President’s Message

Happy New Year!

Hope everyone’s year is off to a great start. The board is actively working on filling out the rest of our training calendar for the chapter year ending May 31st and has some exciting programs in the works. Please reach out to myself or our programs chair if there are other topics you would like to see in a future event.

Are you interested in getting more involved? Do you have 1-2 hours a month to spare or know someone who has great ideas that need to be shared? We will soon be seeking nominations for the 2021-2022 chapter board.

Please be on the lookout for a message with further details about board roles and committee functions as well as the estimated time commitments.

The best way to ensure the program content we bring to Heartland-Iowa Chapter members is what you are looking for is to get involved! Please submit nominations, including self-nominations, to myself and be watching for a message from our nominations committee.

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).

February 11, 2021
The IIA & AuditBoard Partner Webinar: The Accelerated Evolution of Internal Audit

February 16, 2021
Members-only Webinar: Using Technology to Elevate Environment, Health and Safety Audit in a World of Rising Risk
IIA HQ Agile Auditing

The Heartland-Iowa Chapter is partnering with IIA HQ to obtain discounted pricing on the IIA Agile Auditing course in March. This course has a limit of 30 attendees and is expected to sell out.

**Event Type:** Virtual – see course description attached

**CPE:** 16

**Dates:** March 22, 24, 26, and 29 (4 hours per day)

**Times:** 9AM-12:20 EST, 8AM-11:20 CST

**Cost:** $720 for Heartland-Iowa Members

PLEASE NOTE: You cannot receive this discounted price by registering for this course on the IIA HQ website.

**Registration steps for Heartland-Iowa Chapter IIA members:**
1. Call IIA HQ Customer Relations at (407) 937-1111
2. Tell them you want to register for the course at the Heartland-Iowa Chapter Partnership discounted price of $720. Be prepared to provide your IIA Member ID.

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**Save the Date: Writing to Achieve Results**

This is a good business writing refresher course that Bill has presented to our chapter in the past – see course outline attached.

**Presenter:** William Woodington, Woodington Training Solutions
**Upcoming Conferences**

**Event Type:** Virtual

**Date:** April 20, 2021

**Time:** 10AM – Noon with a lunch break and then 1:00PM – 3:00PM CST

**CPE:** 4

**Cost:** IIA Members $90, Non-members $110

**Registration:** details coming soon

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**Other CPE Opportunities**

**Verracy Agile Auditing**
For members who want an overview of Agile Auditing we are sharing the link to register for Verracy’s free 1-hour webinar on this topic.

**Date:** February 12, 2021

**Time:** Noon – 1:00 CST

**Register at** [https://verracy.com/trainings/the-secret-to-agile-auditing/](https://verracy.com/trainings/the-secret-to-agile-auditing/)

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**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](https://www.the-iiia.org/certification/certification-requirements/certification-eligibility) for additional details.

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**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.

Certification Information

The IIA recently implemented an all-new IIA CIA Learning System Version 7.0. 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 International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing and the Definitions of Internal Auditing and 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.