

## Marshall County Auditor Angie Johnson Birchmeier elevated to Treasurer of the Indiana Auditor's Association for 2026

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MARSHALL COUNTY — Angie Johnson Birchmeier, Auditor of Marshall County, has been elevated to serve as Treasurer of the Indiana Auditor's Association following the retirement of the Association's current Treasurer. Birchmeier had previously been elected to serve as the Association's Secretary for 2026. Her new role places her on the Association's Executive Committee, where she will help guide statewide collaboration, oversight, and professional development for all 92 counties.

A special meeting was held by the Auditors Association on November 25, 2025, to vote for the changes and the official transition of power occurred on December 2, 2025, during the Annual Commissioners Conference. Birchmeier currently represents the Northwest District on the Association's Legislative Committee, contributing to policy discussions and

advocacy efforts that support Indiana counties.

A lifelong resident of Marshall County, Birchmeier has built a strong record of public service. She previously served as Marshall County Treasurer before being elected Auditor in 2020, consistently prioritizing accuracy, transparency, and responsible financial stewardship.

"I am grateful for the trust placed in me and proud to support the work of county auditors across Indiana," said Birchmeier. "The Association's mission is vital, and I look forward to contributing in this new capacity."

More information about the Indiana Auditor's Association can be found through the Association of Indiana Counties: [www.indianacounties.org](http://www.indianacounties.org).

The Marshall County Building is open to the public from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday.

Residents are welcome to call us at 574-935-8555 with any questions or concerns.

## LecsIT named finalist in the 2025 MSP Titans of the Industry Awards

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NORTHERN INDIANA — LecsIT has been recognized as a finalist in the 2025 MSP Titans of the Industry Awards, an elite distinction honoring excellence, leadership, and innovation within the Managed Service Provider industry. This recognition places LecsIT among a select group of top-performing MSPs who continue to raise the bar for what it means to be a trusted technology partner for small and mid-sized businesses.

This nomination celebrates the meaningful work LecsIT delivers every day—solving complex challenges, strengthening client trust, and helping organizations stay secure, productive, and prepared in a technology landscape that evolves faster than ever.

"This recognition reflects the passion and relentless commitment of our team," said James Horvath, Founder of LecsIT. "We don't just respond to issues; we work to prevent them. We don't just manage IT; we help businesses grow through better technology. Being named a finalist reaffirms that the long hours, ongoing training, and dedication to our clients truly make an impact."

The MSP Titans of the Industry Awards spotlight providers that demonstrate remarkable innovation, outstanding client outcomes, and forward-thinking service models. Finalists are chosen through a competitive review process that evaluates business performance, customer success, technology strategy, and contributions to the MSP community.

Winners will be announced on Dec. 10, at the prestigious Beverly Hilton Hotel in Beverly Hills, California.

"We're honored to be recognized alongside such exceptional peers," Horvath added. "This nomination is more than an achievement for our team—it's a signal to our clients that we're delivering secure, smart, and strategic IT leadership that drives real business results."

For more information about LecsIT, visit <https://www.legsit.com>.

### About LecsIT

LecsIT is a trusted IT services firm based in northern Indiana, serving small and medium-sized businesses with secure, strategic, and results-driven technology solutions. Since 2011, the company has specialized in managed IT services, cybersecurity, network planning, and business continuity. LecsIT's mission is simple: empower organizations to operate with confidence by providing technology that's dependable, secure, and aligned with their goals.

### About James Horvath

James Horvath, a native Hoosier and founder of LecsIT, an IT services firm he launched in 2011 with a clear mission: to help small and medium-sized businesses operate with confidence in a world where technology changes fast and cyber threats never slow down. With more than a decade of hands-on experience, he has built a reputation for strategic thinking, practical solutions, and a relentless focus on protecting and empowering the organizations he serves.

In addition to leading LecsIT, James serves as an Ambassador for the South Bend Young Professionals Network, where he supports community engagement, professional development, and initiatives that uplift emerging leaders across the region.

Under his leadership, LecsIT has grown into a trusted technology partner known for its proactive approach to IT management, strong cybersecurity expertise, and dedication to delivering measurable results. James is committed to continuous learning and innovation, ensuring his team and clients stay ahead of emerging challenges.

Whether guiding businesses through complex technology decisions or strengthening their security posture, he approaches every engagement with integrity, clarity, and a genuine desire to see clients succeed.

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## Builds, from front

ranked team in the competition for the elimination bracket and handily beat the 8th ranked alliance in the round of 16 to advance to the quarterfinals. In quarterfinals they faced the 2nd ranked alliance and ultimately fell to them. However the team earned the distinction of getting 3rd place of 38 teams in the Robot Skills portion of the tournament in which teams compete in matches. Their score currently ranks them 19th in the state for high school teams and in the top 500 in the world. The team is proud of their accomplishments. "Coming in as freshmen and competing at the level we did was really challenging and eye opening at the same time. It shows that we have potential, and that other teams realize that we're good picks for an alliance," said Miles Stoneburner, the programmer for Mechanibalism.

RoboPhish competed extremely well, especially against top high school teams also with a record of 3 and 3. They ranked 20th overall and picked a team from Anderson to complete the 16th seed alliance. They played great defense in their round of 16 match, but lost to the 6th seed alliance despite holding them to only 36 points, the lowest scoring match of the elimination rounds. The RoboPhish ranked



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Mechanibalism members (from left to right) Chloe Joshick, Miles Stoneburner, and Michael Wandland concentrate on the autonomous portion of a match.

14th in skills matches, ranking them 16th in the state for middle school teams. Jackson Williams, one of the drivers and builders for RoboPhish said, "The tournament went well. Robotics is fun and it was a great bonding experience with my teammates."

Top Tier travels this weekend to Portage to compete in the Region Robotics Rumble.

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