



**Nominated for Vice President
Melissa Hall, CPA, CFE, CCEP
Georgia Institute of Technology**

Melissa is the Deputy Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer and Director of Investigations for the Georgia Institute of Technology. Melissa has been in Higher Education since 2010, when she joined Georgia Tech's Department of Internal Auditing. Previously she served in external audit and finance leadership positions for various government and non-profit organizations.

She is currently serving as ACUA's treasurer after previously serving a 3-year term as Board Member at Large. Melissa's service to ACUA includes conference proctor, Audit committee member, Standards and Best Practices committee member, host committee member, speaker, faculty member, board member at large and treasurer. Additionally, she has served on several task forces and working groups designed to improve the quality of services to ACUA's membership.

Melissa is a Certified Public Accountant, a Certified Fraud Examiner, and a Certified Compliance and Ethics Professional. Locally, Melissa serves on the board of the Atlanta Compliance and Ethics Roundtable and is a frequent speaker and thought leader at industry events in both the internal audit and compliance and ethics space.

Statement

I am extremely honored by the nomination to serve as the Vice President of such a great organization. Not long after joining ACUA in 2010, I realized that this organization was unlike any other professional association. ACUA is special, because its more than just a professional resource, it's a family. Everyone with a huge variety of backgrounds, experiences, and credentials all working uniquely towards a common goal: Increasing the value of Internal Auditing in Higher Education. I quickly realized that by just giving a little bit of my time to the organization, I was able to develop relationships that would benefit not only myself, but Georgia Tech as well. Now, when facing what I believe is a unique problem, I'm able to reach out to any number of peers, talk through challenges and develop solutions for Georgia Tech. I am keenly aware that ACUA would not be the great organization that it is if not for the thousands of volunteers that have graciously given their time to the organization. After serving on the board for the past 5 years, I realize that my service to the organization is not quite complete. As the Vice President of ACUA, I am ready to serve the members and volunteers and assist in leading the board to achieving organizational greatness.

**Nominated for Secretary/Treasurer
LaDonna Flynn, CIA, CPA, MBA
Pittsburg State University**



LaDonna is the Director of Internal Audit at Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, Kansas. She has been in this role for the past nine years. Prior to joining PSU, LaDonna was an Internal Auditor for 15 years in the healthcare and electric utility industries in Tacoma WA and Tucson AZ. She earned a Bachelor and Masters of Business Administration from PSU. LaDonna is also a Certified Internal Auditor (CIA), Certified Public Accountant (CPA), and Certification in Control Self-Assessment (CCSA).

At PSU, she serves on several committees including the Return to Campus Budget and Finance Work Group, Data Classification Committee, PCI Committee, and Kelce College of Business Internal Auditing Education Partnership (IAEP) Advisory Board. She is the contact person for PSU's Compliance and Ethics program. Each academic year she is an active mentor to the newly appointed graduate assistant in her department. She is a frequent guest speaker for PSU's Internal Audit class.

Some of LaDonna's current ACUA contributions include: Board member at large, governance taskforce chair, and small shop round table facilitator. Former ACUA contribution include:, track coordinator, proctor, speaker, lunch table topics host, and ACUA Booth Coordinator at past annual conferences, 2014 midyear host committee member and proctor, Are You Auditing Your Student Health Center? article author for the College and University Auditor Journal, past Internal Audit Awareness Committee Chair, and Recognition Committee Chair.

Statement

I am truly honored and humbled to be nominated for the Secretary/Treasurer position on ACUA's Board of Directors. For the past three years I have served as an ACUA Board member at Large. I have learned so much over the past three years as a Board Member and am looking forward to continuing to serve ACUA as the secretary/treasurer. Having served during this unprecedented time for both ACUA, our institutions, and the world, I feel I am prepared to become ACUA's next Secretary/Treasurer. ACUA has done so much to assist me as Director at PSU and I am excited about the possibility of giving back to ACUA in a new role.

I have been an active member of ACUA since I started at PSU in 2012. During that time, I have gained not only valuable leadership skills but treasured friendships. One of my favorite aspects of ACUA is how members help each other out whether it be by calling another member or by posting on Connect ACUA. One way I have help members over the past three years is the creation of the small shop section on Connect ACUA.



**Nominated for Board Member-at-Large
Marion L. Candrea, CIA, CFE
Ohio University**

In January of this year, Marion made a big career move, but thankfully was able to stay within higher education—an industry she loves. She recently joined Ohio University as its Chief Audit Executive (go Bobcats!). Prior to making the switch to OU, Marion was the Manager of Audit and Advisory Services at Rutgers University, where she had been since 2008. Marion spent the beginning of her career working at Ernst & Young in its Risk Advisory group, based out of the New York City office.

Marion has been involved with ACUA for over twelve years. Her volunteer services to the organization have spanned the gamut, including four years as Co-Director of the Governmental Affairs Committee, participating as a mentor in the ACUA mentorship program, and presenting at multiple conferences. Marion was also in the second cohort of the ACUA Leads! program and was the 2017 recipient of ACUA's Rising Star award. She has participated on several QAR peer review teams at member institutions, has attended countless ACUA conferences, and is now a proud member of the Ohio College and University Internal Auditors group. Most recently, Marion has been filling a one-year term vacancy as a Board Member-at-Large.

