PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Happy Anniversary!

We are celebrating our 65th Anniversary as a chapter this year. Our chapter was founded just nine years after the IIA started with 24 charter members in New York City. It’s hard to believe our little Winnipeg chapter has been around longer than the microwave and color TV.

How We Came to Be (obtained from IIA Global’s website)

Historians have traced the roots of internal auditing to centuries B.C., as merchants verified receipts for grain brought to market. The real growth of the profession occurred in the 19th and 20th centuries with the expansion of corporate business. Demand grew for systems of control in companies conducting operations in many locations and employing thousands of people. Many people associate the genesis of modern internal auditing with the establishment of The IIA.

The year 1941 marked a major turning point. Victor Z. Brink, authored the first major book on internal auditing. And at the same time, John B. Thurston, internal auditor for the North American Company in New York, had been contemplating establishing an organization for internal auditors. He and Robert B. Milne had served together on an internal auditing subcommittee formed jointly by the Edison Electric Institute and the American Gas Association, and they agreed that further progress in bringing internal auditing to its proper level of recognition would be best made possible by forming an independent organization for internal auditors. When Brink’s book came to the attention of Thurston, the three men got together and found they had a mutual interest in furthering the role of internal auditing.

As an organizing committee, Brink, Milne, Thurston, contacted a small group of internal audit practitioners throughout the United States who expressed interest in forming a national – even international – organization for internal auditors. The IIA’s certificate of incorporation was filed on November 17, 1941, and just prior to the first annual meeting on December 9, 1941 at the Williams Club located at 24 East 39th Street in New York City, 24 charter members were accepted for membership. Thurston was elected as the first president of The IIA.

Membership grew quickly. It went from the original 24 members to 104 by the end of the first year, to 1,018 at the end of five years. By 1957, membership had expanded to 3,700 and 20 percent were located outside of the United States. More than 70 years later, The IIA is a dynamic global organization with more than 180,000 members worldwide. How did this grow from 24 enthusiastic men in New York City to what it is today? It has required selfless volunteerism, dedicated professionals, and most of all, people with a desire to make internal auditing a proud and distinguished profession.

This is my farewell Presidents message as my term ends this May. It has been a pleasure to serve as the chapter President these last two years as our chapter and our profession continued to mature. This is your opportunity to get involved as an active member on our Board. Refer to our call for nominations within this newsletter.

I look forward to seeing you at our AGM on Wednesday, May 27th as we look back at the last 65 years of our chapter and we elect our new chapter Board.

Bridget Cabral, CA, CRMA
President, IIA Winnipeg Chapter
EDUCATION UPDATE

2015 Fraud Summit

Following the success of our inaugural Winnipeg Fraud Summit in 2014, the IIA Winnipeg Chapter hosted the second annual Fraud Summit on March 18, 2015. Participants took in excellent presentations on a range of fraud-related topics including cyber security risk, interviewing techniques, civil fraud, fraud sentencing, construction fraud, and fraudster profiles. Once again we were all left thinking about our own organizations and how we could apply our new learnings.

The Fraud Summit is proving to be an excellent opportunity to obtain your fraud-related professional development right here in Winnipeg.

We hope to see you at the third annual event in March 2016!

2015-2016 IIA Winnipeg Events

Planning is now underway for the 2015-16 IIA program year. If you would like to assist in organizing an event or if you just have ideas, we would love to hear from you. We are always looking for luncheon topics/speakers and we want to know what kind of training or seminars would most benefit our members. Please contact the education team at iiawinnipeg@gmail.com if you have any comments or suggestions about our program, or if you’d like to volunteer.
MEMBER NEWS

Welcome new members

The IIA Winnipeg Chapter is proud to welcome new members who recently joined our chapter (February to March 2015). We are looking forward on meeting you at our upcoming luncheons and seminars!

- Travis Abas
- Ann Kim
- Adrian May
- Tracey Miller
- James Rennie
- Francis Salazar

May is International Internal Audit Awareness Month

Last May thousands of internal auditors from around the world celebrated International Internal Audit Awareness month. What are your plans to celebrate this year?

As an internal audit professional, you play an important role in raising awareness and elevating the profession. Whether you are an active IIA member or new to internal auditing, there’s something you can do to raise awareness.

For example, you can customize your email signature and social media accounts with the International Internal Audit Awareness Month digital icon (depicted at right). You can hold a lunch-and-learn in your workplace to dispel myths about internal auditing and explain the value that a well-resourced, independent internal audit function can provide. You can also distribute sweet treats or tokens to coworkers with an educational flyer about the profession.

