Message from the President

by JT Erwin

Welcome to the new year for the Chapter! I am excited to serve you as president for the upcoming 2016-2017 year. The officers and board members have some new ideas to better meet your needs and those of the profession as we celebrate the 75th anniversary of the IIA this year. We are currently setting up the topics and restaurants for our monthly lunch meetings, so stay tuned for more information. All of this information will be posted to our Chapter website and LinkedIn page.

We want to give a shout out to you, our members, for your attendance at the chapter’s monthly meetings as well as to our past officers and committee members for your hard work. Because of your dedication we have once again merited Platinum IIA Chapter status for the 2015-16 year. This is the highest rating the IIA awards to a chapter. Our Chapter can only be successful with the support and involvement of our volunteers. If you would like to become more active by working on one of our committees or becoming an officer, please contact me.

Finally, I would like to reach out to you, our members, for feedback and ideas. Do you have a need for training in an area, do you have an idea for the chapter, or do you want to get involved? We are here for you; all you have to do is contact us! We will be sending out a membership survey in the coming weeks, and I encourage you to respond to it so that we can design our events to meet your needs.

I am looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

JT Erwin
IIA New Orleans Chapter President
Thank you to our volunteers!

As you know, we are an organization that is completely run by our volunteers. As we start the new year, the current officers would like to thank the outgoing officers who helped us achieve great things last year. In the past year we once again attained Platinum Chapter Status, which is awarded to top chapters based on the services provided to members and the profession. Please join us in thanking the following outgoing officers for their hard work and dedication!

Beth Wilde Wilson  
Outgoing Chapter President

Angela Brandenburg  
Outgoing Chapter Treasurer

A call for Volunteers: Chapter Committee Members

Are you looking for a way to get involved with the New Orleans IIA? We are always looking for volunteers to aid in building our wonderful organization. Taking a leadership role in one of our committees provides a great opportunity for increased member participation and networking! A variety of volunteering roles are available allowing for a range of responsibilities and time commitments providing a perfect opportunity for everyone to get involved. As this chapter year begins, we are specifically looking for volunteers for any of our committees.

- **Academic Relations Committee**
  - To make aware and educate the next generation of internal auditors by sharing the profession with interested university faculty members and students.

- **Advocacy Committee**
  - To promote the internal auditing profession by being recognized by regulators and legislators as a credible, objective voice for the internal audit profession, and increasing awareness and perceived value to management and boards.

- **Facilities Committee**
  - To handle all meeting arrangements, create an enjoyable atmosphere through a careful choice of meeting locations, facilities, and menus.

- **Publications Committee**
  - To assemble and produce a newsletter for chapter members containing useful and informative material such as chapter news, IIA news and internal auditing information.

- **Speaker’s Committee**
  - To develop and maintain a list of internal audit professionals able to speak about audit-related subjects to the chapter.

- **Membership Committee**
  - To maintain chapter membership records and make concerted efforts to communicate with and show appreciation for new, existing and dropped chapter members.

Please contact any of our current officers if you would like to volunteer!

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Membership Update

Congratulations to the following members who earned certifications in the past year!

Christopher Chancellor – CIA
Elizabeth Pape – CIA
Ruiqing Zhang – CIA

Why Become Certified?

There are many reasons to earn an official IIA certification designation. Whether it's the hallmark designation of internal audit — the Certified Internal Auditor® (CIA®) designation — or one of our four specialty industry certifications, obtaining a certification is professionalism defined.

Earning your certification is like having a key to the vast world of opportunities the profession of internal auditing offers placed in the palm of your hand. It can open doors you did not even know existed, as the three or four letters that now follow your name will make one powerful statement about the expertise you bring to the table. Ultimately, becoming certified will:

- Help you earn credibility and respect in your field.
- Open more opportunities for advancement.
- Increase your earning potential by as much as 40%.
- Prove your willingness to invest in your own development.
- Demonstrate your commitment to your profession.
- Improve your internal audit skills and knowledge.
- Build confidence in your knowledge of the profession

Drive Your Career Forward
IIA Certifications and Qualifications

Download the IIA Certification Brochure
Getting ready for the CIA Exam?

