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Dear Institute of Internal Auditors Saskatchewan Chapter Members,

We are in unprecedented times. Change is all around us and we are all navigating to the *new normal*, which seems to change daily. The pandemic has disrupted every facet of our lives – personal and work. The IIA is making its own changes. We are paving the way of the future and I am pleased to be part of that evolution as Chapter President for 2020-21.

One of the key initiatives we are pursuing this year is to offer more virtual learning sessions – both as a Saskatchewan chapter and in collaboration with other Canadian chapters. We will test out technology and a new approach for learning and social events. This is a great opportunity to increase our reach to areas outside of Regina and Saskatoon. We strive to provide content that is timely, relevant, and affordable.

Another focus is on continuing efforts to create awareness of this great profession that we are all part of. We have made great progress over the past few years and we will continue to reach out to students and explore opportunities to expand knowledge of internal audit with educational institutes in the province. We will also continue efforts to partner with other professional organizations where possible.

Finally, we will focus on maintaining best practices for chapter operations and governance. To gain consistency across the chapter network, new governance practices were cascaded to all chapters across North America. We will evaluate these against our existing practices and create a transition plan where required.

We cannot pursue these initiatives without the time and talents of our volunteer members. I would like to welcome and thank the group of volunteers that will work together as your 2020-21 Chapter Board of Governors.

We would not exist with you – our members. Thank you for your ongoing support of the chapter and everything you do to enhance the brand and profile of the Internal Audit profession. I encourage you to reach out if you are interested in giving back to the internal audit community. There are ways to contribute other than being on the Board. Reach out to me directly at [tracy.hepworth@fcc.ca](mailto:tracy.hepworth@fcc.ca).

I hope our paths cross – either virtually or in-person.

Stay well,

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