Don’t let the opportunity pass to advocate the importance of internal auditing to your coworkers and other stakeholders. For additional ideas, sample programs, tips, and templates, download the free Building Awareness Toolkit from The IIA’s website. Be sure to email us at iiawinnipeg@gmail.com and tell us how you celebrated!

Want to help raise awareness of our profession in the community and donate your time to a worthy cause?

Supporting our Community – Volunteers Needed!!

We are planning another community volunteer night to give our members an opportunity to get together as a professional group and give back to the community.

Winnipeg Harvest
Thursday, May 28, 2015
6:30pm to 8:00pm

Winnipeg Harvest is a non-profit, community based organization that is a food distribution and training centre. Their goals are to collect and share surplus food with people who are hungry and to offer training opportunities to help people step up and out of poverty.

Last year, a group of dedicated Internal Auditors showed their excellent community spirit by giving back to the community and volunteering at Winnipeg Harvest. We donated 45 lbs of food and prepared approximately 100 potting containers, which were used to teach members of the community the importance of healthy gardening. This year let’s try and donate even more!

Please email us at iiawinnipeg@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering. Hope to see you there!
CERTIFICATION CORNER

IIA Certifications

An IIA Professional Credential can move your career in the right direction, whether you’re just starting down the audit path or taking your career to new heights. By earning your qualification or certification, your clients and employer know that you are a valuable team asset who is highly motivated, knowledgeable, and committed to ensuring quality is part of everything you do.

Whether you are seeking a promotion, exploring a position outside your organization, or simply pursuing professional development opportunities to help you tackle increasingly complex responsibilities while preparing for future challenges, an IIA certification can:

- Increase your earning potential by up to 30 percent.
- Help you gain credibility and respect in the field.
- Enhance your skills and knowledge.
- Demonstrate your commitment to the profession.

IIA CIA Learning System

Did you know that you can purchase the IIA CIA Learning System through the Winnipeg Chapter at a discount from the member pricing in the IIA Bookstore? You have the option to purchase each exam part individually or the full kit for all three exams. If you are looking at earning your CIA designation and want to purchase the complete CIA Learning System or find out more information, please contact Janet Hnytka at j.hnytka@dgcm.ca. Don’t wait to earn your professional auditing designation… Act now!!

Earn CPE Reading IA Magazine

For 70 years, *Internal Auditor* magazine has shared leading practices with internal auditors around the globe. Its timely, practical, thought-provoking articles have earned it a reputation as the authoritative voice on the profession. Now in addition to supporting you in your career with print and online news and information, Internal Auditor is helping you earn CPE credit as well. With the release of each bi-monthly edition of the magazine, you have the chance to earn three IIA CPEs to support your IIA certifications. Available to members for free, the online quiz takes your experience with the publication to the next level by testing your internal audit knowledge and providing valuable CPE credits. For more details click [here](#)!
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS – CONSIDER JOINING THE WINNIPEG CHAPTER BOARD!!
If you have ever considered joining the Winnipeg Chapter Board and would like the opportunity to network with your peers please let us know! It is an excellent way to give back to your profession and also meet some great people from Winnipeg and across Canada. Send an email to bjcabral56@gmail.com to answer the call or to get more information.

Make sure you save the date for the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday May 27th at the St. Boniface Golf Club. Watch your inbox for registration information which should be coming out to you in the next couple of weeks.

RECENT EVENTS
Audit Leaders Luncheon
The annual Audit Leaders luncheon was held on April 7th at the Manitoba Club. EY was the event sponsor and presented on the topic of Contract risks. We had a great turnout and some great discussion on an important topic!

PUBLICATIONS? COMPLETED OR PARTICIPATED ON A QUALITY ASSESSMENT?
Have you recently published an article regarding internal audit? It could even be something published on your company’s website or in a newsletter. Has your department recently completed a quality assessment or has someone from your department participated on a quality review team? These items could contribute to our chapter’s goal in CAP points. Please contact our Director, Chapter Administration – Jude Friesen for more details at: jude.friesen@hudbayminerals.com.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
Interested in helping out your IIA Winnipeg Chapter? Be a volunteer! Our chapter is always on the lookout for volunteers for our events such as luncheons, seminars, conference and other activities. Please send an email to Janet Hnytka at j.hnytka@dgcm.ca to have your name added to our volunteer database.

CONTACT US!
Contact us anytime at our email address: iiawinnipegchapter@gmail.com