Milwaukee Chapter Members,

Since this will be my final newsletter as your Chapter President, I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the Milwaukee Chapter leadership team and Chapter members for your active engagement, participation and collaboration over the past two years. I have enjoyed getting to know many of you on a personal and professional level.

As I reflect on the last two years, I am very proud of what we have accomplished together. We offered a wide variety of training topics, numerous roundtables and exchange forums, along with social networking opportunities. We increased Chapter membership, and many Chapter members pursued and achieved their CIA designation. In addition, we maintained Gold Status and received the Chapter of Excellence recognition from IIA HQ.

My term as your Chapter President will end on May 31, 2018; and Telia Peter, Risk and Internal Audit Advisory Senior Manager at EY, will become the new Chapter President on June 1, 2019. You can learn more about Telia on page 3 of the newsletter. Thank you, Telia, for stepping up to this important role, and I wish you only success and enjoyment in the coming years.

Juanita Banks, Chapter President

Save the Date

Support your Milwaukee Chapter by participating in the upcoming events. Learn new skills and best practices, network with your peers, and have some fun!

Register now via the links below:

3/28/19 – Mr. Excel
4/10/19 – Junior Achievement (Biz Town)
4/25/19 – Data Analytics Exchange

The IIA Chicago Chapter is hosting its 59th annual seminar focusing on Building the Internal Audit Function of the Future. The event will be held April 1 in Rosemont IL. Find more information here.

GAM Conference, March 11-13, 2019
Gaylord Texas, Dallas
Welcome New Members

- Courtney Becker
- Edward Best
- Daniel Braasch
- Anthony Chan
- Gwondung Chang
- Siyi Chen
- Mousab Halabia
- Dennis Ingham
- Christine Leffel
- Matt Melecarne
- Oana Novac-Faliciu
- DeDe Obuch
- Mary Ramirez
- Mark Seffern
- Oscar Silva Bahena
- Mariana Ungureanu
- Jason Worthington

Certification Counts!

Congratulations to the following Chapter members for recently obtaining their Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) designation!

- Olena Gerasymova
- Jaymee Christiansen
- Allison Roeder
- Kim Leukert
- Jordan Fye

Interested in a CIA review course???

Check out these opportunities:

- IIA Headquarters (Part 1, Part 2, Part 3)
- Northern Illinois University
- North Virginia Chapter Virtual Course
- Mefford On-demand Course

Do you currently have an IIA certification?

If so, the IIA is launching a Certification Registry, an up-to-date public record of individuals who have earned an IIA certification and maintain the credentials through continuing professional education (CPE). To participate, opt in here.

New Chapter Treasurer

Crystal Pardo, Vice President and IT Audit Manager at Associated Bank, has recently taken over responsibilities as the Milwaukee Chapter Treasurer. In her role as Treasurer, Crystal is responsible for:

- Maintaining the financial books and records of the Chapter and filing with IIA HQ
- Preparing the annual Chapter budget and tracking program expenses and revenues against it
- Executing financial transactions on behalf of the Chapter (bank account maintenance, check issuance, receipts, reconciliations, etc.)

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New! COSO ERM Certificate Program

The IIA is offering a new COSO Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) Certificate that offers you the unique opportunity to learn the concepts and principles of the updated ERM framework and to be prepared to integrate the framework into your organization’s strategy setting process to drive business performance. Find out more information here.

Employment Opportunities

In addition to our local advertising page, IIA HQ has an Audit Career Center with developmental resources and a job posting/searching portal for member use. Do you have a vacancy that you’d like advertised on the Milwaukee Chapter site? If so, contact Leslie Staver (lstaver@atcllc.com).
In just a few months, Telia Peter, Risk and Internal Audit Advisory Senior Manager at EY, will be taking over the reigns as incoming Milwaukee Chapter president. Here Telia shares her background and what interested her in this position.

**Please share your professional background.**

**What led you to specialize in Internal Audit?**

I started my career in external audit and was presented an opportunity to lead the internal audit team at Brady Corporation and later at Aurora Health Care. At the start of my career I did not think I would be specializing in internal audit, mainly due to my ignorance of what the profession entailed. I am thankful each day that my mentor was there to support me along the way.

**What did a typical “day in the life” look like while you were leading internal audit teams?**

Never the same! This is truly what I enjoyed the most about leading audit teams and what I enjoy today in my current role. The variety of work spans a full spectrum. One day might be spent splitting time between developing a department strategy, implementing enterprise risk management, and helping execute advisory projects, while the next day I might be talking to the audit committee, designing operational audit procedures, executing investigations and having career development discussions.

**What has been the most rewarding part of your career so far?**

There are a lot of things that I am thankful for, not least of all the wonderful people I have met as part of this profession. However, one of the most rewarding parts of my career was serving as the VP of a women’s employee resource group. It was extremely rewarding working with a team to provide mentorship, resources, training and networking opportunities to individuals looking to develop professionally.

**What prompted you to volunteer as part of the IIA Milwaukee Chapter leadership team?**

I strongly believe our profession needs to stay on top of best practices, understand what modern internal audit departments are striving towards, and continuously evaluate our own team’s strategic directions to ensure alignment with key stakeholders. This includes finding ways to influence stakeholders, to educate them about what is on the horizon, and being creative to accomplish objectives given potential resource constraints. One of the best resources we have at our disposal to do this is our network, specifically our local IIA Chapter. I want to help continue to push the advancement of our profession and do my small part to assist with sharing knowledge and making connections to allow that to be possible. I am excited to join the other Chapter leaders and help to contribute to all the great work that they have been doing!

**How do you hope to see the Chapter evolve in the coming year?**

I would like to see the Chapter continue to primarily focus on providing programming that is most meaningful and relevant to its members, while having even more members take advantage of the offerings. At the same time, I would like to explore ways to improve the onboarding experience for new members so they can get connected and feel the support of our Chapter as soon as they join.

**What do you think is a key benefit of Chapter engagement?**

The network of our Chapter is a powerful resource to tap into. Whether you are a new staff joining an internal audit team for the first time, or a newly appointed chief audit executive, there likely is a Chapter member that is or has been in your shoes. The Chapter is a resource and platform to be able to share and find best practices, methods and experiences. Engagement is not only related to taking advantage of the formal programming, but making meaningful connections that allow individual members to explore areas that they want assistance with.

**What is a personal hobby of yours?**

My husband and I love traveling. Italy is by far our favorite country to visit and so far my favorite cities are Bellagio, San Gimignano and Rome. I also really enjoy golfing, watching college basketball and lounging with my dachshund, Professor.
IIA Offerings

**Third-party Threats**

This new practice guide outlines how to assess risks related to the use of third-party providers, as well as how to implement a third-party audit coverage approach and program appropriate to the size, scale, and risks facing your organization. Download your free copy here.

**Insider Risks**

By becoming aware of insider threats and their associated risks, and by learning about insider threat programs, internal auditors have a tremendous opportunity to add value by helping their organizations strengthen governance, risk management and control processes. Download your free copy here.

**IIA Membership: What’s in it for me?**

Are you taking advantage of all The IIA has to offer, both at a national and local level? Are there others in your organization or network that may benefit from membership? Here are just a few of the benefits offered.

- **Worldwide network of professionals** (social media)
- **Training opportunities** (conferences & seminars)
- **Increased knowledge** (publications & certifications)
- **Authoritative standards and a guidance** (IPPF)
- **Leadership development** (volunteer)
- **Industry research** (bookstore)
- **Career advancement** (career center)

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**Stay Connected**

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