PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear IIA Miami Chapter Valued Members and the IIA South Florida Community,

We’ve "Got Soft Skills, They're Multiplying"... that was the theme of our last soft skills conference with attendance of about 200 auditors and high ratings that keep “multiplying”. Our survey results received about 50 responses (and counting) with extremely positive feedback for the conference.

We had a strong line-up of speakers, real-world topics, high energy from our attendees, a personalized Grease-inspired theme song performed by Adlith Mondejar, VP of Communications, thought-out giveaways, an audit executive breakout session with an exclusive lunch and our well-known happy hour!

Our four sponsors: Galvanize, AuditBoard, 24by7 Security, and The Siegfried Group were major contributors to making this conference a success and we couldn’t be more grateful.

With only 3 months left of the calendar year, this is one of the busiest times for us as internal auditors, and this is where work-life balance takes play. It is also a time to focus on accomplishing the goals we set earlier in the year and start thinking of areas in our profession that we want to achieve. I wish you all a very successful next few months.

Live, Love and Audit!

Hadas Mizrahi
President - IIA Miami Chapter
MEMBERSHIP SPOTLIGHT
Did you know? As of September 2019, IIA Miami has approximately 800 members.

Carnival, Miami Dade County, and Protiviti are the top three South Florida companies with the most IIA Miami Members. Thank you for your support!

During Q3 2019, IIA Miami welcomed 14 new members from various South Florida companies.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS HIGHLIGHT
Each newsletter we will highlight one of the many benefits of being an IIA member. Did you know your membership includes access to job postings on the IIAmiami.org? That is a value of $100 per year for each member!

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REGISTRATION IS NEARLY OPEN FOR THE IIA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE!
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This amazing event is expected to draw over 2,500 internal audit professionals from around the globe! Miami Chapter Board Members Justin Gwin (Associate Principal, Kaufman Rossin) and Steve Roth (VP of Internal Audit, Norwegian Cruise Lines) have been named Co-Chairs of the event.

The 2020 International Conference will be held in Miami, Florida, 19-22 July 2020. The IIA is seeking presenters who can delve into current issues impacting the profession, offer new perspectives, and share insights and best practices.
Alan Goncalves is a highly accomplished, analytic, astute and executive level professional with experience in global audit management and compliance programs, business risks and strategic analysis, and world class financial, accounting and IT operations.

Alan started his career and long tenure at Ernst & Young. Since then, he has been the Global Internal Audit Manager for an engineering and manufacturing group in a multi-industrial company with $48 billion in revenue. Alan’s career took a deeper dive into the world of technology when he took a job as Senior Manager for Corporate Compliance at Citrix Systems, a leading software company with solutions in use by over 100 million users globally. His last position was Director of Internal Audit and Compliance at TradeStation Group, a Fintech software company leader in cutting edge electronic stock trading platform and investment management. Today, he is the Chief Audit Executive at Chewy, Inc.

The IIA Miami Chapter was pleased to spend some time getting to know Alan over a series of thought-provoking questions that tell us more about who he is as a person.

**What are the top three things on Alan’s bucket list?**

Ever like to make to do lists of things you’ve already accomplished just to have the satisfaction of crossing those items out? That’s how Alan feels about the key role he played in helping his company grow and go through the Initial Public Offering (IPO). On a professional level, this was always on his bucket list, and now – he can cross this off. On a personal level, two of the things Alan would like to do are 1) run a marathon and 2) travel more with his children. He is excited about the challenge to his mental health and physical stamina that running a marathon represents. Given Alan has traveled all over the world throughout his career, he is looking forward to visiting, perhaps, some of the same places he has been before and see the world from the eyes of his kids.

**What makes Alan laugh out loud?**

These days, Alan’s 8 and 6-year-old children are always trying to tell him jokes, which makes him laugh, not so much because they are funny, but because they try so hard!

**What is Alan’s idea of the perfect day?**

Almost every day, Alan has to wake up very early to prepare his body and mind via exercise and meditation. Afterwards, he attends to fully scheduled and busy work days. So, a perfect day for him would be full of relaxation and de-stress. Alan wants to: 1) wake up a little later, 2) spend more time in bed (wouldn’t mind some breakfast in bed with the family), 3) enjoy some family quality time of fun and laughter, 4) read some good news for a change, and 5) not be rushed to do anything. This will give him room in his day to read a good book or watch a good movie, but generally spend more time at home.

**What is Alan most passionate about?**

Alan puts a lot of priority on his health and is passionate about keeping himself healthy by working out. This helps him with his discipline and his long-term goals to live as full and complete life as possible. Something Alan is passionate about and wishes he had more time for is volunteering, whether it be by helping others in career development or guiding people to be better versions of themselves.

**What is Alan’s favorite place in the entire world?**

During the earlier period of his career, Alan relocated to Colorado and lived there for 5 ½ years. In this time, he fell in love with Colorado, all the skiing and being outdoors was some of the greatest times of his life. Alan loves that there are always so many things to do, regardless of the season, as well as the breathtaking beauty of the mountains he drives up to every time he visits.

