December 2020 Newsletter

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December Member Anniversaries:
1 Year – Steve Rater
7 Years – Bryce Eick, Nathe Overturf & Melissa Budea
10+ Years – Diane Hoteling, Rebekah Heath & Rebecca Rich

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President’s Message
Hello,
It is hard to believe that another year has almost come to an end, and oh what a year it’s been. We have all likely encountered, and overcame, new challenges as we navigated through what has now become our new “normal.”

Hopefully this holiday season finds you with the time to recharge and refresh so that we can all begin the new year with a fresh slate.

Wishing you all a safe and healthy holiday season and a happy new year!

Thanks!
Cassie Connolly
President, Heartland-Iowa IIA

Upcoming IIA 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).

There are no further webinars scheduled for 2020.

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

Other IIA CPE Opportunities
Frud Risk After COVID-19

Dates & Times: Tuesday January 12th 8AM – Noon PLUS Thursday January 14th Noon – 4PM Central Time

Event Type: Virtual – Zoom registration information will be sent to registrants at least 48 hours prior to the events.

NASBA CPEs: up to 8
Register and Pay by January 8, 2021 at
https://na.eventscloud.com/581113

Presenter: Mary Breslin, CFE, CIA, Founder and Managing Partner, Verracy

About the Seminar
Fraudsters love chaos because it provides opportunity. The situation with COVID has upended normal processes and activities leaving everyone, business and individuals, more susceptible to fraud. The ACFE recently reported research has found more that more than 4,000 coronavirus related domains have been registered since January 2020. It is expected many of these will be used in phishing schemes. Changes in organizational processes and professional interactions will create opportunity for fraud.

This course will examine the most likely and anticipated fraud schemes to occur as a result of COVID and how to prevent and detect new and emerging fraud and fraud risk. It will look at the changes in pressure and opportunity for fraud as related to the significant changes being experienced and what organizations should be doing to prepare and deal with increased fraud risk. Learning objectives include:

- What’s changed and why it will provide opportunity for fraud
- What auditors, accountants, and fraud examiners should be looking at in their organizations
- What individuals should be concerned about personally
- Things we can all do post COVID-19 to fight fraud

About the Presenter
Mary Breslin is the Founder of Verracy and an internationally recognized speaker and training facilitator for Internal Audit, Risk and Fraud. Ms. Breslin conducts fraud investigations and provides management consulting for audit and fraud when not speaking publicly.

Ms. Breslin has over 25 years of experience in Internal Audit, Fraud, Accounting and Management, including working for global companies like Costco, Barclay’s Capital, ConocoPhillips, and Boart Longyear. She has implemented and managed audit programs in more than 50 countries.

Certification News

Certification Online Testing — Available Now
To support the continued professional development of certification candidates around the world and in response to mass Pearson VUE test center closures due to COVID-19, The IIA has adopted online testing to enable candidates to take the Certified Internal Auditor® (CIA®), Certification in Risk Management Assurance® (CRMA®),...
and CIA Challenge exams from home. This flexible testing option will be available for a limited time. See here for additional details.

IIA Publication News

Internal Audit Ambition Model Drives Continuous Improvement: Internal audit functions evolve when they define, implement, measure, control, and improve their processes and practices to align with their organizations’ ambitions. The IIA’s new Global Perspectives and Insights report can help.

Career Opportunities

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

Senior Compliance Analyst at Meredith Corporation
Meredith Corporation has open position for a Senior Compliance Analyst.


Certification Information

The IIA recently announced that an all-new IIA CIA Learning System Version 7.0 is coming in November. The new version has been updated to focus on passing the CIA exam parts with speed. It will be tailored to the candidate’s knowledge gaps, learning style, and schedule

Don’t worry if you are currently studying for the exam using Version 6.0 of IIA CIA Learning System. The exam isn’t changing, just the study materials. With this upgrade to V.7, the Heartland-Iowa Chapter will no longer be offering Version 6.0 to our members at a discount.

IIA members may purchase the CIA Learning System online at https://bookstore.theiia.org/cia and will receive $100 off full kits or $30 off single parts when they sign in with their member number.
Quality Assessment Assurance

A Quality Assurance and Improvement Program (QAIP) enables an evaluation of the internal audit activity's conformance with the Definition of Internal Auditing and the International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing (Standards) and an evaluation of whether internal auditors apply the Code of Ethics. The program also assesses the efficiency and effectiveness of the internal audit activity and identifies opportunities for improvement.

All internal audit activities, regardless of industry, sector, or size of audit staff — even those outsourced or co-sourced — must maintain a QAIP that contains both internal and external assessments.

If you have questions about your Quality Assurance and Improvement Program or would like IIA Quality Services, LLC to conduct an external assessment, please contact IIA Quality Services at quality@theiia.org or call +1-407-937-1399.