

A Personal Growth Opportunity

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Have you made plans to enhance your own personal growth lately? One great way to develop as a healthcare internal audit professional is by volunteering and sharing your talents with other AHIA members.

As AHIA continues to expand to meet the needs of our members, it is imperative that we encourage capable, interested and involved volunteers to lead and guide us in the achievement of our goals.

Why volunteer?

Becoming involved with AHIA affords you the opportunity to grow professionally and to gain a broader perspective of our industry. AHIA's goal is to empower tomorrow's healthcare internal audit leaders with professional and personal development opportunities. Volunteers continually tell us that they get back more than the time and attention they give.

Our member-led organization has become the success it is because of volunteers; they contribute their knowledge and creativity, and accomplish much through a small commitment of time. The volunteers receive in return knowledge, ideas, encouragement, enthusiasm, support and mentoring. Many hands make light work and foster new relationships. You can experience the opportunity for the mutual exchange of ideas. Consider sharing your time, talent and expertise in one of the following ways.

Submit an article to AHIA's New Perspectives or Digital Insights – New Perspectives and Digital Insights provide up-to-date information, and address current trends and issues in financial, operational and clinical auditing, management and consulting, information systems auditing, the healthcare industry and the auditing profession. Visit www.ahia.org/news/new-perspectives for information on proposing an article.

Coordinate and host a local or regional event – AHIA Regional Seminars provide a forum for members to network and interact with peers, to share internal audit best practices and to strengthen the healthcare internal auditing profession.

Present a webinar – Through webinar programs, AHIA provides you with high-quality education and training without the need to leave your home or office. AHIA offers a broad range of programming hosted by experts to help participants remain current on the latest trends, best practices, hot topics and subjects of special interest in the internal audit arena. I invite you to be a part of this education initiative, to give fellow members the knowledge and skills they need to elevate their practices.

Contribute to the AHIA Connected Community – The AHIA Connected Community contains a great amount of useful information on a variety of audit related topics for auditors, inclusive of discussion forums and document sharing. If you would like to contribute resources or suggest additions, we want to hear from you.

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Committee service – We are issuing calls for volunteers to assist with certification and the 2018 AHIA conference planning (a new planning model!). Meanwhile, existing committees and subcommittees can always use new volunteers. Visit <http://community.ahia.org/volunteeropportunities> and log in for more information.

For more information on becoming involved, call (888) 275-2442, ext. 6120 or visit ahia.org. We have opportunities to fit all levels of experience and availability.

Consider volunteering to become part of an integral network focused on conveying best practices to healthcare internal auditors. Personally, I have found volunteering with AHIA to be a valuable and engaging experience.

Let's have a productive year, filled with growth, for us all! **NP**



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Undeniably, we live in a constant state of flux. And so it is that the leadership of AHIA publications is experiencing change. Mike Fabrizio will become the Editor of AHIA publications beginning with the next editions of *New Perspectives* and *NP Digital Insights*. This is one change that is embraced with openness, excitement and anticipation. You can look forward, under Mike's leadership, to improvements over time in both the content and look of your two publications.

As I transition to a lifestyle of full retirement in the coming months, I encourage each member to reach out to your new editor with your ideas and comments regarding our publications. Rest assured they will be appreciated, embraced and thoughtfully considered.

I wish you continued good reading! **NP**



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