President’s Message

Tracy West, Chapter President

Hi All,

I hope you are enjoying your summer months and the awesome World Cup games! For me, the month of June took a while to get here but then felt like a blur. The end of school and the chapter year, along with a break from children’s sports, gave me a false sense of time and July arrived with a bang!

Every June through August, our chapter, along with most, take a break from programs and seminars to plan our training, social events, and advocacy efforts for the upcoming year. We recently attended our semiannual IIA West District workshop. Our district is represented by Hawaii, Reno, Sacramento, San Francisco, San Jose and our NCEB IIA chapters. The meeting was held at VSP headquarters in Rancho Cordova and was led by Kara Giano, our District Representative, and Donna Wiley from IIA headquarters. The term advocacy has been used extensively by the IIA in recent years but it has been very misunderstood. I thought Kara put it simply at our meeting when she stated that advocacy is everyone you talk to about the value of our profession but internal auditors. Thus, we advocate when we invite others to attend our social events, combine with non-audit groups for trainings, attend college and university events, gather city proclamations and simply tell employees, management and board members at our companies about the value of internal auditing. It’s the best way to establish credibility within our companies and for the profession so keep up the great efforts!

Another noteworthy item that was discussed during our district workshop was that the IIA has developed and is piloting a new Career Map for members. This tool will allow an individual to self-assess their skills for current and future internal audit roles and identify training solutions to fill gaps. Some of us at Safeway recently had the privilege of reviewing the new Career Map and providing feedback to the IIA, and we believe it is going to be a great service and complement to our company development plans and processes.

I would like to thank Paul Sobel, the IIA’s Chairman of the Board, for joining our June board meeting to discuss IIA priorities, progress and chapter resources. As we take our summer break, please note that the IIA has a number of upcoming (free and paid) trainings that you may be interested in as follows:

**Free webinars:**
- 15-July: Pulse of the Profession
- 23-July: Guidance Webinar: Independent Audit Committees in Public Sector Organizations
- 19-August: Risks Around Social Media
- 16-September: Fraud and Embezzlement: Lessons from the Trenches

**Seminars (Range between September 23-26 in San Francisco):**
- Analyzing and Improving Business Processes
- Building a Sustainable Quality Program
- COSO 2013: Implementing the Framework
- Lean Six Sigma Tools for Internal Audit - Planning
- Auditor-in-Charge Tools and Techniques
- Beginning Auditor Tools and Techniques
- Continuous Auditing
- Control Self-Assessment: An Introduction
- Financial Auditing for Internal Auditors
- Performing an Effective Quality Assessment

For more information please refer to [https://na.theiia.org/training/seminars/Pages/Browse-Our-Seminars.aspx](https://na.theiia.org/training/seminars/Pages/Browse-Our-Seminars.aspx)
Conferences:

- Governance, Risk & Control (IIA/ISACA, August 18-20) in Palm Beach FL
- Northeastern Regional (September 7-10) in Brooklyn NY
- ITAC (IIA/MIS, September 29-October 2) in San Diego CA

Please don’t hesitate to call any one of us with ideas and suggestions for the upcoming year. We welcome your input and hope to continue to be a primary source for your CPE and professional development. You can reach me anytime at 925-469-7285.

I look forward to seeing you in September!

Tracy West, Chapter President
Northern California East Bay Chapter

Programs

Ruth Powell, VP of Programs

Not much news to report for now. We are hard at work planning a great slate of programs for the 2014-2015 Chapter year! We have some exciting events planned and are looking forward to sharing details with you in the next newsletter. Please stay tuned for more information!

Our annual member survey was sent out on May 29th. You can still respond! We need to know what is working for you and what is important to you! We are open to any suggestions to improve our service to our members. Don’t hesitate to contact me.

Have a safe Summer!

Thanks, Ruth Powell, VP of Programs

Seminars

John Driscoll, VP of Seminars

We are currently reviewing topics and contacting seminar speakers for the 2014-15 chapter year. Our plan is to put on three seminars which we will review with the board. A special thanks to my seminar committee volunteers (Cheryl Louie and Miguel Barajas) who do much work behind the scenes to ensure the seminars run smoothly.

Certification

In preparation for the new chapter year, NCEB is working to determine if there is a demand for live courses to prepare members for any of the IIA certifications.

If you are interested, please send an email to Mae Tran at tran34@llnl.gov with the certification you’re interested in.

Academic Relations

Brenda Roberts

We are planning for upcoming events that will include meeting and speaking with students on campus at Bay Area Colleges, coordinating Student Networking events, presentations to college classes and reviewing our scholarship program.

We would appreciate your participation!

Please contact us if you would like to get involved!

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Professionals – There are teaching positions available. If you are a professional in Internal Audit, IT or IT Audit, Fraud Audit, Internal Investigations or have specific skills in Forensic Accounting and Data Analytics, you are needed!: Adjunct Professors are being recruited to teach one or two evenings per week at the Undergraduate and Graduate level at local universities. For some classes, a team teaching arrangement may be possible – guest speakers to present specific topics to support the curriculum are highly desired. Each school has certain requirements for Adjunct

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Professors, relating to educational degrees and level of teaching experience. If you are interested, please contact the following:

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**California State University – East Bay**  
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**Recent Events**

**May Social Event** – Proclamation of Internal Audit Awareness Month from the cities of Oakland and Pleasant Hill

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**Scholarship Recipient** – Elmas Kilinedemir-Martin

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**District 3 Workshop**

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Please send your announcements, articles, employment advertising and other information to the editor, Jason Philibert at: Jason.philibert@trinet.com

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