President’s Message

By: Flerida Rivera-Alsing, TCIIA Chapter President

Four months into our term and two training luncheons under our belt! Thanks to our gracious guest speakers for sharing their expertise and ideas!!

For the June 2015 training luncheon, our guest speakers were Florida House Representative Dan Raulerson, Florida’s Chief Inspector General Melinda Miguel, and the State University System of Florida’s Inspector General Joe Maleszewski. The September 2015 training luncheon’s topic was Quality Assessment Review and our guest speakers were the newly minted Florida Deputy Auditor General Matthew Tracy, and the State Board of Administration Office of Internal Audit management team (yours truly, Kim Stirner, Loveleen Verma and Elizabeth Scott).

Our government auditors’ program (GAP) membership is underway. If you are a government employee, please take advantage of the GAP membership. You will pay $70 instead of $130 - that’s a 46% discount! If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact our GAP Chair, Torry McClellan, at membership103@iiachapter.org.

The first of our two-day training series will be held on November 19 and 20 at FDLE. The topic is audit management and we are excited to offer this training to 40 members on a first come, first served basis! The training will benefit current leaders, new supervisors and those you want to encourage and groom. For the first time, we will serve light lunch to give attendees more time to share ideas and network! This training is Joe Maleszewski’s brainchild. He developed it from the ground up. Thanks, Joe!

I want to welcome a couple of new Board members: Megan Frink and Caratina Waiters. Megan will serve the remaining term of Mandi Cohen, who left the Board to study law, and Caratina will serve the remaining term of Sharita McKinnon, who moved back to the Miami area. Mandi and Sharita, thank you for your service! Megan and Caratina, welcome!

I also want to welcome back Scott Armstrong! He graciously agreed to again serve as our Chapter Webmaster.

Thank you for the support and we hope to see you in one of our events.
Member Accomplishments

We would like to extend warm congratulations on the accomplishments of our members:

- **Lillian Spell**, Senior Auditor, Florida Department of Transportation, was awarded the CIA designation in July.
- **Justin Evans**, Florida Housing Corporation, just received his CIA designation.
- **Kim Rolfe**, Department of Transportation, earned the Certified Inspector General Auditor (CIGA) certification.
- **Bobby Briggs**, Computer Audit Analyst, Department of Revenue, Office of Inspector General, earned the CIGA certification.
- **Daniel Leggett**, Senior Info Tech Business Consultant, Department of Revenue, Office of Inspector General, earned the CIGA certification.
- **Steven Henry**, Senior Internal Auditor, received certification as a CIGA at the AIG’s 2015 Summer Institute. Mr. Henry is employed with the Office of Inspector General, Department of Business and Professional Regulation.
- **Patrick Cowen**, City of Tallahassee, passed the CISA exam this past year after passing his CPA exam a little over a year ago. He has passed all but one part of the CIA exam (and may have passed the last part by now). He was also promoted from Senior Auditor to Senior IT Auditor.
- **Cameisha Smith** was hired as a Senior Auditor with the City of Tallahassee.
- **Vanessa Spaulding** was hired as a Senior Auditor with the City of Tallahassee.
- **Joseph Aita** has joined the Department of Revenue Office of Inspector General as a Management Review Specialist.
- **Gordon Stoor** recently joined the Agency for Health Care Administration as a Senior Management Analyst II.

Membership Spotlights

**Tabitha McNulty** has been appointed Inspector General for the Agency for State Technology. Ms. McNulty has prior experience as the Director of Internal Audit for the Department of Elder Affairs. In addition, she has 15 years of experience in various state government Office of Inspectors General conducting audits and assisting with investigations.

Prior to working for the state, Ms. McNulty performed corporate accounting for Office Depot and Sallie Mae. She received a B.S. in Accounting from Florida State University and holds certifications as a Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA), a Certified Inspector General Auditor (CIGA), and a Certified Inspector General (CIG).

**Rebekah Weeks** will begin work in the State University System Board of Governors, Office of Inspector General on October 26, 2015. Ms. Weeks comes from the Executive Office of the Governor, Office of Chief Inspector General where she has been employed since 2012 – first as the Whistle-blower Coordinator and then as an Inspector Specialist. Ms. Weeks has a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Welfare from the University of Albany and two master’s degrees from Florida State University (Public Administration and Social Work). They are excited for Ms. Weeks’ arrival and to be back at full staff.