Marion received her Bachelor of Science in Accounting from The College of New Jersey and is both a Certified Internal Auditor and a Certified Fraud Examiner. She is a member of the Institute of Internal Auditors and the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners. In addition to her professional experience, Marion has been volunteering with not-for-profit organizations for almost ten years, including serving as a trustee for six. She was involved with Girls on the Run, NYC from 2012 through 2016, first as pro-bono bookkeeper followed by Board Treasurer. Upon completion of this service, Marion joined the Board of Directors of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Monmouth County, where she is currently Board Treasurer as well as Finance Committee Chair for the organization.

Statement

Over the past 12 years, I have had the distinct privilege of experiencing ACUA through a variety of lenses. Throughout my involvement, one fact has been brought into sharp focus for me—ACUA is an organization that comprises committed professionals who are willing to volunteer their time and talent to serve a community that supports one another, benefits from shared experiences and expertise, and works to provide valuable resources and education to colleagues and friends. It would be a great honor to have the opportunity to continue serving ACUA as a Board Member-at-Large. For the past two years, I filled two, one-year vacancies on the board. During this time, I learned what a challenging, rewarding, and enriching experience ACUA board service provides. It has given me a new perspective on the inner workings of the organization. This year, I will wrap up leading ACUA's Marketing Task Force, focused on developing,

evaluating, and deploying strategic marketing efforts. If re-elected, I hope to be able to use the knowledge I have gained over these past two years to move into a different area of the organization and continue working alongside our amazing volunteers on new and continued initiatives. This past year has proven just how important it is to find creative ways to maintain our professional networks and share knowledge with our peers. Now more than ever, I am committed to furthering ACUA's mission of "improving the internal operations and processes of the individual institutions we serve through continued professional development and the sharing of experiences with friends and colleagues."



Nominated for Board Member-at-Large
Joanna Rojas, CISA
Duke University

Joanna is the Director of university audit, which provides an independent viewpoint on governance, risk management and internal controls for Duke University. Joanna joined the Duke Office of Audit, Risk and Compliance in 2008 holding positions of Principal Auditor and Manager prior to becoming Director. Joanna's past experience includes auditing financial, operational and information technology processes with Price Waterhouse Coopers and Lowe's Companies. Joanna holds a B.A. from Florida State University and an

M.B.A. from Florida Gulf Coast University.

She has been a presenter and panel participant at past ACUA and Institute of Internal Auditors conferences. She serves on the Information Systems Audit and Controls Association (ISACA) international audit and advisory committee and represented Duke at the ISACA Global Leadership Summit. She is a Supervisory Committee member at the Duke University Federal Credit Union. Joanna is a Certified Information Systems Auditor.

Statement

I am excited for the opportunity to serve as a Board Member-at-Large. I have been active with ACUA for 10+ years and have found personal and professional fulfillment in sharing my background and experiences. I am a strong advocate for the profession and dedicated to the higher education community and mission. I believe my experience holding various audit positions in external and internal roles will add unique perspective and value. I am grateful for the opportunities ACUA has provided me in networking and forming relationships. At this point in my professional career, I can dedicate more time to ACUA in supporting its operations and strategic plan. With my experience in higher education, knowledge in governance, process and operations and commitment to ACUA's values, I feel I am ready to serve the membership as Board Member-at-Large.



**Nominated for Board Member-at-Large
Eulonda N. Whitmore, CIA, CRMA, CCA
Wayne State University**

Eulonda Whitmore is the Associate Vice President and Chief Audit Executive of the Office of Internal Audit at Wayne State University. She has 20 plus years of distinguished audit experience, record of service and leadership. Eulonda holds a B.A. in accounting from Michigan State University and an M.B.A. with a concentration in management from Wayne State University's Mike Ilitch School of Business.

Eulonda has volunteered for several years on the ACUA Risk Dictionary and currently serves as the Co-Chair of the ACUA Risk Dictionary. She engages with ACUA members via the ACUA list serve. She is a current board member and past president of The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) Detroit Chapter and chair of The IIA Detroit Chapter Awards and Certifications Committees and an IIA Academic Relations Committee member. In October 2020, she was appointed by Michigan Governor, Gretchen Whitmer, to the Michigan State Board of Accountancy.

She also teaches auditing as a part-time faculty member in the Wayne State University's Mike Ilitch School of Business accounting department. She enjoys giving back to the profession by mentoring college students and professionals. She also delights in writing, listening to music and singing.

Statement

I am honored to have the opportunity to be even more involved with ACUA and to connect with our members. I am a dedicated and committed leader who is authentic and eccentric. ACUA has been a valuable resource for me since I joined the Higher Education industry in November 2003. The ACUA list serve allowed me to gain insight, share knowledge, learn, and connect with audit professionals in the higher education industry. When I became the Chief Audit Executive at Wayne State University, I was so happy that I could reach out to others via ACUA to seek advice and get tips for success. I believe that time is a valuable asset and should not be wasted. ACUA volunteers invest their time to help move the higher education industry forward by promoting strong ethics, controls, and the accomplishment of goals at our individual Universities. Our volunteers serve as a *support group* to many members. I encourage others to volunteer with ACUA and I look forward to investing my time to serve ACUA as a Board member. EXCITED!