleim Premium CIA Review System. The testing module was excellent.

What did you find was most challenging about obtaining your most recently earned IIA certification?
One of the most challenging things about earning my CIA certificate was finding the time to study and studying in the right way. It was really important to not memorize the material but actually understand concept and application.

Any words of encouragement for others studying for either the certification you obtained or certs in general?
Stay focused, you can accomplish a lot in a short period of time. Persistence is key to success. Have fun, love what you do and reach for the stars.
May is International Internal Audit Awareness Month - Promoting the Profession and Building Awareness

Download this International Internal Audit Awareness Month digital icon and use it on social media and in your email signature during May.

The IIA offers customizable tools, planning resources, and thought-provoking content to help advocate for and build awareness of the internal audit profession. Access our outstanding awareness toolkit, position papers, and thought leadership during May, International Internal Audit Awareness Month, and all year.

Please join the IIA Charlotte Chapter in welcoming it’s 2021-2022 Officer team:

**President: Erin Sweeney**
Erin is an Audit Manager on the Enterprise Functions audit team within Internal Audit at Wells Fargo & Company. Currently, she specializes in Recovery and Resolution Planning coverage. Erin has spent the past 13 years at Wells Fargo in various roles. Erin has over 16 years of risk management experience. Previously, Erin has served as the Programs Officer, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer for the IIA Charlotte Chapter. She received a B.S. in Accounting and Finance from Syracuse University.

**1st Vice President: Christine Mays**
Christine is a Senior Auditor at Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America (TIAA), focusing on Institutional operational audits. She has over 10 years of accounting/auditing experience within the retail, manufacturing and financial services industries, working for Lowe’s Home Improvement Headquarters, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLC (PwC), and CarMax Headquarters in Richmond, Virginia. She received a B.S. in Accounting and a B.S.B.A. in Finance at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Christine has her CIA certification. Previously, Christine served for 2 years as Secretary for the IIA Charlotte Chapter.

**2nd Vice President: Christina Mehlretter**
Christina leads the Internal Audit function for Compliance, Legal and Risk (CLR), Finance, Human Capital (HC) and The Private Trust Company (PTC) at LPL Financial (LPL) and its affiliates. In her current role, Christina is responsible for the development and execution of the Internal Audit plan in these areas. Prior to joining LPL, Christina was a Senior Manager at Ernst & Young LLP (EY). At EY, her primary focus was assisting banks, broker-dealers and asset managers with their internal audit and Sarbanes-Oxley compliance groups.

Christina holds a Bachelors of Business Administration (BBA) in Public Accounting and a dual Masters of Business Administration (MBA) in Financial Management and Public Accounting from Pace University, New York. Christina is a licensed Certified Public Accountant (CPA) in the state of New York and an Associate Professional Risk Manager (APRM).
Please join the IIA Charlotte Chapter in welcoming it’s 2021-2022 Officer team [Continued]:

2nd Vice President: Christina Mehltretter [Continued]
Christina currently serves as a Director on the Lubin School of Business Alumni Association Board of Directors at Pace University. Christina is a member of the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA). She serves as the IIA Charlotte Chapter 2nd Vice President and an Exchange Committee Member for the IIA Financial Services Exchange.

Treasurer: Jay Ferro
Jay is a Senior Auditor at Ahold Delhaize focusing on operational audits. Jay is a Graduate of the Internal Audit program at Louisiana State University where he majored in Marketing. On his time off time he enjoys music, the outdoors and hiking in the mountains. Certifications include CIA and Alteryx Designer Core certification.

Assistant Treasurer: Lucie Gove
Lucie is the Internal Auditor for Comporium Communications, a privately-held telecommunications firm which operates in North and South Carolina. She has worked for the past 15 years in the Internal Audit field utilizing her manufacturing and retail backgrounds to specialize in compliance and operational audits. Lucie graduated from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte with a B.S in Accounting. She is a CIA and CPA and has been a member of the Charlotte Chapter since 2012.

Secretary: Jazman Jones
Jazman is a Senior Auditor on the Commercial and Corporate and Investment Banking Audit team within Internal Audit at Wells Fargo. With over 4 years of experience, her coverage areas includes Treasury Management and Payment Solutions, International Governance and Compliance, Commercial Real Estate, Corporate Trust Services, and Middle Market Banking. Prior to joining Internal Audit at Wells Fargo, Jazman worked as a Fiduciary Administrator within the Wealth and Investment Management Offices at Wells Fargo. Jazman received her MBA concentrated in Financial Services, and her BBA in Trust and Wealth Management from Campbell University.

Membership Officer: Reggie Bolding
Reggie is a Model Risk Audit Manager on the Corporate Risk and Capital Management team within Internal Audit at Wells Fargo. He has over 9 years of audit experience within various industries; including Financial Services, Steel Manufacturing, Supply Chain and Major & Home Appliances. Prior to joining Wells Fargo, Reggie has worked at Electrolux International, Arcelor Mittal and KPMG. His primary coverage areas while at KPMG consisted of Commercial Real Estate, Transportation & Logistics and Retail. Reggie received a B.S. in Finance from Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) and a Masters of Business Administration (MBA) from Ursuline College.

Certification Officer: Graham Duncan
Graham is a Senior Internal Auditor at TIAA, focusing on asset/risk management audits. He has 7 years of accounting/ auditing experience and, prior to joining TIAA, worked for the accounting firm of Davidson, Holland, Whitesell & Co. PLLC, where he performed audits for healthcare, non-profit, and manufacturing companies. He holds a B.A. (Accounting) and MBA from Lenoir-Rhyne University and is a CPA.