Greetings Members!

I would like to wish you and your family **Happy New Year** and hope you enjoyed the holidays!

As we start the new year, you may have a new year resolution to do some or more volunteer work in 2020! NCEB chapter is always looking for volunteers in leadership roles or to assist with various activities (e.g., present to Bay Area university/college students on internal auditing and IIA). Please see Link for description of all the leadership roles, and if you are interested in any of the roles or to assist any of the roles, please feel free to contact me (AGhafouri@chevron.com) or any one of the chapter leaders noted at the end of this newsletter.

In December 2019, The IIA started to conduct its 2020 Member Needs Survey, a comprehensive assessment of all North American members to better understand their needs. This assessment will not only help the IIA understand its members and their needs from a national level, but also at a local level. I hope you can take 15 minutes to complete “The IIA’s North America 2020 Member Needs Survey” (Link), and encourage your colleagues to do the same. Thank you in advance for your participation in this survey and dedication to our profession.

Please see below for some recent news from the IIA headquarters.

- Five Internal Audit Resolutions for 2020 and Beyond (Link)
- Final Reflections on Internal Audit’s Decade of Progress (Link)

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Ahmad Ghafouri  
Chapter President  
Northern California East Bay Chapter

Next seminar is on Thursday, February 27, 2020 (8:30am-4:30pm) on “Critical Thinking and Problem Solving.” I encourage you to attend and expand your professional network as this will be a joint seminar with the IIA-San Francisco Chapter. Venue location will be hosted at KPMG, 55 2nd Street, San Francisco, and close to the Montgomery BART station. Registration invitations will be sent in late January.

If you have any questions, please let me know (erhf@chevron.com).

Ferdinand Erhard  
VP of Seminars

Next program will be on Thursday, January 16, 2020 (2-4pm) on “Internet of Things (IoT)” presented by Scott Peyton (Grant Thornton – Partner). Location will be at the Trinet facility in Dublin. Please register for this event (Link).

If you have any questions or need any assistance with the registration, please let me know (mabarajas@chevron.com).

Miguel Barajas  
VP of Programs

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President’s Message

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Member Certification Spotlight

Congratulations to Michael Friend for earning the Certified Internal Auditor designation!

Certification in Risk Management Assurance
The IIA has announced changes to the CRMA program, effective October 1, 2020. To lessen the ambiguity between the CIA and the CRMA designations, and recognize the need for auditors to have both business experience and deep risk management knowledge, the CRMA has been repositioned as the next certification on the certification pathway for CIA holders. For more information about the changes, please visit the CRMA: Why, How and What’s New website.

Internal Audit Practitioner Designation

**Attention all new internal auditors!**
The IIA has announced changes to the Internal Audit Practitioner program, effective March 1, 2020. Instead of being tied to the CIA designation program, the Internal Audit Practitioner will be supported by a dedicated program and a standalone exam. Additionally, the application fee and registration price has been reduced. For more information about the changes, please read the FAQs page on the Internal Audit Practitioner website.

This program is intended to support new and rotational auditors as they endeavor to take the first step on their personal journey into internal auditing. In addition, it supports an auditor’s long-term goal of obtaining a CIA designation. Active Internal Audit Practitioner designation holders will have the education experience waived for entering into CIA program.

CIA Exam Review Course Available through the Sacramento IIA Chapter – Final Call

Registration is available for Part III of the CIA review course scheduled through the Sacramento IIA chapter on Monday, January 27th and Tuesday, January 28th.

Class will be held at The Lodge - North Shore Conference Room, 2801 Prospect Park Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Breakfast, Mid-Morning and Afternoon Snacks, and Lunch will be provided.

Free parking is available for The Lodge, public transportation (bus/light-rail) is nearby and within walking distance.

All participants are required to use the IIA’s CIA Learning Materials, version 6.0.

If you are interested, please register here.

**CPE Opportunity**

IIA North America Members Only Webinar Series

For all of you IIA members out there, are you taking advantage of the CPE opportunities included in your membership? Each month, the IIA hosts one to two webinars that are free for IIA members. Two webinars are available for December:

- January 21st: Members only Webinar: Data Ethics

Signups and information for future webinars are available on the IIA Learning Webinars site.

Melissa Rice
Member Certifications

Academic Relations

Happy New Year! We have a volunteer opportunity for our Chapter members to participate at “Meet the Firms” event at San Francisco State University on Monday, February 24, 2020 (6-8:30pm). This is a great opportunity for us to meet many students to promote our profession, IIA and our chapter. If you’re interested to volunteer for this event, please send me an e-mail at rommel@chevron.com. I'm looking forward to a great year ahead.

Rommel Ventura
Academic Relations Chair
Please send your announcements, articles, employment advertising and other information to the editor, Phillip Poma at: phillip.poma@csaa.com

Visit the NCEB Chapter Website by scanning the QR code below with your smartphone!
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