RECAP: Summer Round Table Discussions

July: Risk Assessment for Annual Audit Plan

2010 - Planning
The chief audit executive must establish a risk-based plan to determine the priorities of the internal audit activity, consistent with the organization's goals.

Interpretation:
To develop the risk-based plan, the chief audit executive consults with senior management and the board and obtains an understanding of the organization’s strategies, key business objectives, associated risks, and risk management processes. The chief audit executive must review and adjust the plan, as necessary, in response to changes in the organization's business, risks, operations, programs, systems, and controls.

2010.A1 - The internal audit activity's plan of engagements must be based on a documented risk assessment, undertaken at least annually. The input of senior management and the board must be considered in this process.

2010.A2 - The chief audit executive must identify and consider the expectations of senior management, the board, and other stakeholders for internal audit opinions and other conclusions.

2010.C1 - The chief audit executive should consider accepting proposed consulting engagements based on the engagement’s potential to improve management of risks, add value, and improve the organization's operations. Accepted engagement must be included in the plan.

Discussion points from the Round Table:

- One office uses TeamMates Risk module to capture potential projects and risk rank them
- One office used an excel model with many measurement criteria to calculate risk ranking of potential projects
- Most offices do an audit plan annually
- Some office obtain leadership input into potential risks and audits
Most offices include audit staff recommended audits in the risk evaluation
Most offices make changes to the audit plan during the year based upon changed needs

August: Engagement Planning

Standard 2200 - Engagement Planning

Internal auditors must develop and document a plan for each engagement, including the objectives, scope, timing and resource allocations. The plan must consider the organization's strategies, objectives, and risks relevant to the engagement.

- 2201 Planning Considerations
- 2210 Engagement Objectives
- 2220 Engagement Scope
- 2230 Engagement Resource Allocation

Discussion points from the Round Table:

- An overview of the IIA audit standards as they relate to engagement planning was presented with questions on how office address the items
- Some offices have standard and recurring audits that involve the same objectives and scope each audit - this reduces the planning
- Not all offices conform with IPPF and therefore do not strictly adhere to the standards
- One office uses a planning checklist to ensure and demonstrate conformance with audit standards
- It was noted that scope can be difficult to define and there can be risk of scope creep if boundaries are not well established
- Risk assessing for engagement planning reduces the work done to focus on the most relevant areas; however there is no standard process for RA

Upcoming Events

September Luncheon
Succession Planning
with Michael Sullivan, Chief Human Resources Officer of the City of Colorado Springs and Sam Springer, Manager of Human Resources Business Partners, City of Colorado Springs
September 14, 2017
The Warehouse Restaurant
Register here

October Fall Seminar - JOHN HALL
Fraud: Advanced Concepts for Auditors and Fraud Examiners
October 17, 2017
El Paso Citizen’s Services Center
Pikes Peak Workforce Center Room
1675 Garden of the Gods Road, COS, CO 80907
Register here

For professional auditors and fraud examiners interested in stepping up their fraud handling skills to a higher level, this one-day program is packed with "next step" practices for making effective Fraud Risk Management a reality on every project.
November Luncheon
Cyber Insurance
with Jason Piet and Cindy Stevens
November 9, 2017
The Warehouse Restaurant

December - Holiday Social

New PG: A Practice Guide to Engagement Planning: Establishing Objectives and Scope

The IIA’s newest Practice Guide: Engagement Planning: Establishing Objectives and Scope helps internal auditors plan an internal audit engagement in conformance with Engagement Planning Standards 2200 through 2220 and related assurance and consulting implementation standards.

All internal auditors will appreciate how this practice guide covers elements of engagement planning - from understanding context to information gathering, and risk assessment to establishing objectives and scope.

IIA members are invited to download guidance as a benefit of membership. Nonmembers may purchase Supplemental Guidance by visiting The IIA Bookstore.

IIA Members Only Webinar

Register now for the IIA’s September Member’s only Webinar:

Ethics and Compliance Program Effectiveness: Auditing and Assessing the State of the Organization's Culture

This webinar tackles the challenging problems associated with evaluating ethics and compliance program effectiveness. Ever-changing external requirements, board expectations, and the leadership team’s focus on compliance continue to increase the need to know if gaps exist in an organization’s ethics-related behaviors, and if the organization’s culture supports doing the right thing from an ethics standpoint.

The presenter will describe a framework to support internal audit’s role in ethics and compliance program effectiveness and measure the “strength” of the organization’s culture. The framework can be used to examine the application of ethical standards, how organizations investigate and address grievances, external financial disclosures, and how the culture impacts the ability of employees to work consistently with ethical expectations.

Learning Objectives
In this session, participants will:

Learn about a framework that can be used to support audits of ethics-related practices.
Examine possible barriers to implementation of ethics-focused audits.
Examine ways to address barriers, resulting in the ability to successfully achieve an effective ethics-related audit.

Course Duration: 1 hour
CPEs Available: 1
Knowledge Level: Basic  
Field of Study: Regulatory Ethics  
Prerequisites: None  
Advance Preparation: None  
Delivery Method: Internet Group Live

September 19, 2017  
1:00-2:00 p.m. ET  
To Register, or for more information click here.

Summer Group Photo: Speaker Angela Witzany

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Angela Witzany, CIA, QIAL, CRMA  
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