May 2021 Newsletter

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President’s Message

It’s almost summertime, which means, we’ve made it through another chapter year! One that saw many changes and new challenges. We delivered our programs virtually and successfully completed the governance requirements to achieve GOLD status once again, all while maneuvering the changes from headquarters.

This year we were identified as a CIA Premier Partner, a Building Awareness Champion and received the IIA’s One Team – One Dream award for our partnership with the IIA on training. We also received a proclamation from the May or Cedar Rapids announcing May as International Internal Audit Awareness Month. All wonderful achievements to be proud of and celebrated!

We could not have done it without all the amazing volunteers who took time from their “normal” work days to help us succeed. Thank you for your time and efforts.

As we look forward, I would like to congratulate and announce the board for our 2021 – 2022 chapter year. I’m looking forward to serving you all again as Chapter President and excited for what is to come!

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Thank you!
Cassie Connolly
President, Heartland-Iowa IIA

May Member Anniversaries:
2 Years – Susan Moore, Roseann Sabers & Erin Brandt
4 Years – Sailu Aryal
7 Years – Danielle Gratton
10+ Years – James Landis

New Heartland Chapter Members:
Luke Cosgrove, Mulgrew Oil & Propane Co.
Nicole Hepler, Dupaco Community Credit Union

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Upcoming IIA Webinars

The IIA’s complimentary Members-only Webinar Series is available exclusively to you as part of your membership investment.

June 10, 2021
PSAC Webinar: Managing Cybersecurity Supply Chain Risks in Election Technology

June 15, 2021
Members-only Webinar: Exploring Agile Auditing

July 14, 2021
FSAC Webinar: Pulse 2021 for Financial Services Audit Teams

July 20, 2021
Members-only Webinar: Writing Actionable Audit Observations and Laser Focused Reports

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

Chapter Program

**Topic:** Writing to Achieve Results (new date)
**Date:** June 9, 2021
**Time:** 9AM – 11AM, Lunch Break, Noon-2:00PM
**Event Type:** Virtual – Zoom registration information will be sent to registrants at least 48 hours prior to the events.
**CPES:** 4
**Cost:** IIA Members $90, Non-members $110

Register and Pay by June 4, 2021 at https://na.eventscloud.com/607123

**Presenter:**
Bill Woodington, CPA, CIA, CRMA, President Woodington Training Solutions

**About the Program:** This course is for all individuals who desire to improve their business writing skills. Register for this course yourself or share this invitation with others who would be interested in a business writing refresher.

Course topics include the building blocks of writing to achieve results, determining audience and purpose, mindmapping, sentence structure, cutting the clutter, making sentences make sense, active/passive voice, agreement with antecedents,
subject/verb agreement, parallel construction, editing, and proof reading.

About the Presenter:
Bill is President of Woodington Training Solutions, LLC. He spent 18 years managing the Learning & Development (L&D) function for Wells Fargo Audit & Security, and is based in Minneapolis. He is a CPA, CIA, and CRMA, with a bachelor's degree in Accounting and a master’s degree in Finance. Bill is also a member of the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) and American Society for Training & Development (ASTD). He spent four years as an Audit Specialist supervising audit projects prior to moving into the L&D position. Prior to that, Bill worked for First Bank System and Deloitte and Touche. Bill was responsible for teaching the core curriculum classes (New Hire Orientation, Auditor In-Charge Training, CIA Exam Review, Effective Writing, Situational Leadership, and Leadership 101) to Wells Fargo’s Audit staff. He was also responsible for developing and delivering virtual training related to audit topics, and managing Audit & Security University at Wells Fargo. Bill has taught seminars for the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) and MIS Training Institute (MISTI).

Other IIA CPE Opportunity

Event: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Leaders Driving Change in 2021 and Beyond
Date: July 27 & 29, 2021
Time: 11:00 – 1:10pm Central Time
CPE: 4
Cost: Single Session $95 ($125 non-members) Both Sessions $165 member ($225 non-members)

For more details, as well as to register (by 5/17/2021 5pm):

About the Program:
Now, more than ever, we are seeing the impact and importance of diversity and generational change on the workforce. For internal audit, leaders and those seeking leadership roles should look beyond the areas they assess and begin to develop a more well-rounded understanding of the workforce and the roles they play in auditing. Taking a look at the multigenerational demographic, how to avoid unconscious bias and lack of equity in the workplace, and the overall interpersonal skills necessary for leadership success, internal audit finds a new perspective to help mitigate risk and establish the relationships of tomorrow.
Certification News

Last Change to Save 20% on the CIA in May
To address the critical need for internal audit in these extraordinary times, as well as to meet the expectations of professionals seeking to maintain and advance their skills, The IIA is offering members a 20% discount on new application and exam registration fees for the Certified Internal Auditor® (CIA®) in May. Learn more about CIA savings.

What’s the Benefit of Beta Testing the New CRMA?
The application fee for the updated CRMA® program is waived, so active CIAs who take (and pass) the Beta Test can earn their CRMA — and demonstrate their expertise in providing assurance on core risk management and governance business processes — at a significantly reduced cost. Learn more here.

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.

You may also be interested in instructor led CIA prep courses offered by the IIA. Each course is $895 for IIA Members. For more information, including 2021 dates, see https://na.theiia.org/training/Pages/Exam-Review.aspx.

IIA Publication News
NEW! Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Knowledge Brief
Download the latest Global Knowledge Brief from The IIA and Crowe. It outlines how CAEs are identifying internal audit’s role in helping to create and integrate a vibrant diversity and inclusion strategy that positively advances an organization’s culture.
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.