We are off to a great start for this Chapter year! We held our kick-off program on September 17th in Concord with our CAE Discussion Panel. This was likely our last event in Concord. Chevron is closing Concord facility, so most of our future events will be held in San Ramon. By the time you read this we will have held our October 15th program on “Contract Compliance: Monitor Your Vendors”. You should have plenty of time to register for two events in November with the dynamic Rob Mainardi: November 10th seminar on “How to Plan” and November 12th program on “Risk & Controls”. Hope to see you at both of those events!

Are you a CIA? Are you looking to serve our Chapter? We still have an opportunity for you! NCEB’s Certification Chair position is open. This position is responsible for generating awareness of, and growing the IIA Global Certification Programs within our Chapter throughout the Certification Program lifecycle for both members and nonmembers of The IIA. The primary objective of this role is to help candidates pursuing their designation with ways to prepare, and study for the examination(s). The Chairperson must be a CIA. If you are interested in this role, please contact me for more information. There are many aids available for this role, so you won’t have to recreate the wheel!

As always, your chapter leadership would love to hear your questions, ideas and suggestions to help us continually improve our chapter and remain a primary source for your CPE and professional development. Feel free to call or e-mail me at 925-827-7454 RuthPowell@Chevron.com.

Hope you can make our next event!

Ruth Powell, Chapter President
Northern California East Bay Chapter

The IIA periodically offers free Members-only Webinars. Their next webinar will be held on October 20, 2015 from 1:00–2:00 p.m. ET. The topic for this webinar is “Financial Statement Fraud”. This one-hour, one-CPE webinar will be presented by Melissa Frazier, Vice President of Audit and Controls for Comfort Systems USA, a NYSE company with commercial heating and air conditioning companies across the country. An additional webinar is scheduled for November 17th – “Measuring IA Value and Performance,” presented by Michael J. O’Leary, CPA Partner Advisor at Ernst & Young and Lauren Werle, Manager Ernst & Young’s Advisory Services practice. If you’d like to find out more about these free webinars, log into www.TheIIA.org and click on Training & Events - eLearning.

As in past years we have prepared a calendar of all of our events for the chapter year. If you didn’t attend the September program and receive a physical calendar, you can access the calendar on our Chapter website. Please take the time to mark your calendars for all of the upcoming sessions, so you won’t miss any of our interesting and cost-effective events!
Dan Samson (SRI International); Perry Liu (CSAA Insurance Group), Stephen Money (California Casualty) and Jeff Spivack (Grant Thornton, LLC). We appreciate their time away from their busy day to day schedules to share with us!

Do you ever wonder how vendor audits can add value to an internal audit function? Do you know the key indicators that trigger the need for contract compliance audits? Do you know why it’s important and beneficial to organizations? Have you considered fraud in the vendor audit process?

If you ever pondered any of these questions then you need to be at NCEB-IIA’s October Program!! This program will be held at Chevron’s San Ramon campus (Chevron Park A-1000 Auditorium) Please note this is a different location than last year. From the freeway it is the FIRST entrance on the right.

Join us Thursday, October 15th at Chevron Headquarters in San Ramon from 2-4pm. Contract Compliance: Monitoring Your Vendors is presented by Nathan Dreyfus, Grant Thornton LLC. Sign up now by 10am October 15th. Remember there are no walk in’s. You must be pre-registered to attend.

Cheryl Louie, VP of Programs

Academic Relations

Ahmad Ghafouri

I would like to Welcome John Steensen (MBA/TM, CISA, CRISC) to the IIA-NCEB Academic Relations Committee and look forward to work him in 2015-2016. On September 22, 2015 (6-9pm), Kirk Rehage and Joey Su from Chevron attended Meet the Firms event at San Francisco State University to represent IIA-NCEB. Approximately 20 students visited our IIA-NCEB table and talked to Kirk and Joey, and received some IIA handouts and giveaways. The students were Accounting, Finance, and Marketing majors and majority were seniors. Below are a few comments from Kirk and Joey.

Joey: “It was a great experience to meet the students and share with them about the Internal Audit profession at the Meet the Firms event. I enjoyed talking with the students regarding different career options with accounting/finance majors. We discussed the types of engagements Internal Auditors perform, possible career path, CIA certification and my personal experiences working in this profession. Overall, Students showed interest in taking the newly available Internal Audit course and choosing Internal Audit as their profession.”

