Detroit Chapter IIA establishes $50K Endowment Fund

The Detroit Chapter of the IIA is proud to announce the establishment of the Detroit Chapter IIA Scholarship Endowment Fund to support students at local universities. Spearheaded by outgoing Detroit Chapter Board Member Duane Borkowski, the $50,000 fund will allow our Chapter to increase annual scholarship funding by 50%. Our Chapter President, Mark Weintraub, commented on this momentous achievement by stating, “In these very challenging economic times, it gives me great pride in our organization that we can solidify our support of local students and universities. I commend Duane and the others that have worked so tirelessly to make this fund a reality.” The timely establishment of this fund will allow our Chapter to present four awards of $750 each to qualifying students, based on scholarship and leadership, at our April 14, 2009 meeting.

MOTOWN GOES PLATINUM AGAIN!

Congratulations Detroit Chapter, we have done it again! For the fifth straight year our Chapter has achieved Platinum status in the IIA’s Chapter Achievement Program (CAP). Even though it is only March, we have earned over 1950 points; nearly 140 points more than this time last year. CAP Chair Marty Wood emphasized “achieving Platinum status is a true reflection of a successful Chapter.” He also noted the Spring Conference and our Chapter meetings as the two largest point contributors. With two months left in the program year, we hope to surpass last year’s total of 2217 points!

This accomplishment serves as a perfect opportunity to introduce CAP to our nearly 120 new Chapter members and to review the program for our existing members. CAP is an IIA program used to monitor and recognize the activities and accomplishments of local IIA chapters. Chapters can accumulate CAP points in three categories: Service to Members, Service to the Profession, and Chapter Administration. Points earned in these categories are totaled and reported on a monthly basis to the IIA. Based on the total CAP points earned for the program year, the Chapter will be evaluated by four performance levels:

- BRONZE - 685 CAP Points
- SILVER - 1,060 CAP Points
- GOLD - 1,560 CAP Points
- PLATINUM - This is a special level created to recognize Chapters that attain GOLD status for 10 consecutive years. They will continue to be recognized with the PLATINUM award each year thereafter if they achieve Gold CAP status.
“IN LIKE A LION; OUT LIKE A LION”

Our chapter entered March on an incredible roll, and we exited March without missing a beat! More than 300 people attended our 10th annual Spring Conference. Thanks to the strong showing, I am proud to announce that we have achieved Gold and Platinum status for the 5th straight year! In addition to providing a significant source of CAP points, our Spring Conference also provides the Chapter with revenue that enables us to provide a high level of service and programming year after year. So, on behalf of the Board of Governors of the Detroit Chapter and ISACA, I would like to thank you, our members, for contributing to our success.

In other news, and as noted on the front page, the chapter has also completed the launch of the Detroit Chapter IIA Scholarship Endowment Fund. This is a landmark achievement for our chapter and something I believe will create a new precedent for other chapters across the country. The creation of this fund represents nearly a year’s worth of research and hard work by our Scholarship Committee, led by outgoing board member Duane Borkowski. Duane will continue to serve the Chapter as a member of the board of trustees for the Scholarship Fund. The entire board is grateful to Duane for his many years of service to our Chapter, and for his dedication to our students and local universities.

Sadly, the Chapter will lose two of our current board members this year. Terri Coppens has indicated her intention to not seek re-election to the Board following the expiration of her term as Treasurer. Terri has been instrumental in transitioning and upgrading our financial reporting and controls and her work ethic and enthusiasm will be missed by all of us who had the opportunity to work with her. In addition, after more than 4 years of service, Les LaFramboise has resigned from the board. During the past year, Les played a critical role in establishing our Scholarship Fund and was heavily involved in numerous other board activities. We wish Les luck in his new position and thank him for his dedication and service.

At our May meeting, we will ask the membership to vote on the candidates for our board that were submitted by our Governance and Nominating Committee. Information on the nominees can be found on page 5 and is available at www.detroitiia.org. At that same meeting, we will also ask those present to approve amendments to our bylaws, which have not been modified since 1997 and are outdated as a result. A summary of the key proposed amendments to the bylaws can also be found on page 8 of the newsletter or at www.detroitiia.org.

I look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming meetings, seminars and/or social events, and thank you for your continued support and involvement.

Best Regards,

Mark H. Weintraub
President

ATTENTION!

The Membership Committee is asking all Detroit members to notify the Chapter of changes or career milestones they want recognized. For example, we want to be updated with contact information changes, professional certification achievements, CAP contributions, and other career milestones.

A Membership Update Form is available on the Detroit Chapter’s website at the following address: http://www.detroitiia.org/Member_Update.htm

Please fill in your updated information and click submit.

