President’s Message

Did anyone notice that the leaves started turning colors early this year, even though the cooler Fall temperatures just now arrived? The arrival of fall harkens the arrival of Halloween, which gives me a little thrill. Halloween is one of my favorite times of the year and Thanksgiving follows closely. I enjoy a good scare and transforming the yard into a spooky graveyard complete with spiders, mummies, and other creatures. Speaking of celebrations, our Heartland-Iowa Chapter is 25 years strong this chapter year. A celebration will take place in the International Internal Audit Awareness month of May. If you have any suggestions for activities that you would enjoy, please let me or any of the chapter officers or board members know. In the meantime, enjoy Fall and treat yourself to a good scare and our upcoming seminar “Embedding Critical Thinking in the Internal Audit Process.”

Thanks!

Yvonne Kenworthy
President, Heartland-Iowa IIA

Embedding Critical Thinking in the Internal Audit Process

Speaker: Bret Kobel, Empower Audit
Date: Tuesday November 7, 2017
Location: The Hotel Kirkwood, Cedar Rapids, IA
Registration: 7:30 – 8:00
Program: 8:00-4:30
Cost: $240 for IIA Members
      $255 for Non Members
Register and Pay at this link: http://www.eiseverywhere.com/287681
Registration ends at Noon on 11/2/17
About the Topic:
This course will provide you with skills and techniques necessary to embed critical thinking skills in all aspects of the audit cycle. The tools and techniques shared will guide your use of critical thinking skills in risk assessment, interviewing, audit evidence gathering, root cause analysis and report writing. Real life examples of failures and successes of critical thinking in internal audit will be covered to further the learning process. This course is interactive with multiple hands-on exercises and class participation to provide opportunities for you to practice what you learn.

Performing an Effective Quality Assessment

Central Iowa Chapter has a few seats left for its Fall Seminar - Performing an Effective Quality Assessment on November 16 & 17 and is opening up registration to other chapters. Please share this information with your membership.

Speaker: Don Espersen
When: November 16 and 17, 2017
Time: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm
Where: We will meet at a new location each day.

- Nov 16 at Homesteaders Life Company, 5700 Westown Parkway, West Des Moines, IA 50266
- Nov 17 at FBL Financial Group, Inc. 5400 University Avenue, West Des Moines, IA 50266-5950

CPEs: 16

Cost: Early Bird registration for Central Iowa Chapter Members (until 11/1) $350; General Registration (non-member or after 11/1) $375.

If a member company submits three or more registrations during the early bird period, a discount of $25 per registration will be awarded. Use promo code Group Discount. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided each day.


Course Overview: This course is designed to help you learn how to perform an effective external assessment and/or periodic internal assessment of an internal audit activity. If your primary interest is periodic internal assessment, you can determine which external assessment option (full external assessment or self-assessment with independent external validation) will work best for you and help you prepare for an external assessment. If your primary interest is external assessment, you can use this course to satisfy part of the requirements for external assessor qualifications. (“Successful completion of The IIA’s quality assessment training course,” PA 1312, no. 7.)
Guided by knowledgeable facilitators with extensive experience in quality assessment activities, participants will:

- Examine the process flow and tools in the new IIA Quality Assessment (QA) Manual and discuss how it can be used to conform with the Standards, while identifying opportunities for improvement.

- Practice using the QA Manual tools to plan, perform, and evaluate the results of an external quality assessment case study.

- Design an efficient and effective periodic internal assessment program for their internal audit activity.

- Evaluate the external quality assessment options and determine which option will work best for their internal audit activity.

Register and attend this full 2-day seminar and earn 16 CPEs! An incredible value to our members.

Event URL http://www.eiseverywhere.com/282452

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**Annual Tax Update**

December 12th, 2017

Joint meeting with the Institute of Management Accountants

**Topic:** “Annual Tax Update”

**Presenter:** David Nuernberger, Tax Partner Deloitte

**Date:** Tuesday December 12th
  - **Registration/Lunch** 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
  - **Annual Tax Update** 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM (1 CPE)

**CPE:** 1

Location: Elmcrest Country Club, 1 Zach Johnson Dr. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA

Registration is not yet open. Watch for registration instructions on the IMA webpage at http://cedarrapids.imanet.org/event-calendar

David will provide highlights of upcoming tax changes, for both individuals and corporations