Prepare with the IIA’s CIA Learning System!

The CIA Learning System was developed by a team of CIA-certified experts proving it to be the most effective review program available. Both an interactive self-study program and a facilitator-led course are available. For more information on the program, visit the training page available here.
Maximize Your Potential With The IIA’s Specialty Audit Centers

The IIA’s Specialty Audit Centers keep you ahead of the curve on the issues that matter most to you and your stakeholders by providing cost-effective forums to network, share ideas, and get advice relative to specific industries. In addition to the benefits of your IIA membership, Center members gain access to a vast network of resources you can’t find anywhere else, created and aggregated specifically for auditors and stakeholders. Types of Audit Centers include:

The Audit Executive Center
Today’s chief audit executives (CAEs) must lead an internal audit activity that produces insightful, proactive, and future-focused outcomes. Developed to support CAEs, the Audit Executive Center® (AEC®) empowers its participants to satisfy the growing expectations of their stakeholders by providing tools and resources focused on their unique and ever-demanding role.

The American Center for Government Auditing
Created specifically for auditors with limited resources in the public sector at all levels — local, state, federal, and quasi-governmental — whose stakeholders include the citizens and politicians. As an ACGA member you will enjoy benefits including local, regional, and national professional networking; world-class training; certification; standards and guidance; research; and more.

Financial Services Audit Center
The Financial Services Audit Center is The IIA’s specialty center designed to serve the unique needs of the financial services internal auditor. Adding the Center to your IIA membership gives you access to premium content only available to Center members for no additional cost or at a greatly reduced price. The Center’s exclusive premium content includes: eWorkshops, webinars, audit focus, knowledge briefs, knowledge library, IIA financial services SmartBriefs, and AuditCast podcasts.

Environmental Health & Safety Audit Center
The Center was established to provide environmental health and safety auditors with low-cost, high-quality professional development; networking opportunities for knowledge sharing among the environmental, health and safety profession’s stakeholders; and ongoing, timely, and relevant reporting on trends, benchmarking, and thought leadership in the profession.
Aug. 22–24
Diplomat Resort & Spa / Ft. Lauderdale, FL

The IIA and ISACA are pleased to once again collaborate to bring you the 2016 Governance, Risk, and Control (GRC) Conference.

Join more than 600 governance, risk, and control professionals from 40+ countries at the event that draws together the best and brightest minds to embrace challenges, forge solutions, and define the future of global GRC.

Who Should Attend?

IIA and ISACA members and all other savvy governance, risk management, control, and business professionals from around the world.

The conference offers an unrivaled opportunity to expand your network, build on your knowledge, and sharpen your skills.

Earn up to 18 CPE with an educational program consisting of four general and 48 concurrent sessions in the following tracks: Cyber: Risks, Controls, and Probabilities; IT Audit Core Principles; Internal Audit – Personal Brand Enhancement Strategies; and Internal Audit Core Skills Refinement. Details are available on the Program Information page.

Save US$200* Today – Register Now

*Early registration savings of US$200 ends June 20, 2016.

What's in it For You?

Experience customized learning — Choose the sessions that matter most to you and your enterprise.

Interact face-to-face — Gain insights and share ideas with colleagues from around the world.

Update your knowledge and skills — Earn valuable CPE credits. Gain techniques, tools, strategies, and leading practices for successful outcomes.

What's in it For Your Organization?

Exceptional value for your training dollars — Receive documentation from every session that can be shared with colleagues.

Access to industry experts — Discover tested solutions that work for successful professionals and could be adapted for your organization.

Meet leading vendors — Visit the exhibit area to discover products that decrease enterprise expenses and increase return on investment. Get answers directly from product representatives.