**Who would Alan like to swap lives with for a day?**

If Alan could swap lives with another person for a day, he is very interested in the lives of some of the technology industry’s leading brains: someone like Bill Gates, Jeff Bezos or Elon Musk. He is sure it would be interesting to see a day in their lives. These are people who talk about and are engaged in so many different things, but they are shaping the future of humanity. So, it would be cool to know what they do in a day.

**What’s the best compliment Alan has ever received?**

Being the family man he is, when Alan’s children tell him that he is the best dad ever, it is the best part of his day. Knowing that they really mean it, makes him feel a sense of validation that he is doing something right and that they see and value it.

**What’s the most fun project Alan has ever worked on?**

While Alan has worked on a lot of important projects throughout his life, he recently had the opportunity to go through a handful of cybersecurity assessments. The project was interesting from a technical standpoint and extremely eye opening for anyone in the Internal Audit world. Learning about all the possible ways to override an organization’s security and physical access controls was surprisingly interesting because he was out of his element. Which is why Alan favors the challenge of a brand-new audit or something challenging that he doesn’t do every day.

**Who has been the most influential person in Alan’s life and why?**

Despite efforts to think of some of the world’s most popular and powerful individuals, Alan’s mom and wife are undoubtedly the ones who have mostly influenced him. They have supported Alan in setting goals, aspiring for better things, and looking out for himself and for his family. Some of the greatest things Alan has learned from his mother are to chase and accomplish your goals, dedicate yourself to family, know hard work will pay off, good morals will carry you far, and that anything you set your mind to is possible.
PAST EVENTS REVIEW

Soft Skills Conference
The Soft Skills Conference on September 13, 2019 was one of our best and most highly-rated conferences to date! The energy in the room stayed strong all day long, speakers were dynamic and engaging, and people skills were the order of the day.

Thank you all who attended, and a special thanks to our top 4 represented companies in attendance: Lennar (15), RSM US (11), Carnival Corporation (9), and BankUnited (7)

UM & FIU Career Fairs
The IIA Miami Chapter’s Academic Relations Committee was representing strong at the UM and FIU Accounting Career Fairs on September 26, 2019 and October 2, 2019

In addition, the Academic Relations Committee has been very busy with multiple past and upcoming presentations at other venues through South Florida, including:
- FIU Beta Alpha Psi - September 27, 2019
- Barry University Auditing Course - September 30, 2019
- IIA EPA Conference* - September 20-22, 2019
- UM Beta Alpha Psi - October 28, 2019

*Maria Garcia (ARC Co-Chair) attended the IIA EPA Conference in Orlando to share best practices on how to develop more local educational internal audit programs for students as well as ideas on how to improve outreach to students and local colleges/universities.

Audit Executive Networking Event
On Thursday, August 15th, the Chapter hosted an Audit Executive networking event at Lobster Bar Sea Grill in Fort Lauderdale. Approximately 30 CAEs were in attendance. They enjoyed a four-course meal while great networking took place. Jonathan Wolfe, Senior Director of Internal Audit at AutoNation, provided an impressive presentation regarding “Building Relationships”.

Pre-Conference Audit Leadership Networking Event
On Thursday, September 12th, the Chapter, in collaboration with AuditBoard, hosted a pre-conference Audit Leadership networking event at Y.O.L.O. in Fort Lauderdale. This event was open to Audit Executives and their respective team leaders. The Soft Skills conference took place the next day at the Kevens Conference Center, and the Audit Executives in attendance were invited to a private breakout training session and lunch. The Dale Carnegie Group facilitated a group discussion on “Leading Employee Engagement & Retention”. Dale Carnegie is the famous author of “How to Win Friends and Influence People”.

ARE YOU AN AUDIT EXECUTIVE?
Please continue to watch for future chapter events that support the Audit Executive Specialty Center. If you have any questions regarding these CAE-exclusive events, please reach out to:

Lindsay McEwen: vspecialtycenters@iiamiami.org
Hadas Mizrahi: president@iiamiami.org
UPCOMING EVENTS

IIA Annual Fraud Conference

Be on the lookout for more information coming soon! The IIA joins forces once again with the ACFE to host our most anticipated conference of the year, the fraud conference.

Save the date - January 24, 2020!

SCHOLARSHIPS

This year we are increasing our scholarship award amounts, so spread the word!

Deadline for students to apply for one of the four $2,000 scholarships is November 2, 2019.

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We are proud to introduce newly certified CIAs part of the IIA Miami Chapter!

- Janine Wolman, ADT
- Gerard Boucaud, Broward Board of County Commissioners
- Luis Franco, Protiviti
- Jose Tamayo, Assurant
- Natanya HoSang, Seminole Tribe of Florida
- Carolina Espejo, Ibiz Accounting & Tax LLC
- Mariana Lorenzo, University of Miami

Did you know?
Certain changes took effect on September 1, 2019 related to the CIA Exam:

The exam waiting period to retake any part of the CIA exam will now be 60 days (formerly 90 days). The Certified Internal Auditor® (CIA®) program window to complete the exams will now be 3 years (formerly 4 years)

The Internal Audit Practitioner program will no longer require work experience (six months of experience was required previously). If you have any questions, you can contact us at certifications@iiamiami.org

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