President’s Letter

As our Chapter starts its 16th year I look back on our accomplishments from the prior year and thank everyone who helped us achieve so much. Our Chapter continues to achieve the highest ratings, create unique programming, and promote the profession locally (Read the rest of the newsletter and you will see what I am talking about). This is because of the passion and commitment of all our members that make sure we have a good and productive group.

As we begin the new year, I want to personally thank the members and all the volunteers for their dedication and commitment to The IIA and the profession. We all have challenges with pressures on our finances, work/life balance, and the stresses of everyday life. I commend you for finding the time to be a part of your chapter, especially those who perform a volunteer/leadership role in the chapter by providing service to our members.

I am also glad many of us have agreed to serve in the same roles next year as this gives our group an opportunity to do more without having to learn what we should be doing. I am honored that I have the opportunity to work with such a great team that makes everyone’s job easier (especially mine). After attending the leadership conference last month, Lisa Siedzik and Donna Hazellief have learned a lot about the IIA’s new initiatives and have been able to get some new plans for moving forward and continuing to build on our wonderful chapter.

We are truly a member-based organization - we are run by our members for our members. The success of our chapter is directly tied to the efforts of each one of our members, and especially those who commit the extra effort to make sure we continue to deliver exciting events. Connecting with the other members outside of work is also a good opportunity to learn from other professionals and build relationships that may help you in the future.

I want to make sure all members know the new officers (see last page of newsletter) and give everyone an opportunity to provide some feedback on what we can do better or volunteer for the coming year. I am looking forward to next year and we will be developing our goals this month so now is a great time to reach out to me or any of our officers with your ideas. 

If you are interested in learning more about volunteering for the chapter, The IIA provides several training webinars for chapter leaders in their roles and responsibilities, and the chapter earns points for each volunteer that reviews a webinar. The following webinars are available 24/7:

* Academic Relations
* Advocacy
* Chapters of Excellence Program
* Certifications Reporting Portal
* Independent Validation of Financial Records
* Membership
* Membership Reporting
* New Leader Orientation
* Presidents/Presidents-Elect
* Programming
* Succession Planning
* Treasurer

Other news:

New e-Seminar – June 18-29, 2018 | The Effective Auditor: Understanding and Applying Emotional Intelligence – Transcend expectations and become a truly effective auditing professional by learning the strategies to engage, understand, and apply emotional intelligence in any situation. Learn more and register today.

IIA Bookstore:- In June, chapter members can use promo code JUNCHAP by June 30, 2018 to save 20% on any single title published by the Internal Audit Foundation.

2018 Leadership Academy – A recap, including slideshows, is here.

Thank you,
Joe Cannella
Upcoming Events

Quarterly Meeting

**Topic:** Achieving Business Excellence  
**Date:** June 12, 2018  
**Time:** 1:00pm-3:00pm  
**Location:** UF Human Resource Building, Room 120, 903 W. University Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32611

**Cost:** $25 members, $35 non-members

Register for meetings at  
[http://www.theiia.org/NorthCentralFL](http://www.theiia.org/NorthCentralFL)

CIA Learning System

The IIA created the CIA Learning System to help candidates prepare to pass the Certified Internal Auditor Exam. For more information about the CIA Learning System visit:  

Chapter Scholarships

As a commitment to educating and training local, deserving students and current or future internal auditors, the NCFIIA, offers exam certification and student membership scholarships annually. Such opportunities may be 100% or reduced cost of the examination for NCFIIA members. If you are interested in applying for the CIA exam or student membership scholarships then please contact the Advocacy/Academic Relations/Certifications Chair, Lily Ly, at LilyLy@ufl.edu or visit [https://chapters.theiia.org/north-central-florida/Pages/NCFIIA-Scholarships.aspx](https://chapters.theiia.org/north-central-florida/Pages/NCFIIA-Scholarships.aspx) for more information. Applications are due by June 30, 2018.
It was another year of tough competition as University of Florida accounting students delved into a case study with numerous control weakness issues. These student teams were paired up with a North Central Florida IIA member who was available to review their executive summaries, PowerPoint presentations, and answer any questions they had regarding internal audit. The Chapter Board sincerely thanks the following mentors for sharing their knowledge with students with potential to be our next generation of internal auditors: John Byrd, Jeff Capehart, Donna Hazellief, Carlos Holt, Sachiko Leon, Heather Lobsiger, Lily Ly, Lisa Siedzik, and Marie Trabbic.

This competition would also not be possible without the judges who took the time to review the student teams’ executive summaries and queried the students during the live competition to determine which team had the best command over the case study. Special thanks are extended to Brandon Slauter (RSM), Kristen Benton (PwC), and Tammy Rice (SantaFe Healthcare) for serving as judges. RSM and PwC were also generous in sponsoring the winners’ scholarship awards and refreshments, respectively.

The students and volunteers continue to make this event successful each year and the Chapter looks forward to the next case competition!
May Roundtable Meeting:
One Sheet Leadership for Your Department or Unit

During the May roundtable meeting, attendees learned about how the “one sheet” which had historically been used by models and actors as a form of resume to communicate their range of skills and abilities could also be applied to a department. This one page document might include information such as the department’s mission, vision, services provided, values, and goals. Not only can the one sheet serve as a document for department employees to stay focused on the quality of services to be provided to clients but it could also be provided to clients to help them understand the purpose of the department. This would be a useful tool to introduce the internal audit department to clients that have had limited experience with audits.
May was Internal Audit Awareness Month

Below: Joe Cannella (President) and Carlos Holt (Gainesville City Auditor) accept the City of Gainesville’s proclamation for International Internal Audit Awareness month.

IIA chapters all over the world applied for their local governments to recognize May as internal audit awareness month which allows the public to hear about the benefits of internal auditing.

Right: Chapter members Heather Lobsiger and Sachiko Leon (fifth and sixth from the left) accept the proclamation from Marion County.
Book of the Month

Create Your Own Sale

In June, chapter members can save 20% off one title published by the Internal Audit Foundation. Choose from products such as Managing Risk in Uncertain Times: Leveraging COSO’s New ERM Framework, Data Analytics: A Road Map for Expanding Analytics Capabilities, and Applying The International Professional Practices Framework (IPPF), 4th Edition.

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I hope everyone enjoyed this issue of the NCFIIA Chapter Newsletter, Audit Tales. If anyone has suggestions or would like to submit an article for the next issue, please let me know. Feel free to e-mail newsletter article contributions to me at LilyLy@ufl.edu. Please visit the Chapter website at www.theiia.org/NorthCentralFL which is updated often. I hope to see everyone at the next meeting.

Lily Ly, Editor