President’s Message

We have some of our biggest events to wrap up the year so try your best to join us and hopefully have some fun while networking with your peers at Fraudfest or the Student Case Competition (see page 3).

March 1st was the last day of our four part Emotional Intelligence Training Series. The series has been a great success with the participants making personal strides and learning skills to make them a better communicator and internal auditor. Hopefully you will notice some of our chapter members are doing a better job managing their relationships and the people around them. The program committee is always looking to provide educational opportunities that interest our members. After Fraudfest you will have an opportunity to provide ideas via survey, but suggestions and personal experiences related to speakers you have seen are always appreciated.

Fraudfest is scheduled for March 13th and 14th. We have added several new features to the conference this year including a member appreciation social. While we expect great attendance, if you can’t make the event but would like to attend the social, please contact Donna (hazeld@shands.ufl.edu) or myself so we can get you the details. This is also a great time to expose others to the world of internal audit and increase awareness of fraud. If you know someone that should attend (especially if they are not a member) please make sure they register as soon as possible.

During March 2019, the IIA is waiving the application fee (up to a $230 value) for the Certified Internal Auditor® (CIA®) designation. This combined with the opportunity to receive free study materials at Fraudfest (we are giving away two Gleim self-study programs), and apply for a Chapter sponsored scholarship means now is the time to get your CIA designation. According to The IIA’s 2017 Internal Audit Compensation Study, internal auditors with the CIA certification on average earn $38,000 more annually than those without a certification. Earning the designation may also open doors to career-advancing opportunities.

The Nominating Committee is in the process of finalizing the slate of candidates for leadership positions in the Chapter. If you would like to be considered for a position, or just want to talk about the opportunities available in the future, please contact Tonya at (Tonya.Carrigan@avmed.org) or myself (jciii@ufl.edu). This is a good time to get engaged as the IIA is just starting to roll out new electronic tools and resources to make chapter management easier. Recent initiatives have included chapter email accounts, a new Chapter leader Portal, and the recently implemented Event Management Tool.

Some recent news from the IIA you might have missed:

- COSO Health Care Sector Guide - The Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission, has developed a guide on internal controls and governance for the health care sector.
- Cybersecurity - If you need some interesting statistics regarding the importance of cybersecurity, check out EY's latest survey. The survey reflects this continues to rise in level of importance for boards and organizations need to do more.
- 2019 Certification Application Fee Waiver - The IIA is offering to waive the application fee for the Certified Internal Auditor designation, as well as offering exclusive savings on CIA exam prep resources from March 1–31. The revised CIA exam is supposed to better reflect the current global practice of internal auditing, balance content among three exam parts, and align with the IPPF. The Certification in Risk Management Assurance (CRMA) waiver is planned for Aug. 1–31.

Thank you,

Joe Cannella
Upcoming Events

FraudFest Annual Conference
Date: March 13-14, 2019
Time: 8:00 am—5:00 pm
Location: Best Western Gateway Grand, 4200 NW 97th Blvd, Gainesville, FL 32606
Cost: $275 members, $325 non-members

For Complete Line-up of Speakers and to Register: http://www.theiia.org/NorthCentralFL

Networking Social
This event will be held after the first day of the FraudFest conference an the Chapter welcomes all members to attend, whether you are attending the conference or not.
Date: March 13, 2019
Time: 5:00 pm—7:00pm
Location: Pomodoro’s Café, 9200 NW 39th Ave #100, Gainesville, FL 32606
Cost: Free

December 2018 Quarterly Meeting Recap

John Wszelaki, Director of the American Center for Government Auditing at The Institute of Internal Auditors, presented on Guarding the Public Trust and Auditing Culture. In addition to presenting on key challenges facing government auditors and lessons that corporate and government CAEs may learn from each other, Mr. Wszelaki also share some “enduring lessons” learned during his audit career. Here are some highlights:

“Make sure your glass house is shatterproof before you throw stones.”
“Everyone loves a watchdog until it barks!”
“You can be right 1,000 times, but you can’t afford to be wrong once.”
Volunteer for the Student Audit Case Competition

The NCFIIA is hosting its 4th Annual Student Audit Case Competition for University of Florida students. This event has been a great way to promote the profession by allowing students to examine key controls and get a sense of the environment internal auditors work in. The students are provided with a case study where they identify potential control weaknesses and present to an Audit Committee (3 judges) their recommended course of action to further investigate the issues noted. The case competition would not be possible without the volunteers who have so graciously given their time to helping students. Please consider volunteering as a mentor.

Each 3-student team is assigned a mentor, mentors answer questions students may have as they are drafting their executive summaries of control weaknesses/action plans; typically involves a couple of phone conferences/meetings between mentor and students.

If you are interested in being a mentor, please email lilyly@ufl.edu by March 10.
You can follow Chapter activities on Flick, Facebook and Twitter. Go to our website at [www.theiia.org/NorthCentralFL](http://www.theiia.org/NorthCentralFL) and click on the icons.

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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](http://www.theiia.org/NorthCentralFL) which is updated often. I hope to see everyone at the next meeting.

*Lily Ly, Editor*