Please notify us of your career accomplishments and certifications, or the accomplishments of fellow members at newsletter103@iiachapter.org.
Upcoming Training and Events

Save the date & join your peers for these upcoming trainings and events:

- **Internal Audit Management**, 11/19/15 – 11/20/15 – This training event was customized to address the needs of audit leaders - current, new or up and comer who are being encouraged and groomed! The speakers who will be presenting these materials are local professionals and will have a wealth of experience to share with all in attendance. [Click here for more information and to register.]

- **TCIIA Quarterly Training Luncheon**, 12/17/15 & 3/24/16—Agendas will be finalized and posted on the TCIIA website 1-2 weeks prior to the events.

- **Tallahassee Chapter of AGA’s 7th Annual Government Accounting Conference, renamed Government Training Event**, 2/11/16 – 2/12/16 – This event will host superlative speakers presenting on relevant topics. Global AGA President John Homan is among the presenters who have committed to speak. Others include:

  - Jeff Barbacci, Audit Partner, Thomas Howell Ferguson P.A.,

- **Raise the Red Flag**, 3/17/16 – 3/18/16 – Fraud training to be presented by Lynn Fountain, MBA, CGMA, CRMA, the author of *Raise the Red Flag: An Internal Auditor’s Guide to Detect and Prevent Fraud*. Be on the lookout for more information in the coming months.

GAP Membership

**GAP Membership Chair: Torry McClellan**

The Tallahassee Chapter of the Institute of Internal Auditors (TCIIA) welcomes you the 2015-16 Government Audit Program (GAP) membership initiative. The TCIIA GAP provides a way for current and prospective IIA members to receive membership benefits at a reduced annual cost. Thank you for your interest in IIA membership. Please share this opportunity with your colleagues. We hope that the savings associated with this program will provide much-needed financial relief to our members and ensure that our Chapter continues to flourish.

If you have any questions, please contact Torry McClellan via email at membership103@iia.org or (850) 264-7138.
**CAP Corner (as of October 15, 2015)**

*by Kim Stirner, CAP Committee Chair*

**What is CAP?** The Chapter Achievement Program (CAP) helps officers/board members plan the course of the Chapter year, especially service-oriented events for members and guests. For each CAP event, our Chapter receives CAP performance points from The IIA. We proudly celebrate that, for over a decade, the TCIIA Chapter has achieved the CAP points needed for the PLATINUM performance level. This current designation confirms our Chapter’s status as a prestigious, service-oriented organization for the Tallahassee audit community.

**How are we doing?** We are four months into this fiscal year and we still have quite a way to go to achieve our CAP goal of 1,560 points and maintain our PLATINUM status for another year. Registered attendance at our upcoming training events is very important.

**How Can I Help?** In addition to attending our upcoming training events, please review the table below and let us know if you or someone you know has earned CAP points. Your participation and support throughout the year is greatly appreciated! For more information, please contact Kim Stirner, CAP Committee Chair.

| Chapter Members |
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| CAP Opportunities | CAP Points | Additional Info |
| Attendance at quarterly training lunches | 1 point per CPE | No maximum |
| Attendance at training events | 1 point per CPE | No maximum |
| New IIA certifications | 5 points per member per certification | No maximum |
| Articles published in the *Internal Auditor* magazine | 20 points per article | No maximum |
| Articles submitted to the *Internal Auditor* magazine | 5 points per article | No maximum; must follow established guidelines for submitting articles at: [http://www.theiia.org/intAuditor/about-internal-auditor/writers-guidelines/](http://www.theiia.org/intAuditor/about-internal-auditor/writers-guidelines/) |
| Articles published in other professional journals | 5 points per article | No maximum |
| Writing exam questions for IIA Certifications: CIA, CCISA, CFSA, CGAP, CRMA | 5 points for each accepted question | No maximum; must adhere to exam-writing criteria at: [https://na.theiia.org/certification/certified/Pages/write-an-exam-question.aspx](https://na.theiia.org/certification/certified/Pages/write-an-exam-question.aspx) |
Articles From Our Members

Is there a topic or issue that you would like to share with your fellow members? Has an internal audit-related article caught your eye? If your answer is “yes” to either of these, you may be the perfect contributing writer for TCIIA NewsLine! If you would like to contribute an article, please send the article to newsletter103@iiachapter.org.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us!

Article Submission Deadlines

During the first month of each quarter, a new issue of TCIIA NewsLine will be published. If you’re interested in submitting an article, the upcoming submission deadlines are:

- December 31, 2015
- March 31, 2016
- June 30, 2016

Important Links

- IIA—Tallahassee Chapter
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- AGA—Tallahassee Chapter
- AIG—Florida Chapter
- Florida Audit Forum
- ISACA - Tallahassee Chapter

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