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**Save the Date**

February 15 2018 Meeting Announcement

**Two Topics:** “Rockwell Collins Internal Audit Data Analytics” and “Data Analytics for Auditors”

**Presenter:** Royce Ramos, Senior Data Analytics IT Auditor at Rockwell Collins
Audit Skills Seminar with John Hall

Save the Date

Date: Thursday, April 5, 2018
Time: Registration & Breakfast: 7:30AM – 8:00AM
Seminar: 8:00AM – 4:30PM
Topic 1: How to Audit...Better: Field Tested Ideas for Use on Every Audit - half day AM
Topic 2: High Impact Auditing: Practices that Pay - half day PM
Where: Radisson Hotel & Conference Center, Coralville, IA
Speaker: John Hall, Hall Consulting, Inc.
Cost: TBD
CPEs: 8 CPEs

Upcoming IIA Members Only Webinars
The IIA’s complimentary Members-only Webinar Series is available exclusively to you as part of your membership investment. These monthly educational webinars are developed specifically with IIA members in mind (1 CPE each).

21-November-2017
Members-only Webinar: Technology: Auditing Data

20-December-2017
Members-only Webinar: 2017 Year-end Legislative Review

16-January-2018
Members-only Webinar: Top Resolutions for Internal Auditors in 2018 to Prepare for the Future

Details and registration at https://na.theiia.org/training/eLearning/Pages/Webinars.aspx

Other Area Meetings

For upcoming IMA Events Use Link Below:
http://cedarrapids.imanet.org/event-calendar
General Audit Management Conference

The essential experience for CAEs

March 12–14, 2018
Aria Resort & Casino / Las Vegas, NV

For upcoming IMA Events Use Link Below:

Career Opportunities

If you wish to post a job opening in the chapter newsletter and on the chapter website, contact Yvonne Kenworthy or Julie Hupp. The cost for members to post an ad is $25 per month.

Book of the Month
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Certified Government Auditing Professional® (CGAP®) Study Guide and Exam Study Questions Bundle

If you are gearing up for the Certification in Government Auditing Professional® (CGAP®) exam, then you may need the resources to help you study for it.

Together, the Exam Study Guide and Study Questions provide a general overview of the topics that will be covered on the CGAP exam. The Guide covers the exams four domains, and the Study Questions book (or CD) offers over 230 sample CGAP questions and expanded solutions. These items are available individually or as a bundle.

Using promo code CHAPTER through Oct. 31, you may purchase the Exam Study Guide, the Exam Study Questions, or the promotionally priced bundle of both and save 20%.

CPE Reporting Deadline: IIA Members Report for Free

IIA-certified individuals must report credits earned in 2017 by Dec. 31, and IIA members in North America report for free.

Revised Standards to Meet Today’s Dynamic and Ever-evolving Challenges

In the IIA’s ongoing efforts to meet the demands of today’s business environment, the International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing (Standards) continue to evolve.

Key changes to the Standards include:

- Two new standards.
- Alignment of the Standards to the Core Principles.
- Updates to existing standards.

Access the revised Standards and register for the complimentary webinar on 12 October that will discuss the impact of the changes and how they will support your internal audit’s effectiveness at www.theia.org/standards.
Certification Information

The CIA credential can be your master key to professional success, opening doors for career opportunities and earning you increased credibility and respect within the profession and your organization. Prepare to pass the Certified Internal Auditor exam using the IIA's CIA Learning System.

You can do self-study with a kit that costs $845 for all parts. IIA members can save up to $100. These materials can be combined with an on-line Facilitator Led Course. For a list of on-line dates and times right click on the tile to the left and select "open hyperlink," or click on the following link: http://www.learncia.com.

CIA Learning System Discount
The Heartland-Iowa Chapter has secured a special discount for the CIA Learning System Kit. The regular IIA member price for the full kit is $795 plus shipping of $25. If you order the kit through the chapter the price is $570 plus $25 shipping for a total of $595!

The discounted price includes the study materials for all three parts with books, e-book access, plus a license for interactive on-line study materials. See this link for content details: https://bookstore.theiia.org/the-iias-cia-learning-system-3-part-study-guide-with-online-review-3

This offer is not available from the IIA Bookstore. You must be a current Heartland-Iowa Chapter member to obtain this discount. If you wish to order a CIA Learning System Kit contact Julie Hupp at hupp2345@southslope.net.

Additional Training Options
Northern Illinois University Online CIA Exam Review Courses are also available for those looking for an instructor led learning option. Complete details about the NIU online courses are available on the website www.cia.niu.edu.