



Nominated for Vice President

Justin T. Noble, CIA Texas Tech University System

Justin Noble is an Assistant Chief Audit Executive for the Texas Tech University System. Previously, he served as an Audit Director and Audit Manager at the TTU System, a Senior Auditor at Southwest Airlines, and a Senior and Staff Auditor at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. He holds a Master of Architecture and a Master of Business Administration from Texas Tech University. Justin is a Certified Internal Auditor.

Justin is currently a Board Member-at-Large for ACUA. He has been active in ACUA as Distance Learning Director; presented at the 2014 and 2015 ACUA annual conferences in Norfolk and Indianapolis; co-presented at the 2014 ACUA Midyear; presented at the 2017 ACUA Midyear; co-presented an ACUA webinar; and has contributed to ACUA's Journal. In addition to ACUA, Justin is a member of the Institute of Internal Auditors and the Texas Association of College and University Auditors.

Statement

When I think of ACUA I think of one thing: Association. Association is not just the first word of our organization's name – it defines the greatest value we gain together. Starting with my first ACUA Annual Conference in 2003 and continuing through today, I believe the Association is best when the army of volunteers are banded together to further our cause, increase our knowledge, and celebrate successes together. The connections I have made, and continue to make, help me tackle the complex work that Higher Education Auditors face on a weekly basis. In my opinion, the Association exists to be the indispensable resource for connecting auditors with both people and information they need to be the most impactful operation on their respective campus. I view the ACUA Executive Team's role to evaluate each and every offering, opportunity, and activity through the lens of adding value and resources back to the membership. This is how I have approached my time serving ACUA, and am excited, if elected, to continue this approach with service to the Association as Vice President.



Nominated for Secretary/Treasurer

Robert Berry, CPA, CIA, CISA, CCEP
University of South Alabama

Robert is the Executive Director of Internal Audit at the University of South Alabama. Previously, he was the Director of Audit at the University of North Florida for almost 10 years. Prior to this, he worked in the private sector for several large private companies, Fortune 500 organizations and a Big 4 accounting firm.

He is currently the Treasurer for ACUA. In this role he performs various tasks to ensure we make the most of our ACUA membership. Prior to that, he served as Board Member at Large.

Robert has an undergraduate degree in accounting and a Master's in Business Administration. He is a Certified Public Accountant, Certified Internal Auditor, Certified Information Systems Auditor, and Certified Compliance and Ethics Professional. Robert has been published in Institute of Internal Auditors' (IIA) Internal Auditor magazine and the ACUA College and University Auditor journal. Finally he is a frequent presenter at ACUA and IIA conferences.

Statement

Prior to 2007 I was a budding banking professional with a bright career. And then came the great financial fiasco that affected so many people worldwide. I was working for a bank that was destined to fail and decided to migrate to higher education. Little did I know that that would be one of the best decisions of my entire career.

In 2007, I joined the University of North Florida as director of internal auditing with no higher education industry experience. I was afraid and alone. Imagine being the head person in a department in an industry that is new to you. Then, I discovered ACUA.

I attended my first conference in 2007. It was like a breath of fresh air. People shared ideas and audit programs openly and honestly. The ACUA family helped me quickly get up to speed in my new industry. After a short period of time, I began giving back by writing articles and presenting at conferences. I truly believe in the cycle of support. And at this point in my career, I feel a huge gratitude to ACUA for welcoming me into the higher education community. Now my only hope is that I can do the same for others.



Nominated for Secretary/Treasurer

La Donna Flynn, CIA, CPA Pittsburg State University

La Donna is the Director of Internal Audit at Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, Kansas. She has been the Director for the past five years. Prior to joining PSU, LaDonna was an Internal Auditor for 15 years in the healthcare and utility industries in Tacoma WA and Tucson AZ. She earned a Bachelor of Business Administration from PSU. She is scheduled to complete her MBA at PSU in the fall of 2019. La Donna is also a Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) and Certified Public Accountant (CPA).

At PSU, she serves on several committees including Data Classification Committee, PCI Committee, Student Employee of the Year Committee, Service Award & Retirement Recognition Ceremony Committee, Kelce College of Business Internal Auditing Education Partnership (IAEP) Advisory Board, and Unclassified Senate. For the past two academic years, she has served as the Unclassified Senate Secretary. Every academic year she is an active mentor to a new graduate assistant in her department.

Some of LaDonna's ACUA contributions include: track coordinator, proctor, and speaker at past annual conferences, midyear host committee member and proctor, published an article titled *Are You Auditing Your Student Health Center?* in the ACUA journal, internal audit awareness committee chair, and recognition committee chair.

Statement

I am truly honored and humbled to be nominated for the position of ACUA's Secretary/Treasurer. I have been an active member of ACUA since I started at PSU. During that time, I have gained not only valuable leaderships skills and but treasured friendships. One of my favorite aspects of ACUA is how members help each other out either through a phone call to another member or Connect ACUA. One of my passions in ACUA is the Internal Audit Awareness Committee. I believe internal auditors need to be passionate about their field and help others understand the field through awareness activities. A favorite memory of ACUA was how welcomed I felt when I attended my first ACUA conference in San Antonio. Everyone was so friendly and made me feel like I was part of the group. This is something I would like to help ACUA continue in the future.



Nominated for Board Member-at-Large

Sam Khan, CISA, CRISC Oregon State University

Sam is the Senior IT Auditor at Oregon State University. He joined the Office of Audit Services in June 2014. Before joining the Office of Audit Services, Sam was an auditor with the Oregon University System Internal Audit Division. Sam received his Bachelor of Science from the University of Oregon and a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Accounting from Oregon State University. Sam is a Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA) and Certified in Risk and Information Systems Control (CRISC).