Kirk: “Over the years, I have always enjoyed participating in the academic relations events and meeting the students. It’s fun when you visibly see that you enlightened a student on a possible career path that may not have been evident to them. I think the students also appreciate meeting someone from the Internal Audit profession and seeing for themselves that this can really be a career option.”

Ahmad Ghafouri, Chevron
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Seminars

The first Seminar of the year will be on the topic “How to Plan” by Rob Mainardi on November 10th in San Ramon. Look forward to the event notification and the registration link which will open up after October 15th.

I am excited to host this event and look forward to seeing you there.

Mushtari Nagpurwala, VP of Seminars

Membership

Our Chapter is happy to welcome the following new members;
Judy Reyes,
Christina McCardell,
Susan Sakai,
Chris Cauble,
Hitomi Suwa,
Jeri Haggas,
Brooke Hargrave
Loven Levister
NCEB is represented by over 110 companies so we hope you will attend our programs and seminars to network and exchange ideas with your colleagues.

A note to our existing members, please remember to update your IIA membership profile if you change employers, move, or change your email address.

Marina Gouchian

Employment Opportunity

Senior Auditor, Gap Inc. (156679) SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES

Please contact Jake Dombroski | Jake_Dombroski@gap.com | (415) 427-4613

Overview:
The employee will be responsible for performing internal audits of complex business processes and effectively reporting on the results.

Duties and Responsibilities:
• Perform all assigned duties in accordance with the International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing.
• Evaluate internal control environment and financial reporting compliance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and Sarbanes-Oxley objectives.
• Guide teams of audit professionals in conducting internal audits of financial, operational, or supply chain processes, specifically:
  • Act as a key liaison to the client throughout the audit process;
  • Perform process walk-throughs to facilitate development of the audit scope and approach during the planning phase;
  • Contribute to the design of the control testing approach and related audit program;
  • Monitor audit progress to ensure completion within allotted timeframes;
  • Identify areas/processes for improvement and propose recommendations; and
  • Draft reports of audit findings, obtain management responses, and issue reports in conformity with Internal Audit Charter guidelines.
• Organize, prepare and present proposals, analyses, and other special projects.
• Maintain current knowledge of audit principles and techniques.
• Complete annual CPE credit requirements to preserve professional certification(s).
• Represent the Internal Audit function on cross-functional teams, at times providing leadership to these efforts as appropriate.

• Assist with development of annual resource forecasts, project timelines, resource allocation plans, and travel expense estimates.

Qualifications:
• Bachelors degree in a business-related field, preferably with a concentration in Accounting or Finance
• Relevant professional certification (CPA, CIA, CISA, CFE, CCSA)
• High level of integrity
• 3 years of relevant business experience
• Strong analytical and organizational skills
• Ability to work effectively either independently or as part of a team
• Excellent verbal and written communication skills
• Strong interpersonal communication and presentation skills
• PC skills, especially Microsoft Office Suite
• Willing to travel up to 20% to Gap Inc. domestic and international sites

Employment Opportunity 2

Financial Analyst

Location: San Francisco CA US 94105

Job Type: Full-time

Job Description:
The Gymboree Corporation is the leading specialty children’s retailer with over 1,200 stores domestically and internationally and generating over 1 billion in sales yearly. The Gymboree Corporation continues to grow and expand at a rapid pace but without sacrificing our commitment to quality. Most of all, we pride ourselves in hiring great people with the talent it takes to keep up with our growth.

The Financial Analyst will be responsible for leading and managing reporting and the financial planning system, Axiom. S/he will develop in-depth knowledge of the financial planning system and be the single point of contact for the FP&A team for all things related to financial reporting. The Financial Analyst will manage, maintain, evolve, and develop reports in the financial planning system. S/he will distribute reports to the management team and participate in Monthly Financial Review meetings. The ideal candidate will have the ability to partner with cross-functional teams to complete multiple reporting packages. They will also support the
annual budget process.

**Job Requirements:**
BA in Accounting, Finance, Engineering, or Math required; work experience preferably within retail finance. A strong command of Excel - Intermediate to Expert level - and experience with Power Point. The ideal candidate has experience with planning systems along with a strong attention to detail. Experience with Microstrategy, Axiom, and multi-dimensional databases are a plus. Strong analytical skills, ability to present to senior management, accuracy, and the ability to multi-task well are a must. S/he should demonstrate initiative and the ability to work independently as well as look for opportunities to improve existing processes. This individual must be flexible, able to communicate in a clear and concise manner, able to effectively handle changing priorities and multiple simultaneous team deliverables.

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