IIA Honors Noted Audit Leaders

New inductees to American Hall of Distinguished Audit Practitioners Announced

GRAPEVINE, Texas (March 7, 2016) — Four internal audit leaders from business, government, and academia make up the 2016 class of the American Hall of Distinguished Audit Practitioners, The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) announced today. The newest inductees were honored before more than 1,200 attendees at The IIA’s General Audit Management (GAM) Conference at the Gaylord Texan Resort.

The honor, established in 2011, annually recognizes individuals who contributed significantly to the profession throughout their careers. It is the highest honor given by The IIA’s North American Board for personal accomplishments in the advancement of the profession.

To be considered, professionals must not only provide diligent service to their organizations, but advance the profession through thought leadership, presentations at conferences or seminars, or service to The IIA in leadership roles. Inductees also must have served as leaders in the internal audit profession for at least 10 years and exemplify highly ethical conduct, integrity, moral character, and service.

The 2016 inductees to the American Hall of Distinguished Audit Practitioners are:

**Eric Hespenheide, CPA** — A longtime champion of integrated internal audit services and sustainability reporting, Hespenheide built a distinguished career as global leader for internal audit services at Deloitte & Touche, where he also led the company’s global sustainability reporting and assurance practice.

After his retirement from Deloitte in 2013, Hespenheide served as chairman of the GRI Technical Advisory committee, and currently serves as chairman of the Global Sustainability Standards Board, chairman of the AICPA Sustainability Assurance and Advisory Task Force, and as a member of The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) Global Advocacy Committee. He serves on the dean’s advisory committee at Louisiana State University and the University of Detroit Mercy.

Hespenheide has been an ardent and longtime supporter of the IIA’s Research Foundation, including serving as vice president of the IIARF’s board of trustees. He helped build strong relationships with industry through the IIA’s Partners in Progress program.
**Urton Anderson, CIA, CCSA, CFSA, CGAP, CRMA** – Currently the EY Professor and Director of Von Allmen School Accountancy at the University of Kentucky, Anderson’s esteemed academic career spans more than three decades, including 29 years at the University of Texas at Austin.

During that time he has been a leader in identifying and framing important internal audit issues and a champion of research in internal auditing. In addition to writing four books and more than 60 articles and collaborations, Anderson has given generously of his time and efforts to The IIA. He has served as chairman of The Institute’s board of regents, and is a two-time chairman of the Internal Auditing Standards Board. He was named The IIA’s Leon R. Radde educator of the year in 1997 and received the organization’s Bradford Cadmus Award in 2006, for his outstanding contributions to the field of internal auditing.

He served as the chairman of The IIA’s committee of research and education and is currently a member of the board of trustees of The IIA’s Research Foundation. He also serves on the board of directors for the Society of Corporate Compliance and Ethics/Health Care Compliance Association. From 2011-2012, Anderson was as an academic fellow in the office of the chief accountant of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

**Jon T. Rymer, CIA, CGAP** – Rymer had long and distinguished careers in the public and private sectors, culminating as inspector general for the U.S. Department of Defense. He also served as IG at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and as interim inspector general at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission for eight months concurrent to his service at FDIC.

He currently serves as the chair of the audit committee of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, and the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board’s accounting and auditing policy committee.

In 2014, Rymer was named as one of “the most influential professionals in government auditing” by The IIA’s American Center for Government Auditing.

Prior to his work in the public sector, Rymer was in senior management at First American National Bank of Tennessee, and at Boatmen's Bank of Arkansas. He also worked at KPMG LLP as a director, where he advised and assisted clients on matters of business process improvement, quality assurance processes, and internal auditing.

He was an active and reserve member of the U.S. Army for more than 30 years, where his awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, and the Humanitarian Service Medal.

**Stephen L. Morgan, CIA, CGAP** – Morgan is president of Excellence in Government Accountability and Performance Practices, a company that specializes in training government auditors and managers. He is the former city auditor of Austin, Texas, where he directed a full-scope audit office that conducted performance audits, fraud investigations, and consulting.
engagements. Before joining the city auditor’s office, Morgan was an evaluator in the U.S. Government Accountability Office’s national productivity group.

In 2009, Morgan received The IIA’s highest honor, the Victor Z. Brink Award. Morgan served on numerous IIA committees, including as chairman of the Public Sector Committee, North American Advocacy Committee, North American Nominating Committee and the North American Board in 2007-08. He has spoken at five IIA Global Conferences.