Sam is a member of various professional auditing organizations including the Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA). Currently, he serves as the Communications Committee Chair for the Association of College and University Auditors (ACUA), as well as the IT Committee Chair for the Salem Chapter of The Institute of Internal Auditors (The IIA). He was the Editor of *College and University Auditor* from 2014 to 2016.

Statement

We have seen many changes in technology, culture, and regulations since ACUA began in 1958. As a result, our institutions and our profession have adapted to new complexities and challenges. Thankfully, ACUA has remained a haven for our members to share knowledge and learn from each other.

Since joining ACUA in 2013, it has been my pleasure to contribute to our association as a Proctor, Deputy Editor (one year) and Editor (two years) of *College and University Auditor*. Currently, I serve as the Chair of the Communications Committee, which helps provide timely and relevant information to our members.

Whether producing an issue of the journal or implementing a new community forum platform, it takes significant contributions by volunteers to make these projects successful. I am very fortunate to work with a talented team of volunteers on the Communications Committee:

- Ron Richards, Editor, *College and University Auditor*
- Meaghan Smith, Web Services Director
- Khareem Gordon, Social Media Director
- Jennifer McPherson, ACUA Community Director
- Julia Hann, Board Liaison

Our willingness to share our experiences and knowledge with each other makes ACUA great. As a Board Member-at-Large, I will continue to seek ways to increase the value ACUA provides to our members.



Nominated for Board Member-at-Large

Brian D. Mikell, CPA University of Florida

Brian is the Chief Audit Executive at the University of Florida. He is responsible for administering the university's internal audit function, and he serves as the primary liaison to the UF Board of Trustees Audit and Operations Review Committee. He has been with the UF and the Office of Internal Audit since April 2004, serving as CAE since February 2009. Prior to joining UF, Brian spent 22 years as an external auditor with the Florida Auditor General's Office, where clients included the University of Florida, Community Colleges and local governmental entities in Florida. He has a Bachelor's degree in Accounting from the University of Florida.

Brian currently serves as chair of the Standards and Best Practices Committee for the ACUA, and served as chair or co-chair of the Best Practices since 2012. He has been a presenter at a previous ACUA conference, and has regularly served as a proctor and in other roles at ACUA annual conferences since 2004.

Statement

I have been a regular attendee at the ACUA Annual Conferences since becoming involved in Internal Audit in 2004, and recently attended my first Midyear Conference in Austin. I have always had the highest respect for our organization and the service and camaraderie that it provides. As I became more involved as an ACUA volunteer, I began to fully understand that we all have a role to play in helping our profession to be the best it can be. In my family life and in my role as CAE at the University of Florida, I always maintain that integrity is the most important quality that an individual and an auditor can possess, and I strive to exhibit the highest integrity in everything that I do. I am honored to be considered and excited about this opportunity to take the next step in serving our profession and the higher education internal audit community as a member of the ACUA Board of Directors. With more than 30 years of experience with higher education, my involvement with Best Practices, and my commitment to integrity, I am more than ready to serve the ACUA community well and contribute effectively to the leadership of our organization.



Nominated for Board Member-at-Large

Donald Temple

State University of New York (SUNY)

Don is the Audit Manager in the Office of the University Auditor at the State University of New York (SUNY), the largest comprehensive system of higher education in the United States with 64 college and university campuses serving nearly 1.3 million students including 600,000 in credit bearing courses and programs and nearly 700,000 through continuing education and community outreach programs. As the Audit Manager, Don's roles and responsibilities include overseeing and conducting financial, operational, and compliance audits at SUNY's Universities and Colleges including its System Administration. Don also assists in risk assessment and the audit planning process, conducts confidential fraud investigations, and provides assistance to other audit departments and senior management within SUNY. Previously, he served as an Auditor at the New York State Office of the State Comptroller for two years. He holds a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree in Accounting from Siena College, Loudonville New York.

Don has been a member of ACUA for over 11 years. He is currently a member of the ACUA Investment Committee, the ACUA Best Practices Whitepaper subcommittee, and the ACUA Governmental Affairs Committee. In addition, he volunteered as a track coordinator for the 2016 ACUA Annual Conference held ACUA in Miami, Florida and as a Mentor in ACUA's Mentorship Program. Don was a co-author of the ACUA Risk Assessment Whitepaper and was selected as a presenter for the 2017 ACUA Annual Conference to be held in Phoenix, Arizona and will co-present an overview of the ACUA Risk Assessment: Whitepaper.

Don has also been a member of the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) for over 15 years. He has been a presenter at Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) Albany, NY Chapter conferences and seminars and at National Association for Educational Procurement Northeast Regional Conferences.

Statement

ACUA is highly dependent on volunteers willing to sacrifice their time and talents for the organization. I have volunteered to assist ACUA in a number of areas and I am looking forward to further increasing my involvement. Therefore it is a great pleasure and honor to be nominated to serve as a Board Member-at-large for ACUA.

ACUA has provided me with excellent tools to help conduct various job assignments and provide insight regarding complex areas. ACUA members have also been a tremendous resource for not only me and my office but to internal auditors in the Higher Education sector. In addition, ACUA volunteers on the various groups and committees I have served on have added greatly to my performance as both an audit manager and a person and appreciate all ACUA has given me.

I want to thank the ACUA Nomination Committee for accepting my nomination for Board-Member-at-large. I look forward to being the ultimate volunteer for ACUA and its members and faithfully serving you as a Board-Member-at-large.