

2011-2012 Chairman of the Board

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Denny Beran is The Institute of Internal Auditors' (IIA's) 2011-2012 Chairman of the Board. He is also Senior Vice President of Audit for the J.C. Penney Company Inc., one of America's leading retailers with stores throughout the United States and Puerto Rico.

Beran has spent his 40-year career at J.C. Penney Company Inc., joining the Company in 1971 directly after graduating Cum Laude from Point Park University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA, with a BS degree in accounting. He spent the next four decades building a successful internal audit career by working his way up through the ranks of the internal audit division, holding positions at a variety of field locations and now located in the home office of J.C. Penney Company Inc. where he leads all internal audit operations.



Beran has a history of giving back to the internal auditing profession through his work with The IIA. Before being elected as IIA Global Chairman in July 2011, he earned recognition as a passionate volunteer leader of The IIA at local, national, and international levels. In 1999, Beran received the Victor Z. Brink Award for Distinguished Service, one of The Institute of Internal Auditors' most prestigious awards. His IIA leadership positions have included past president of the Pittsburgh Chapter; chairman of the Academic Relations, International Relations, Ethics, and Global and North American Nominating Committees; vice president of development for The IIA Research Foundation Board of Trustees; vice chairman of professional development; chairman of the Value Proposition Task Force; vice chairman of Professional Practices; and senior vice chairman of the Board.

As The IIA's chief spokesperson and advocate for the internal audit profession worldwide, Beran chose, "Assess Our Relevance," as his 2011-2012 Chairman's theme. He believes that internal auditors must continue to become more relevant to both their stakeholders and their profession. As he speaks to The IIA's constituents and 170,000 members around the globe, he will encourage fellow practitioners to assess their own relevance and to strive to be an indispensable asset to their organizations.

Beran also is actively involved in his community, volunteering for Love Truck, a non-profit organization devoted to assisting those less fortunate by providing food, clothing and household items on a monthly basis. Because of his extensive civic and charity involvement, Beran was one of 22 individuals selected in the Dallas, Texas, area to carry the Olympic Torch during the 1996 Olympic Torch Relay.

