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President's Message

Dear Chapter Members,

We are off to a great start to our chapter year! We have had a great response to our first two lunch meetings. If you have not yet attended one of our meeting/workshops, please take a look at our Upcoming Events below and mark your calendars. Remember that our meetings and workshops are a great way to learn cutting-edge tools and techniques as well as gain much needed CPEs for maintenance of your certification.

Congratulation to the winners of our drawings - Amy Robles (September meeting) and Brad Beverage (October meeting).

See you at our next workshop on November 16th!

Yours truly,

Kurtesa Clarke-Silke
IIA LA Chapter President

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars for the following upcoming events presented by the IIA Los Angeles Chapter at the Los Angeles Athletic Club (LAAC):

November 16, 2011 - [Internal Audit Update Workshop](#)

December 13, 2011 - [IIA-LA & ISACA Holiday Dinner](#)

January 11, 2012 - [Data Mining and Analytics](#)

January 11, 2012 - [Governmental Auditing](#)

IIA-LA Lunch Meeting Recap



Paul Lopez

September 21, 2011: Best Practices

Paul Lopez of Proviti spoke on "Best Practices" at the September 21st, 2011 lunch meeting at the LA Athletic Club. He presented Proviti's **2011 Internal Audit Capabilities and Needs Survey**. The presentation included numerous slides with relevant details for internal auditors. The survey assessed:

- How internal auditors perceive their present capabilities
- Where they currently see need for improvement
- How they prioritize those needs

The slides are available in the "members only" section of the IIA-LA website.

Meet Our Newest Certified Internal Auditors

Let's congratulate The IIA-LA's newest Certified Internal Auditors! During the September 2011 lunch meeting, IIA-LA Chapter President Kurtesa presented several of our new CIAs with their CIA certificates. Present at the lunch meeting were Byron Enamorado, David Panosian, Mindy Chiang, Andrew Wong, Ann Pham and Larry C. Herzog Butler. Congratulations Certified Internal Auditors!



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Drawing Winners

"And The Winners are..."

Amalia (Amy) Robles of the City of Los Angeles' Audit Division was the winner of September our drawing. Amy received a \$100 certificate to use at any IIA-LA workshops or conferences. Congratulations Amy!

Brad Beverage of the Motion Picture and Television Fund was the winner of our October drawing. Brad will receive his choice of a \$100 certificate or a gift certificate to a future IIA-LA workshop or conference. Congratulations Brad!

Internal Auditor in the Spotlight

In each issue of our chapter newsletter, we will spotlight one of our members. This issue spotlights our VP of Membership and Registration, **Arnold Blanshard, CPA/MBA**, Director of Internal Audit for the Los Angeles Community College District.



Arnold Blanshard

Q: How did you become an internal auditor?

After 7 years or more performing compliance and financial audits I decided that I wanted to do something that is more challenging and non routine. I opted for a position at Countrywide as a senior internal auditor and was excited as to the different areas of a business that I audited. This created a vast knowledge for me to ascertain in the banking industry.

Q: Any special skills or experiences you are proud of as an internal auditor?

I am a charismatic person and therefore have the skill to motivate people. My passion for perfection have rendered me the opportunity to get the best from people. I am also a team player and proud to state that I use the brainstorming process in my audit. This is when all the auditors assigned to a specific audit come together after completing the walkthrough process to discuss and formulate the audit program rather than just hand delivering an audit program to the auditors.

Q: What are your passions or hobbies outside of internal audit?

I love to sing and spend time with my family. Traveling and listening to music. Helping people is also a hobby to me; I currently served as president for two non-profit organizations.

Q: Any word of advice to fellow internal auditors?

As auditors we must continue to provide excellent service to our auditees in not only auditing but help to create an environment that will provide your organization with solid internal control. Also remember that you are part of the team which makes us a little different from auditors in general.

Call for Volunteers

The IIA-LA Chapter Wants You!

Some of the officers are looking for additional volunteers (IIA members) to fill positions within their designated committees.

Ann Pham has recently volunteered to assist the Communications Committee in its duties to the chapter. If you are interested or know other IIA members who would like to be involved with an organization that promotes the profession of Internal Auditing, please contact the appropriate Vice President by clicking their email address below. What you do today, will help to develop or enhance your skills to further your growth in the audit profession.



CAP Count

The Los Angeles Chapter is in its 8th year of being designated an IIA Gold Chapter. With two more years of achieving Gold status, we will become a Platinum Chapter. We ask that you take an active part in helping to make this happen. Here's what you can do....

- Attend a chapter event (yes, we get points for members and non-member attendees)
- Obtain your CIA, CCSA, CFSA or CGAP designation
- Submit an article to the Internal Auditor (published or not)
- Submit an article to any other professional journal
- Speak at a chapter event
- Submit questions for IIA Certification Exams

The Institute of Internal Auditors (The IIA) Chapter Achievement Program (CAP) is designed to recognize activities that promote the strategic objectives of The IIA. This program provides minimum standards of performance, emphasizes the basic mission of the Chapter, encourages Chapters to perform that mission, and provides Chapters with a means to evaluate their success in accomplishing that mission.

A chapter must earn the minimum CAP points annually in each of the three service categories which are: 1) Service to Members; 2) Service to the Profession; 3) Chapter Administration.

If you've participated in CAP related activities or would like to help us earn CAP points, please reach out to the [VP Administration](#).

Special Thanks

There are many individuals besides our officers that help on a regular basis to make the IIA Los Angeles chapter effective and relevant.

- Linda Liu:** Helps Stephen Germain with the Treasury function.
Kurt Christensen: Assists Annette Christensen with Conferences and workshops.
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