



To: IIA Detroit Chapter Members

On behalf of the IIA Detroit Chapter's Nominating Committee, we present the nominations for the **Chapter's 2024-2025 Officers and Board of Governors**. We are required by the IIA to present **all** Officers and Board Members to our membership for approval, which will be completed during our May 14, 2024 meeting. Additional details will be sent via e-mail separately.

### **Officers**

**President: Jason Thomas** is the Director II of Enterprise Audit with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. Jason joined the General Auditor's Office in 2006 and has held leadership roles since 2013. He was instrumental in leading the enterprise risk assessment process. Jason is a Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) with a Master's degree in Economics and Health Services Administration from Walsh College. Jason is a member of the Detroit IIA and the audit committee member for United Way of Southeastern Michigan.

**President-Elect: Alan Demir** is a Director with the Grant Thornton Business Risk Advisory Services team in the Detroit (Southfield) office. He is responsible for managing consulting services teams performing internal audits, SOX, and compliance audit engagements, and other advisory services to large and mid-size organizations. Alan is a CPA, CIA, and Chartered Global Management Accountant (CGMA). Alan also holds a Master of Science in Accounting degree, MBA in International Business, and Graduate Certificate in Finance from Eastern Michigan University. Alan has been an active member of the IIA nationally for many years and serves as a Treasurer for the Detroit Chapter.

**2<sup>ND</sup> Vice President: Carrie Shrader** is the Director of Audit Risk at Sikich. She has a background in industry, public accounting and consulting that focuses on internal audit, internal controls, enterprise risk and compliance. Carrie has been involved with both the Detroit IIA and ISACA chapters for many years. She has a BA in Accounting and Finance from Oakland University. Carrie maintains her CISA, CFE, CRISC, and CGEIT certifications.

**Secretary: Nakia Robinson** has over 20 years experience in Higher Education; 15 years in Human Resources and 8 years in Internal Audit. She currently serves as Audit Manager at Wayne State University, Office of Internal Audit. Nakia holds a Bachelor of Arts, concentration in Psychology, from Wayne State University, a Certified Internal Controls Auditor (CICA) designation, and she is currently studying for the CIA exam. Nakia volunteers on the Risk Dictionary committee with ACUA, the Awards and Certifications committees with the IIA Detroit Chapter and recently held the Membership chair position. Nakia has also been recognized by the IIA Detroit Chapter as a Rock Star of the Month.

**Treasurer:** **Asel Solovyeva, CIA, CCSA, MBA** is an Associate Director with University of Michigan Audit Services. Asel holds a Bachelor's degree in Finance and Business French and a Master's degree in Business Administration from Eastern Michigan University. Asel's prior work experience comes from General Motors Corporation and Comerica Bank.

**Membership Chair:** **Karen Harreld** has over 16 years of internal audit experience and currently serves as the Director of Corporate Audit & Advisory Services at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. Karen holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Michigan – Ann Arbor and has earned her Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) designation in 2017. Karen has been a member of the Detroit IIA chapter since 2008 and is looking forward to serving on the board and engaging with the chapter.

**Certifications Chair:** **Michael (Mike) Peters** is the Global Process and Risk Manager at Ford Motor Company since 2019. Prior to that, Mike was Manager, North American Operations Audit since 2015. Mike has worked at Ford for 28 years in positions such as IT Internal Controls Manager and Manager of the Global Accounting Systems, as well as various finance assignments in Product Development, Purchasing, Manufacturing, and Ford Credit. He holds an MBA in Finance from Indiana University and BA in Accounting from Michigan State University. Prior to Ford, Mike worked at Ernst and Young for three years in the assurance group. Mike became a Certified Internal Auditor in 2016, earning the William S. Smith Award for scoring in the top 50 of CIA exam candidates globally. Mike also earned CPA, CISA, AND CRMA designations, and is a certified facilitator for the IIA.

**Programs Chair:** **Jacqueline Sheerin** is an internal audit and enterprise risk manager at KPMG with going on a decade of experience. Jacqueline obtained a Master of Science in accounting from Michigan State University and is a Certified Public Accountant, Certified Internal Auditor, and Certified in Information Governance through the association of records managers and administrators (ARMA). She helps companies identify emerging risks and opportunities to enhance their processes in a way that adds value and supports the company's vision and strategy. Jacqueline has been attending IIA for her whole career. She started volunteering with the programs committee in 2022, joined the board in 2023 and will be programs committee chair in 2024.

#### **Governors:**

**Laurie Eissler** is a returning board member. Laurie is the Vice President of Global Audit, and Chief Audit executive at Joyson Safety Systems. She has more than 25 years of risk management, internal controls, corporate governance, regulatory compliance, and Sarbanes Oxley experience. Laurie is a CPA and CIA. She holds an MBA from the University of Michigan Ross School of Business and a BA with an emphasis in Accounting from Eastern Michigan University.



