

Dear Colleagues:

Thank you for your confidence in electing me to serve a second term as President of the Atlanta Chapter of the Institute of Internal Auditors. I am privileged to serve with a truly amazing group of audit professionals – thank you. Please let me share some recent successes and thoughts for the future.

Some recent successes ...

- ✓ Our chapter has earned a “Gold” status for its ninth consecutive year. Earning a “Gold” status reflects the highest level of achievement in “service to the profession,” “service to our members,” and “chapter administration.” Earning “Gold” status for one more year will result in the Atlanta Chapter being named a “Platinum” chapter. The “Platinum” designation is the highest possible designation for a chapter – we are well on our way to achieving this recognition and it has only been possible due to the involvement and commitment of our members.
- ✓ Held a top-notch April chapter meeting and Chief Audit Executive roundtable to include Denny Beran, SVP Internal Audit at JC Penney's and current Chairman of the Board of the IIA as our keynote speaker. Paul Sobel was instrumental in bringing Denny Beran to this meeting and serves as the coordinator of our Chief Audit Executive roundtable.
- ✓ Conducted another joint meeting with the Georgia Chapter of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners in June at Morehouse College. C.O. Hollis and Bill Mulcahy took the lead on putting this meeting together with the overall assistance of our Vice President for Programs Steve Lameier.
- ✓ We conducted a joint meeting with Financial Executives International (FEI) in May. Jim Wanserski is the President of the FEI Atlanta Chapter and was a valued partner in bringing this meeting together. I also would like to thank Sue Mills, Alan Barnes, and Randy Earley for their assistance in bringing this meeting to fruition.

Looking forward ...

We still have much that we are doing and much to do over the coming months!

- The Atlanta Conference 2012 – Bridging the Gap: This must-attend, IIA Atlanta signature event is scheduled for September 21. Our keynote speakers include IIA Global President and CEO Richard Chambers, CIA, CGAP, CCSA, CRMA, Former Mayor of Atlanta Shirley Franklin, President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta Dennis Lockhart, and inspirational speaker Judson Laipply. Please check out additional details at <http://www.theatlantaconference.net/> and go ahead and take advantage of our Early Bird registration fee of \$200 at [http://www.theatlantaconference.net/Registration\\_Information.html](http://www.theatlantaconference.net/Registration_Information.html) ... the Early Bird rate expires July 31!
- Our July Chapter meeting theme is “Internal Audit and Enterprise Risk Management.” We have three strong practitioners to include Keith Cureton from UPS, Jim Presmanes from Haverty's and Scott Woodison from the University System of Georgia. Sterling Roth and Vijay Pinto are taking the lead on putting this program together.
- The IIA International Conference is being held in Boston from July 8-11 (<http://www.iia2012ic.org/>). We strongly encourage your participation and attendance at this preeminent IIA event.
- Sue Mills is putting together our August Chapter meeting. The topic is Internal Audit and Mergers and Acquisition. Gerry Boudreau from Ernst & Young will present. Bob Portnell from Rock-Tenn, Jonathon Corley from Agco, and Ron Lepionka from AGL Resources will serve as panelists in what should be a relevant and riveting presentation on this timely topic.

Looking inward ...

- Your Board of Governors will meet for a planning advance (think planning retreat) on August 3. Our goal is to set a course for the chapter as we look forward over the next decade. Your

perspective as a member is most welcome. We will be formally soliciting feedback for our efforts but I would also encourage you to contact me directly with any ideas or perspectives that you would like to share. Personally, I would like to think about how we:

- Expand our presence within the internal audit profession and the IIA in North America and globally.
- Institutionalize the excellence that characterizes the Atlanta Chapter.
- Create options for the Chapter into the future.

In closing, I continue to appreciate the honor of serving as your chapter President and please know that I can be reached via email at [john.fuchko@usg.edu](mailto:john.fuchko@usg.edu) or by phone at 404-962-3025.

Warmest personal regards,

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