

2019-20 IIA North American Chairman

Benito Ybarra, CIA

Benito Ybarra is 2019-20 Chairman of the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) North American Board of Directors. In this role, Ybarra provides direction for The IIA's strategic plan in North America and oversees its implementation.

A member of The IIA since 2000, Ybarra has been an active IIA volunteer having served the Austin Chapter in committee, officer, and board member roles. In addition, Ybarra has served on The IIA's Professional Issues Committee and has been a member of the Public Sector Audit Center and Advisory Board (formerly the American Center for Government Auditing) since 2015. He has been a member of the North American Board since 2016, and served as senior vice chairman of the Board from 2018-19.



“Step Forward” is the theme Ybarra chose for his term as IIA North American Board Chairman. “Three areas of opportunity for internal auditors to step forward fall under the headings of culture, courage, and conflict. I urge internal auditors who struggle in these areas at any level of the profession and in any type of organization to *step forward* and begin making a bigger difference to themselves, those they serve, and the profession.”

Ybarra is Chief Audit and Compliance Officer for the Texas Department of Transportation in Austin, Texas. Ybarra oversees the Internal Audit and Compliance divisions, which operate to improve organizational practices, drive accountability and transparency, and recommend the strategic investment and use of resources in the public's interest.

Before joining the transportation department in 2011, Ybarra worked at Dell Inc. and Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation, where he provided internal audit leadership at the global, federal, and state levels. Besides earning the Certified Internal Auditor designation (CIA), he has, during his more than 20 years of audit and investigations experience, earned designations as a Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA), Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE), and Certified Compliance and Ethics Professional (CCEP).

Ybarra graduated from the University of Texas at Austin.