President’s Message

Our new year has started and your Board has been at work trying to plan a good year of events and service. We had productive strategic planning and budget meetings and have decided to make this year even better than ever by giving back to the members through the best possible training opportunities and adding some social events to our training schedule. I am happy to report that because of our volunteer contributions and good participation at our annual Fraudfest event, we continue to be in good financial standing with an opportunity to give back to our members.

We have planned to continue to utilize some of the reserves we have built up over the years by supporting the student case study competition, providing scholarship opportunities to new members, and trying to bring in high quality programs at a low cost to you. The program committee has been working hard to bring us some new programs and the best speakers they can find. We are also trying to provide more opportunities for us to network and share best practices during our CPE events. While we have the money to do these events, we will be looking into sponsorship opportunities to help partner with local businesses and transfer some of the costs so we will have the funds to continue to do these types of activities in the future as well. If you have any contacts that might be interested in supporting our local chapter activities, please let the Vice President Lisa Siedzik or myself know.

If you have any questions with regards to how we run the chapter or would like to get more involved with the chapter, let us know and we can create something that meets your needs. Now is a great opportunity to help shape the chapter and get to know some of the other members better. We will also have some great opportunities later in the year with our student case competition and annual Fraudfest in which volunteers are key to making these events fun and successful.

Please feel free bring your friends or coworkers to our events, whether they are members or potential members, so they can see what we are all about.

Some recent news from the IIA you might have missed:

- IIA headquarters is also seeking nominations to serve in volunteer leadership roles from district advisors to committee participation you can find the options here.
- The 2018 CPE reporting window is now open. Certified individuals can access their reporting form in CCMS to report 2018 CPE credits. Don’t forget, 2018 CPE reporting requires at least two hours of CPE on the topic of ethics.

Thank you,
Joe Cannella
Upcoming Events

Quarterly Meeting
Topics: Guarding the Public Trust and Auditing Culture
Speaker: John Wszelaki, Director of the American Center for Government Auditing at The Institute of Internal Auditors
Date: Thursday, December 13, 2018
Time: 1:00pm-3:00pm (2 CPE)
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

CIA Learning Courses

If you’re planning to prepare for the CIA exam soon then you are in luck! The IIA is offering in-person CIA courses in Orlando this month.

Part 1: September 19-20
Part 2: September 20-21
Part 3: September 25-27

See the link below for details or to register: https://na.theiia.org/training/seminars/Pages/Orlando-Seminars.aspx

Click on the following link for information on the CIA Learning Courses: www.learnicia.com
June 2018 Quarterly Meeting: Achieving Business Excellence

The American Management Association named John Spence as one of America’s Top 50 Leaders to Watch along with Sergey Brin and Larry Page of Google and Jeff Bezos of Amazon. To be on such a list with those titans meant the training session that chapter members experience would not disappoint. Mr. Spence presented on the topic of Achieving Business Excellence. The four primary practices to achieving business excellence are:

1. A sharply focused, clearly communicated and well-understood strategy for growth.
2. Flawless operational executive that consistently delivers the value proposition.
3. A performance-oriented culture that does not tolerate mediocrity.
4. A fast, flexible, flat organization that reduces bureaucracy and simplifies work.

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 any IIA certification 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 for more information. Applications are due by December 31, 2018.
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*