Note from the President

Dear Chapter Members and Friends,

It’s hard to believe that Spring is upon us and our 2016-2017 chapter year is quickly coming to an end. With your continued support, I am happy to say that we have had another successful year. Not only will the chapter have offered a total of 67 CPE hours by the end of May, but we have also accomplished a few “firsts” since August of 2016, including holding the first CIA Review Course. Also, we have again been recognized as a “Chapter of Excellence” by the IIA. I am very grateful to everyone, including the Board of Governors, for their efforts this year.

It’s not over yet! We hope to see everyone on April 20th for our annual General Membership Meeting and Elections. Joyce Wilson will also be joining us and sharing her thoughts on “The Role and Importance of Internal Audit.” We will also be celebrating Internal Audit Awareness Month in May, so please stay tuned to your email, our chapter website, and Facebook page!

It has truly been an honor to serve as your chapter president. I am confident that your incoming officers and Board of Governors will continue to work tirelessly to bring you quality training opportunities and networking events that will add value to your organizations.

Once again, thank you for your support of the El Paso IIA Chapter. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Yvonne Cabral
IIA El Paso Chapter President

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Annual General Membership Meeting and Elections

Objective

Gain insight from an executive point of view on the role and function of internal audit. Understand the challenges many organizations are facing and how internal audit can help in overcoming those challenges.

About the presenter:

Joyce Wilson had an illustrious career in city management service which took her from Richmond, Virginia to Yuma, Arizona, and ended in El Paso, Texas after serving 10 years as the city’s first City Manager. Ms. Wilson has been nationally recognized for her extraordinary work by various organizations, such as the Texas City Management Association (TCMA), International City Management Association (ICMA), the National Association of Public Administration, and several local organizations. She was named El Pasoan of the Year 2014, along with the MountainStar Sports Group, for their work to bring Triple-A affiliated baseball to El Paso.

After 30 years working in city management, Wilson was appointed permanent CEO of Workforce Solutions Borderplex on January 1, 2015, after having served as interim since June 2014. Workforce Solutions Borderplex is a public non-profit agency of the Texas Workforce Commission. The agency serves a 6-county region in Southwest Texas by providing employers with skilled workers and helping individuals develop the skills needed to thrive in the workplace.

Wilson has a B.S. in Business Administration & Economics from Virginia Commonwealth University and a Masters of Public Administration (MPA) from Harvard University’s John F. Kennedy School of Government. She is an alumnus of the Kellogg Foundation’s National Fellowship Program and a Fellow with the National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA).
Job Opportunity

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Board Governor Candidate
Areli Carrillo is a Senior Internal Auditor for the El Paso Independent School District. She holds a Bachelor’s degree in Accounting and Finance and a Masters of Business Administration from the University of Texas at El Paso. She has over 10 years of experience in Audit. For two of those years she had the opportunity to work at a local CPA firm as an external auditor. For the last eight years she has worked in Internal Audit in a public school district setting. In the year 2015-2016 she served as the treasurer for the local chapter of The Association of Accountants and Financial Professionals in Business (IMA). Since college, Areli has had the opportunity to serve as a volunteer for many nonprofit organizations like the American Red Cross, Habitat for Humanity and Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center. While in college, she had the opportunity to study abroad and intern at Britain in Europe in London, England. This was a cross-party organization that was initially founded to campaign for a yes vote for the euro. This internship exposed her to lobbying for important causes and to working with different cultures. In her spare time she currently serves with her local church youth group doing monthly community service events and organizing fun activities for the youth.

Board Governor Candidate
Janell Casarez was born and raised in El Paso, TX. She obtained a Master’s degree in Public Administration from the University of Texas at El Paso. Janell has been employed with Workforce Solutions Borderplex for over 4 years now, and was recently promoted to the Technical Assistance and Audit Compliance Supervisor. She is actively involved with her church as she has served on several ACTS retreats. Janell has been busy planning her wedding; she is getting married in June!

Board Governor Candidate
Myrna Rodriguez is currently an Audit Supervisor in the Internal Audit Department for the El Paso Independent School District (EPISD). Myrna has nine years of internal audit experience and one year of external audit. Prior to becoming part of EPISD, she held a supervisory audit position with the Ysleta Independent School District. Myrna was introduced to the world of internal audit as an intern and decided to continue the exciting path. Myrna graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting and Marketing and earned a Master of Accountancy from the University of Texas at El Paso. Myrna will pursue the Certified Internal Auditor certification.

Board Governor Candidate
My name is Cecilia Estrada. I work at The University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) in the Office of Auditing and Consulting Services. I started off my career in internal audit back in Dec. 2014 as a part time auditor at Ysleta Independent School District. I moved to UTEP to work full time after I got my bachelors in May 2016. Also in May 2016, I was honored to receive the Outstanding Auditing Student Scholarship from the IIA El Paso Chapter. I am currently enrolled in the Masters of Accountancy graduate program at UTEP.

Board Governor Candidate
Yvonne Lopez— Picture and bio not available.
Meet the Candidates

**Treasurer Candidate**

Nydia Torres is currently the Supervisor of Internal Audit at El Paso Electric Company. Nydia has been with El Paso Electric since 2007 and has held various positions, including Senior Compliance and Financial Analyst and Financial Accountant. Prior to joining the El Paso Electric Company, Nydia served as a Senior External Auditor with Ernst & Young. She received a Master of Science in Accountancy cum laude from the University of Notre Dame, a Bachelor of Business and Administration in Corporate Finance from St. Mary's University and is a Certified Public Accountant in Texas. Nydia is a member of the Institute of Internal Auditors Board of Governors, Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants and American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

**Vice-President Candidate**

Luis A. Carrera is the Internal Audit Manager at El Paso Independent School District. He has previously worked at a Big Four accounting firm and a publicly traded financial services company. Luis graduated from the University of Texas at El Paso with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting and Masters of Business Administration—Accounting concentration. He’s also a Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Internal Auditor and is pursuing the Certified Information Systems Auditor certification. Luis is currently serving his first year on the Board of Governors for the El Paso - IIA Chapter and would like the opportunity to serve as your Vice-President. He is excited about the direction the Chapter is heading and would like to continue to be a part of it. Prior to serving on the El Paso – IIA Chapter Board of Governors, he was an officer with the Fort Worth – IIA Chapter. As Vice-President, Luis would like to contribute his experience to the solid foundation the El Paso – Chapter has already established. He thanks you for your support!

**Secretary Candidate**

Daisy Almanza is a graduate of the University of Texas at El Paso, where she received her Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting and Human Resources. Daisy works at Texas Tech Health Sciences Center El Paso as a Senior Staff Auditor. Daisy has served on the El Paso Chapter of the IIA board for one year and has enjoyed the networking and training opportunities that had been provided by the chapter.