The form is only needed to be submitted when changes occur and will be made available at monthly Detroit Chapter meetings.
UPCOMING IIA EVENTS:

- Lansing Chapter: ACL Training
  April 20-21, 2009 Lansing, Michigan

- Operational Auditing: An Introduction Through Advanced
  May 5-8, 2009 Chicago, Illinois
  May 18-21, 2009 Orlando, Florida

- Operational Auditing: Advanced
  May 7-8, 2009 Chicago, Illinois
  May 20-21, 2009 Orlando, Florida

WEBINARS:
(On-Demand Playback available by noon on day after live event.)

NEW Accountability Challenges in Challenging Times
April 9, 2009 - LIVE: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. ET

The Internal Auditor’s Role in Aligning IT to Organizational Strategies
April 16, 2009 – LIVE: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. ET

IT Audit 101 for Internal Auditors
April 23, 2009 – LIVE: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. ET

IT Internal Audit: Beyond Compliance to Risk Intelligence
April 30, 2009 – LIVE: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. ET

Key Internal Audit Considerations in This Current Economic Environment
May 14, 2009 – LIVE: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. ET

Risks in Capital Improvement Programs in Today’s Economy
May 21, 2009 – LIVE: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. ET

Insider Trading: Evaluating Compliance Programs
May 28, 2009 – LIVE: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. ET

Event details as well as the 2009 schedule of IIA sponsored seminars can be viewed on the IIA website: http://www.theiia.org/iia-training/

APRIL DETROIT CHAPTER MEETING
Tuesday, April 14, 4:00 – 7:30 PM
Annual Student and Award Night
The April meeting stands as our Annual Student Night where we will award four $750 scholarships! In addition, we will award the Eloise L. Bradley Award and recognize newly certified CIA members. This annual meeting is a great opportunity to welcome new members and recognize our distinguished current members.

Our guest speakers will address the tools, topics, and trends of personal marketing and communication. Elizabeth Wright, HR Representative with General Motors, will begin by informing our members about Personal Brand Management. After dinner, the discussion will concentrate on Networking with a presentation by the Chief Networking Officer at Networked, Inc, Terry Bean.

The April meeting will be held at the VisTaTech Conference Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Registration can be completed by clicking the following link: April Meeting Registration. Contacting the Chapter Administrator for group registrations at 1-866-895-1851 or ChapterAdmin@detroitiia.org

MAY DETROIT CHAPTER MEETING
Tuesday, May 12, 4:00 – 7:30 PM
Annual Meeting of Membership
Significant actions will be taken by our members at the May Chapter Meeting as we will be voting on the 2009-2010 nominees to fill open Board of Governor and Officer positions (see page 5). In addition, we will be voting to approve amendments to our Chapter Bylaws. Please come and represent our Chapter.

Bill Kowalski, Vice President with Kerby, Bailey & Associates, will open the May meeting with a presentation on Identity Theft which will focus on current trends and techniques used by criminals and the respective regulations and penalties enforced. The evening will continue with a discussion on “The Pillars of Effective BSA and Ant-Money Laundering Programs” led by Jeffrey Siegel, Senior Examiner with the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

The meeting will take place at the VisTaTech Conference Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Registration details* will be communicated at a later date.

MEMBER APPRECIATION TRAINING EVENT
Monday, May 18
In May, our Chapter will host a FAS 157 & 159 – Fair Value training session for its members. The course will provide an overview of fair value accounting with a detailed analysis and real-world application examples. Our presenter Craig Woodman, from Jefferson Wells, will summarize the accounting standards and lead discussions addressing implications, asset-liability classifications, and financial statement disclosures. The training session will be held in Troy at the Somerset Inn. More details to follow.

IIA/ISACA SOCIAL EVENT
Friday, May 29, 6:00 – 10:00PM
The IIA and ISACA Detroit Chapters will be hosting an opportunity to network, dine, drink, and dance the night away aboard the Detroit Princess located at the Detroit Docks. Tickets will be $54 for non-members and $88 for members with a guest. Tickets include a five-course meal, dancing, secure parking, and a 4-hour river cruise. A cash bar will also be available. *Note: The first 50 members from each organization will receive a discounted price of $34 per ticket.

* Cost for Chapter Meetings: $40 Members; $50 Non-Members; $20 Students & Retirees
$5 fee will be applied if paying at the door

An Annual Calendar of Chapter Events can be viewed at the following website: http://www.detroitiia.org/Events.htm#MTG
We may have met and surpassed our goal of Platinum status, but there is still time to add to our total! There are over 60 ways to earn CAP points, and many are as simple as attending Chapter meetings or social events. There are creative ways to earn CAP points you may not expect: submitting an article to the IIA Journal (5 pts) or writing exam questions for CIA and other relevant examinations (10 pts). For additional information on how to earn CAP points, please visit http://www.theiia.org/chapters-institutes/leadership-support/chapter-leaders/additional-support/chapter-achievement-program/.

