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Howdy, Friends!

Let's start this month with a few updates!

### **James Ponce appointed to the ACUA Board**

James Ponce, Associate Vice President of Internal Audit at Wake Forest University, has been appointed as a Board Member-at-large. James has been a member of ACUA since 2013 and has been active in his service. He currently is the Audit and Accounting Principles Committee Director, serves as our liaison to NACUBO's Accounting Principles Committee, and is active on the External Relations Committee. In accordance with ACUA's bylaws, James will serve in his role until the election of officers is completed later this summer. If you get a chance, join me in thanking and welcoming James to the ACUA Board!

### **2018 ACUA Salary and Resources Benchmarking Survey results released**

The **2018 Salary Survey**, a biennial effort of the Association, has been completed and posted. Be sure to check out where your organization stands compared to other ACUA members on compensation, staffing levels, and audit resources. The results are available to members at ACUA.org. Look for them at Resources > Audit Tools > Survey Results.

### **New ACUA Kick Starters releasing monthly**

We are pleased to announce the release of two new **ACUA Kick Starters!** Since January we have released Service Centers: Uniform Guidance and Invoicing and Purchasing Card Transactions. ACUA strives to be an indispensable resource for professional knowledge exchange and education content for internal auditing in higher education. ACUA Kick Starters will help you plan and perform an audit in a higher education specific topic area. Each Kick Starter provides a summary of key risks and controls, audit tests, common audit findings, and more. Use an ACUA Kick Starter to launch your next audit! Look for them Resources > Audit Tools on ACUA.org.

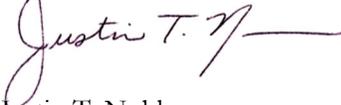
### **Updated NCAA Audit Guides posted to the website**

The purpose of the **NCAA Audit Guide** is to support the efforts of internal audit departments to effectively evaluate and improve the athletic rules compliance programs at NCAA Division I and II institutions. ACUA partners with The Compliance Group, a highly respected authority in the NCAA Compliance space, to provide yearly updates. The NCAA Audit Guide is available exclusively to ACUA members, making it yet another fabulous benefit of your ACUA membership.



Whew! This winter is moving fast and your Association is moving along with it. First, I hope you have secured your place at **Audit Interactive**. We are just a few weeks away from enjoying great networking, learning, and fun in Savannah! Second, the relaunch of **AuditCon** is well underway. The call for content will be out soon (if it isn't already)! Be sure to take a look and figure out how you can plug in and propose a session!

Happy Auditing!



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P.S. Don't forget to check on the volunteer spotlight on the next page!

## Volunteer Spotlight: Sandy Jansen

Sandy Jansen is the Chief Audit Executive at The University of Texas at Austin and has been a member of ACUA for more than 20 years. She has served ACUA in various roles over the years, including as President, Chair of the Professional Education Committee, and Midyear Conference Director. Sandy currently serves as Chair of the Partnerships Committee that she praises as "...an amazing group of volunteers who are self-starters! They are working hard for the members of ACUA establishing connections and providing resources. The committee members are ACUA superstars!" Look for Sandy at the ACUA Audit Interactive where she will be a co-presenter for Tracks 1A, 1B, 1C, and 1D.



### **ACUA: Why did you become an ACUA volunteer?**

Sandy: I was blessed to have two great leaders and mentors (Frances Grogan and Kim Turner), and they both encouraged me to volunteer. Once I started volunteering, I became even more excited about the profession and ACUA's mission. I hope all chief audit executives will encourage team members to volunteer, because volunteering for ACUA can be one of the best leadership development programs.

### **ACUA: What is your favorite ACUA memory?**

Sandy: One of my favorite memories was a day working side-by-side with other volunteers promoting the work of higher education auditors. While serving as ACUA's president, I spent a day with Pam Doran, Julia Hann, and Monica Moyer at IIA headquarters. We had meetings with IIA leaders to further ACUA's collaborations with the IIA, and the day ended with a joint webinar. The four of us had a productive day and left the meetings reenergized and excited about our profession!

### **ACUA: What have you learned as an ACUA volunteer/member?**

Sandy: 1.) I've learned that there are a lot of smart, dynamic auditors in higher education! 2.) I've learned the value of knowing other like-thinking people and having a group of colleagues in my network of friends. I reach out to ACUA colleagues all the time to get ideas on challenges I'm facing. 3.) I've learned the importance of delegating. When I was the Professional Education Committee Chair several years back—I really learned this skill and the importance of delegation to keep work moving forward.

### **ACUA: What is the best piece of advice you have ever received?**

Sandy: Write handwritten notes! We all need to practice this activity more regularly. It is one of the best ways to say thanks, share praise, or encourage our colleagues and friends.

### **ACUA: What are your hobbies/interests outside of audit?**

Sandy: My hobbies are volunteering in other organizations. I always seem to find myself volunteering with a community group for a good cause. I have formed many life-long friendships volunteering side-by-side with remarkable people. Currently, my community volunteer activities are on hold because my current hobby is flying between Tennessee and Texas on the weekends since my family is in a long-term transition to Texas (from Tennessee).