



IIA Atlanta Chapter Meeting

March 12, 2026

3:00 -3:10PM	IIA Atlanta Announcements
3:10 – 4:00PM	Resilience in Action: What Recent High-Profile Cyber Incidents Teach Us Cyber incidents do not just affect IT. They can interrupt the core services your business relies on to serve customers, process transactions, and keep operations moving. In today's connected environment, a single event can spread quickly across internal systems, key vendors, and customer-facing platforms. The result is often more disruptive than expected, with critical applications offline, limited access to data, and everyday work brought to a stop. When outages last days or weeks, the cost can be significant and can impact revenue, reputation, and regulatory commitments. In this session, we will unpack lessons learned from recent, widely reported cyber incidents and translate them into practical takeaways. We will walk through what happened, where organizations struggled during response and recovery, and what separates fast recoveries from long outages. Speaker: Steve Taylor, Director, Forensics, Cyber Risk & Resilience Services
4:00-4:10PM	Break
4:10-5:00PM	An Executive Discussion on Strategic Resiliency A discussion with Finance, HR and Technology leaders about how organizations are adapting, competing and creating value in a rapidly evolving economic, regulatory, technological and geopolitical landscape. We'll cover the panel's views on resiliency, including how to seize opportunity when it arises, and panelists will share their views of the internal auditor's role in building resiliency and maximizing impact. Panelists: David Nolan, CIO, Asurion Ron Oertell, CFO, Purchasing Power Jessica Johnston, CHRO, Belt Power

5:00-6:00PM	After the BDO CPE event, keep the conversation going with a curated whiskey tasting where you can sample award winning Defiant Whisky and learn the story behind each pour. (https://blueridgedistilling.com/)
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Speaker BIO:

Steve Taylor, Director, Forensics, Cyber Risk & Resilience Services

Steve leads BDO's Cyber Risk and Resilience offering and helps organizations design and implement practical cybersecurity strategies across the public and private sectors. With more than 20 years of experience, he advises CISOs and executive teams on cyber resilience, regulatory expectations, and effective incident response. His work focuses on turning complex cyber risk into clear business actions, including building enterprise security programs, maturing security operations, and aligning investments to real priorities. Before joining BDO, Steve led Palo Alto Networks' Global Risk organization and served as incident commander for more than 100 security incidents, including zero-day vulnerabilities, data breaches, and product outages.

David Nolan, CIO, Asurion

As Chief Information Security Officer at Asurion, David leads the enterprise-wide cybersecurity vision, strategy, and execution—ensuring operational excellence and resilience across the organization. He oversees a broad portfolio of capabilities, including Incident Response, Risk Management, Identity and Access Management, Vulnerability Management, Customer Trust, Security Architecture & Engineering, Product Security, and Data Governance. As a servant-leader, David empowers and mentors a high-performing organization of VPs, directors, managers, and technical experts to deliver resilient and scalable security capabilities

With more than two decades of experience spanning cybersecurity, risk, and information technology, David has held diverse executive and technical leadership roles across multiple industries. At The Aaron's Company, he served as Chief Information Officer, Chief Information Security Officer, and Vice President of Enterprise Risk. Prior to that, he led security, software development, and large-scale business transformation initiatives at Caterpillar Inc., and held technology positions at State Farm Insurance and the Central Intelligence Agency.

Recognized as a trusted voice in the cybersecurity community, David is a frequent keynote speaker and thought leader. He has presented at industry-leading events including the (ISC)² Security Congress, ISSA, and ISACA conferences, and has been featured on top cybersecurity podcasts such as the CISO Series, Security Weekly, and CISO Stories. Beyond public speaking, he contributes his expertise as an advisor to multiple industry associations, universities, and non-profit organizations, helping shape the next generation of security and technology leaders.

Ron Oertell, CFO, Purchasing Power

Ron is the Chief Financial Officer of Purchasing Power. He has a broad responsibility set at Purchasing Power including overseeing accounting, financial planning and analysis, treasury and capital structure, credit and underwriting, financial operations, as well as servicing and collections. He also evaluates and advises on strategic planning, annual budgeting and

forecasting processes of the company's ongoing programs and business growth opportunities.

In January of this year, Purchasing Power was sold to Prog Holdings (NYSE: PRG). After growing Purchasing Power to just under \$700 million in revenue during his tenure as CFO, Ron is excited to generate a successful exit for its prior PE owner (Flexpoint Ford) to a strong strategic buyer.

Prior to Purchasing Power, Ron served as CFO at LendingUSA, a point-of-sale, automated consumer finance company. He also worked as a finance attorney in New York City representing large financial institutions and investment funds.

Ron received his bachelor's degree in criminal justice and economics from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. He holds a Juris Doctor degree from Emory University School of Law in Atlanta and was awarded the designated Chartered Financial Analyst by the CFA Institute.

Jessica Johnston, CHRO, Belt Power

Jessica Johnston, Chief HR Officer with Belt Power headquartered in Marietta, GA. She has over 25 years of HR experience in manufacturing in a variety of roles that include plant HR, Organizational Development, safety and Board level responsibilities; and in a variety of industries ranging from Pistons and paper to Chemicals and Aerospace. Companies include Brush Wellman, Avery Dennison, Precision CastParts Corp and Graftech International. These companies span in size from large publicly traded organizations to small private equity owned businesses. Experience includes both union and non-union; global and US based companies. Her experience has all been in HR and always based in Ohio until her recent move to the Atlanta GA area last year. She has 2 adult boys, 2 adult dogs, and enjoys Crossfit, Hot Yoga and tracking her sleep score.