President’s Message

*Ruth Powell, Chapter President*

Well, here we are at the end of our Chapter year! Our Treasurer, Andrea Chiapello, and I have just returned from Leadership Conference and our excited to share new ideas with our Chapter. Our May Social is just around the corner (May 19th!!)! I hope you will be able to attend and gain some helpful weapons, er, tools for managing your work!

Over the Summer months our Board will be meeting to plan for the upcoming year. We will be planning some great programs and seminars for our members including celebrating the IIA’s 75th Anniversary and our very own 30th Anniversary! Please remember to answer our annual membership survey to give us your preferences on topics!

As announced in last month’s newsletter, make sure to mark your calendar for the West District 3 Conference that is coming in September. We will send an e-mail as soon as registration opens for this first-of-its-kind event for West District 3!!!

If you need CPE or just want to keep up your skills, free IIA Members-only webinars are scheduled each month by the IIA. The next webinar will be offered on May 17th, with, “Preparing for a Successful External Quality Assessment,” presented by Joyce Vassiliou, CIA, CRMA, CCSA, Director, IIA Quality Services and Tracy Darakjian, CIA, Manager, IIA Quality Services. These events earn you one CPE – for free! You can find out more about these free webinars, go to [www.TheIIA.org](http://www.theiia.org) and click on Training & Events > eLearning > Webinars.

Thank you for participating in our Chapter! Each of us brings unique and valued perspectives and skills that make all of us better. We need each other to get better and stay better!

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

*Ruth Powell, Chapter President
Northern California East Bay Chapter*

Programs

*Cheryl Louie, VP of Programs*

It’s time for our May Social!! This is our last program of the 2015-2016 years so it’s time to celebrate!!! Who’s ready to learn how to make their lives less hectic? We are all so busy trying to balance work, children, exercise schedule, soccer games, date night, you name it, we are doing it….or at least trying to do it. Well here comes Beth, our Nerdy Friend to the rescue!!! Not only will Beth assist with our personal lives but for us as Internal Auditors!!! You will learn to use free and bargain technology tools you never knew existed to work more efficiently with your teams, create professional level graphics and wow your colleagues. You will learn over 30 tools that will impress your friends, family, neighbors, colleagues and even your boss!!! Not only will you receive 3 CPE’s but you will get a finger licking BBQ dinner too! So sign up by visiting [https://NCEBIIA0519P.eventbrite.com](https://NCEBIIA0519P.eventbrite.com)

Thank you to all of the participants who came to last month’s program: “Driving Increased IT Value through Effective Governance” with Jason Brucker and Brandon Mischel of Protiviti. It was very informative for everyone!

It’s been a fun and educating year. I hope everyone enjoyed the programs this year and if you have suggestions on speakers or topics, please email to me at [Cheryl.louie@stanford.edu](mailto:Cheryl.louie@stanford.edu). If you would like to be on the committee for programs, we will be having planning sessions beginning in June so email
me that you are interested. I would love to hear from you.

Cheryl Louie, VP of Programs

Academic Relations

Ahmad Ghafouri

I would like to thank Carol Blanco for assisting me on a presentation to the Accounting Students Organization (ASO) at San Francisco State University on April 27. The presentation was approximately an hour on Internal Auditing, IIA, and NCEB-IIA and was attended by 18 students. Accounting Society of California State University, Stanislaus has invited NCEB-IIA to make a presentation to them in May. We will make this presentation through a conference call. We are currently working with the Beta Alpha Psi Honor Society of California State University, East Bay to schedule a date to present to them in May.

Our chapter is proud to support the “Internship Stipend Program” through a stipend paid directly to the Intern. The intent is for students to learn more about the internal auditing profession and to encourage Audit leaders and managers to develop internship programs within their Internal Audit Departments. Audit Hiring Managers must apply to participate in the program. Please see the “Guidelines” and “Application” on the NCEB-IIA Academic Relations website (https://chapters.theiia.org/northern-california-east-bay/Pages/Academic-Relations.aspx). The deadline for this application has been extended to Friday, May 13. If you have any questions, please contact Ahmad Ghafouri (AGhfouri@chevron.com).

Internal Auditor magazine has recently launched a scholarship program. Six, $1,000, essay-based scholarships are available throughout 2016 for undergraduate and graduate students around the world. The most informative and thought-provoking essay for each scholarship, as judged by The IIA’s Publications Advisory Committee, will be published on InternalAuditor.org, along with reference and backlinks to the winning student’s chapter. Please share this opportunity with your family and friends who are undergraduate and graduate students, please see https://iaonline.theiia.org/scholarships?

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Seminars

Mushtari Nagpurwala

We had the Fraud seminar on April 14th and Mary Breslin was very engaging speaker throughout the session. The topic covered the potential areas of fraud, how to prevent and detect fraud within organization. Along with understanding auditors role in fraud investigation.

As summer months are approaching when we usually plan for the next chapter year events. I would highly recommend you all to reach out to me if you have any topic suggestions which I should consider in the next chapter year or the speaker for the next chapter year.

Mushtari Nagpurwala, VP of Seminars

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