Thank you to all of our members who have contributed to this considerable achievement and to the continued success of our Chapter. Keep up the great work and help us finish the year strong.

The Wayne County Office of Legislative Auditor General is seeking candidates to fill a Senior/Principal Senior Auditor position.

Requirements:
- 2-5 years internal audit experience
- CPA or CIA certification preferred

Please forward a resume and cover letter to:
mcora@co.wayne.mi.us.
Earlier this year, our Board accepted nominations for qualified individuals to fill the open Board of Governors and Officer positions. In accordance with the Bylaws of the Detroit Chapter, the Chapter Nominating Committee recommends the following candidates to fill Officer and Board positions for the 2008-2009 Chapter Year. Elections will be held at the May 12, 2009 IIA Chapter meeting and Annual Meeting of the Membership.

**OFFICERS**

**President**

*Sharon L. Gipson*, CPA. Sharon is the Director and Assistant General Auditor for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration from Marygrove College. She is a CPA and currently serves as 2nd Vice President for the Detroit Chapter IIA and is on the Board of Directors for the Black United Fund of Michigan.

**1st Vice President**

*Athena Avgousti*, CIA, CPA, CA. Athena is a Senior Manager in Deloitte & Touche’s Enterprise Risk Services Group based in Detroit. She is a graduate of the University of Windsor and is a CIA, CPA and CA. Athena currently serves on the Board of Governors for the Detroit Chapter IIA.

**2nd Vice President**

*Dan Wiechec*, MBA, CPA, CISA, CISSP, CFE. Dan is currently the General Director of Global Automotive Audit at General Motors. Prior to joining GM, Dan was Vice President of Audit Services at Lear Corporation and also spent 11 years in public accounting with Deloitte & Touche, Coopers & Lybrand, and Arthur Andersen. In addition, Dan was an Adjunct Professor at Walsh College and Eastern Michigan University where he taught various audit and accounting courses.

**Treasurer**

*Pamela Weipert*, MBA, CIA, CGAP, CPA. Pam is currently Manager of the Oakland County Auditing Division. Prior to her current position, Pamela was Chief Auditor for the City of Detroit Office of Auditor General. She serves as a Local Representative for the Midwestern Intergovernmental Audit Forum (MIAF) Executive Committee and also serves the Association of Local Government Auditors (ALGA) Awards and Education Committee. In addition, she holds membership with the Association of Fraud Examiners.

**Secretary**

*Mike Ross*, CIA, CFE, CGFM. Mike is currently Michigan Regional AVP Corporate Security/Loss Prevention for BestBank. He has served on the IIA Board of Governors since 1997 and as a former officer. Mike is currently on the Detroit Chapter Board of Governors and is a CIA, CFE and CGFM.

**Board of Governors**

*Mark H. Weintraub*, CPA, CIA (Term ending 2011). Mark is the General Auditor for GMAC. He holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Michigan and a Master of Business Administration from Wayne State University. He is a CIA and a CPA. He currently serves as the President for the Detroit Chapter IIA.

*Jeffrey Bankowski*, MBA, CIA, CFF (Term ending 2012). Jeff is the current Director of Internal Audit for Asset Acceptance Capital Corporation. He has previously served as Chief Accounting Officer and Director of Worldwide Accounting Operations for Teksid Aluminum and has also held positions at BP, KPMG, AlixPartners, and the Chicago Mercantile Exchange.

*Noreta Davis*, MBA, CIA, CPA (Term ending 2012). Noreta is an Advisory Partner at KPMG Mid-America Business Unit in Detroit. Before joining KPMG, Noreta was the Assistant Vice President and Director of Internal Audit for a large SEC registrant and a community bank. In addition to participating on the Membership Committee of the Detroit Chapter IIA, Noreta is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants, and a Southeast Regional Advisory Board member of the Hospice of Michigan.