**Pete Hartung** is an Audit Manager with General Motors Audit Services. He works in the Automotive Audit group where he manages process audits and consultative reviews in North America. Pete has experience working for several large OEMs in the automotive industry. He has served on the Board of Governors for the Detroit Chapter of the IIA since 2016, is a past president of the Board, and is Chair of the Scholarship Committee. Pete is a CIA and holds an MBA from the University of North Carolina and a BA from Brown University.

**Ziad Lajnef** is the Global Automotive Audit Director at GM. He has been with GM for 16 years where he had regional responsibilities for Latin America, Middle East and Africa based in Sao Paulo Brazil and GM Europe based in Russelsheim, Germany. Prior to GM, he worked for Deloitte and E&Y. Ziad was also a professional chef for 12 years. He holds a Bachelor with a double major Accounting and Finance and an MBA from the University of Michigan-Flint. Ziad is a CPA and is fluent in seven languages.

**Michael (Mike) Macdonald** is the Executive Director, Internal Audit Services, CMS and Consumers Energy. Mike was previously the Executive Director, Budget Systems and Process, Consumers Energy and CMS Energy and also held a number of positions with Ford Motor Company primarily in the Treasury and Credit operations. He holds an MBA from Michigan State, a BS from Florida State and is a Certified Management Accountant. Mike currently serves on the Detroit IIA Board.

**Christopher Martinez, CPA** is a Manager with the Grant Thornton Business Risk Advisory Services team in the Detroit (Southfield) office. He possesses more than 7 years of experience in the finance and accounting, including 6.5 years at Grant Thornton. In addition, Christopher held accounting positions in the industry at a manufacturing and logistics companies. Christopher was a member of the Grant Thornton Assurance practice performing ICFR (Internal Control over Financial Reporting) and Financial Statement audits. Currently Christopher is part of the Risk Advisory practice, focusing on SOX and Internal Audit engagements and ERP system implementation projects.

**John Pagac** is a managing director in BDO's Risk Advisory Services practice. Prior to joining BDO, John was previously with a Big Four public accounting firm, providing internal audit services to several large global companies which included assisting 5 companies in establishing an internal audit function. In addition, he also served as the Internal Audit Director for a global aftermarket auto supplier. He earned his Bachelor of Sciences in Accounting from Michigan State University. John is a CPA and member of the IIA. He is also a Board member of the Detroit IIA and serves on the Programs Committee.



**Sajay Rai**, CPA, CISSP, CISM has more than 30 years of experience in information technology, specializing in cyber security, privacy, network architecture, business continuity, disaster recovery, IT audit and information risk. Mr. Rai is the Founder and CEO of Securely Yours LLC and Securely Managed LLC. Prior to starting the two companies, Mr. Rai was a Cyber Security and Risk Partner with Ernst & Young LLP for 10 years. Mr. Rai also worked with IBM for 13 years, most recently serving as an executive of the national Business Continuity and Contingency consulting practice. He was instrumental in starting the company's Information Security consulting practice. Mr. Rai co-authored three books titled "Security and Auditing of Smart Devices", "Sawyer's Internal Audit Handbook 6th Edition" and "Defending the Digital Frontier – A Security Agenda". Mr. Rai serves on the board of ISACA's Detroit Chapter and IIA's Detroit Chapter. He is also on the board of Society of Information Management's Detroit Chapter. Mr. Rai is an adjunct professor at Oakland University, Lawrence Technology University and Walsh College.

**Brian Smith** is a Director of Global Internal Audit with Graham Packaging. He has over 24 years of diverse auditing experience in various industries including automotive and manufacturing, federal, state, and local governments and consumer products. Brian has previously worked in public accounting for a Big Four firm, as a corporate controller and served as the Head of Internal Audit. He earned his accounting degree at Western Michigan University. Brian is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) and is Six Sigma Green Belt certified. Brian currently serves on the Detroit IIA Board and completes the CAP reporting.

**Amanda Spikes, CPA, CMA, Audit Manager** has been a part of Lear Corporation's Audit Services team since 2021. Before joining Lear, Amanda worked for the public accounting firm, KPMG, as an Advisory Senior Associate in the Greater Detroit area for 5 years. She has obtained two bachelor's degrees in Psychology and Accounting from Wayne State University. She was previously a board member of the IIA Detroit Chapter from May 2019 – May 2022 and served as chair of the Spring Conference Committee.

**Kamilla Williams** is an Audit Compliance Manager at Wayne State University. Kamilla holds a Bachelor of Science and Master of Business Administration from Wayne State University, a Certification in Risk Management Assurance (CRMA) and is a Certified Internal Controls Auditor (CICA). Kamilla has volunteered with the Detroit IIA for many years, is a past-president and has served in various roles, including Membership committee chair, Programs, Chapter Achievement Program and Spring Conference committee chair.