*Mark Savitskie*, MBA, CIA, CPA (Term ending 2012). Mark is the President of Allegro Home Loans, LLC, and Eagle Financial Services. Mark also serves as a Lecturer for audit and accounting courses at Wayne State University and has held audit positions with Arthur Andersen, Ford Motor Company and the Internal Revenue Service. Previously, he served the Accounting Aid Society as Chairman of the Board and he currently holds memberships in the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants, Michigan Mortgage Brokers association, Rotary of Plymouth and the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce.
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LANSONG CHAPTER OF THE IIA: ACL TRAINING**

On April 20-21, 2009, the Lansing Chapter of the IIA will be presenting an Introductory ACL Training at the Office of Professional Development Training Center in Lansing, MI. The course will provide a basic understanding of ACL features in a hands-on and informative fashion. Participants are required to bring a laptop that is preloaded with ACL software. The cost of the course is $300 for IIA and ISACA members or $350 for non-members and includes 16 CPE hours. Registration is required by April 6, 2009 and space is limited. For more information or to register, please visit the LCIIA website at http://www.theiia.org/chapters/index.cfm?cid=163.

**MARCH 1 – APRIL 15, 2009**

The IIA will award one of the following grand prizes valued at up to $4,300 to the chapter that recruits the highest percentage of new members during the 2009 Membership Madness Campaign. And you can help!

- One day of On-site Training for up to 30 people
- A Webinar Subscription package that trains up to 100 people
- A Selection of products from the IIA Bookstore

Start recruiting new members to join the IIA by visiting http://www.theiia.org/MembershipMadness.

The website features helpful tools including downloadable flyers to share with friends and colleagues highlighting some of the benefits of IIA membership. Be sure to attach a copy of the flyer when you send an email, and remind your friends and colleagues to complete the sponsor section of the application when they join. Come on Detroit Chapter, let’s win this!

- Membership Madness is a win-win for everyone involved.
- It grows our Chapter
- It strengthens the IIA as a whole

Your friends and colleagues receive discounted memberships and the opportunity to enjoy the benefits of IIA membership.

Start recruiting today: http://www.theiia.org/MembershipMadness

**FRAUD CONFERENCE**

On April 28th, 2009, the Southeast Michigan Chapter of the ACFE (Association of Certified Fraud Examiners) will be hosting their 15th Annual Fraud Conference with keynote speaker, Ms. Kym L. Worthy, Wayne County Prosecutor. The conference will be held at the Radisson Hotel Livonia, MI from 7:30am to 4:30pm. The panel of esteemed presenters will be discussing such topics as Economic Espionage and Investigation Techniques Utilized in the Text Message Part of Detroit’s Whistleblower case. To register for this event or for further information about the SEMCACFE, refer to their website at www.semacafe.org.
The IIA is making the newly established International Professional Practices Framework (IPPF) accessible to its members. Members can interactively explore the new framework through the IIA website to view the most current and relevant Internal Auditing guidance: [http://www.theiia.org/guidance/standards-and-guidance/interactive-ippf/](http://www.theiia.org/guidance/standards-and-guidance/interactive-ippf/).

In addition, our members will receive a 10% discount at the IIA Research Foundation Bookstore on IPPF guidance materials with use of the following source code: CHIPPF2K9.

The newly established framework outlines the Definition of Internal Auditing, Code of Ethics, and International Standards as well as includes Position Papers, Practice Advisories, and Practice Guides as support. Notable changes from the previous Framework (Professional Practices Framework – PPF) include the establishment of a three year review cycle, the addition of Interpretations to clarify Standards, the addition of Position Papers to express the views of the IIA, and the addition of Practice Guides to provide guidance on auditing tools and techniques. The Development and Practice Aids element has been removed and the Practice Advisories element has been refined, from the previous Framework, to correctly align with the scope of the new Framework.

Check it out!

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For me, the reasons for joining the IIA and participating in the monthly meetings are the following:

- **IIA publications and website:**
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  - Show me who the “movers and shakers” are in the field.
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**MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS**

**ANNA STELMASIEWICZ**

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Believe it or not, our Chapter Bylaws have not been updated or amended since 1997! This year the Governance Committee has been working on a review of our Bylaws and has proposed the following changes to be approved at the Annual Meeting of the membership on May 12, 2009:

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A full copy of the Bylaws with the amendments indicated is available on the Chapter website.

**MEMBERSHIP MEMO**

**DID YOU KNOW:**

- IIA is an international professional association of more than 150,000 members with global headquarters in Altamonte Springs, Florida.
- There are local chapters in roughly 110 different countries.
- One can join different discussion groups and forums such as, Fraud, IT Auditing, Quality Assurance & Improvement Programs and others.
- One can join the Member Exchange, an online networking tool.
- There are Special Industry subscriptions available for those members who are Chief Audit Executives, Financial Services Auditors, Gaming Auditors, and Government.

**ISACA/IIA SPRING CONFERENCE**

The 10th Annual Spring Conference was a huge success! With the opportunity to attend nine different Audit tracks, we had an average of 238 individuals attend the conference each day. A total of 176 IIA members and 62 non-members contributed to the success of the event!