



# ISACA® New York Metropolitan Chapter

## December 2012

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### President's Message

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Greetings fellow ISACA® New York Metropolitan Chapter members - and Happy Holidays!

December is the halfway mark for our fiscal year and I wanted to share some important updates.

First, we continue to grow, and as of last month we are over 2,900 members with a projected annual growth of around 12%. This is one of the highest of all very large chapters, and we appreciate your support and see it as recognition of the value you get from being a member.

This time of year, we start thinking about two things: 1) the Board Elections and 2) the Wasserman Award. There will be a lot of communication about this in the next month but here's what you need to know now:

- If you are considering running for a Board position, look for communication on our [website](#) and in next month's eNewsletter about key dates. In the past, all Board nomination forms needed to be in by mid-February, so keep an eye out and if you have any questions about the process

send an email to [nominations@isacany.org](mailto:nominations@isacany.org).

- We will also soon be accepting nominations for the prestigious Wasserman award, which is presented by the ISACA® New York Metropolitan Chapter on behalf of our entire membership, to the person we feel has made a significant contribution to our profession. We have a committee which will be sending out future communications on this over the next month or so, but you should start thinking about someone who has truly made a difference to what we do as IT audit, risk, and security professionals and nominate that person when the time comes.

Lastly, I wanted to announce our ISACA® New York Metropolitan Chapter on-line store, where you can get ISACA® New York branded items like mugs, shirts, jackets, hats, etc. This will be up and running on our [website](#) by the end of the month so check back soon.

With that, I wish you and your family a wonderful and safe holiday season. We'll see you in 2013!

Sincerely,

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## Education

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As the calendar year ends, the Education Committee would like to thank you for attending Chapter sponsored training offered in 2012. If you find yourself short of CPE's this year, register for the sessions below, or visit the ISACA® International [website](#) for additional online training. On a separate note, we are happy to announce that starting in January full and multiple day education classes will be reduced by \$50 per course day and our webinars will remain free!

### Upcoming Classes

- **Crucial Communication: Skills when the Stakes are High:** Wednesday, December 12, 2012 (8:30 AM - 5:30 PM Eastern Time). Member Price: \$350 (CPE: 8). [Register Now](#)

### Upcoming Free Webinars

- **COBIT® 5 - Assessing Performance:** Tuesday, December 11, 2012 (12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Eastern Time). [Register Now](#)
- **COBIT® 5 for Information Security:** Thursday, December 13, 2012 (12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Eastern Time). [Register Now](#)

Registration for the following classes to be held in Q1 2013 will open later this month:

- Auditing Oracle
- IT Controls Required to Enforce Data Privacy and Prevent Fraud
- Auditors Role in IT Governance
- COBIT 5 - Foundation Course and Certification Exam

If you haven't already, please take 2 minutes to let us know if you would be interested in attending a

large multi-day conference in late 2013 by taking this brief 9 question [survey](#). We look forward to meeting your training needs in 2013.

If you would like to host a class or have a suggestion for training, please email [education@isacany.org](mailto:education@isacany.org).

Volunteers for the Education Committee are always welcome. Email [education@isacany.org](mailto:education@isacany.org) or [Alexander Josephite](#) (Committee Chair) to learn how to get involved.

## Membership

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## Upcoming Events

**Wednesday, December 12, 2012** - *Winter Membership Meeting and Holiday Party* at Citi, 388 Greenwich Street. [Registration](#) closes on Sunday, December 9, 2012 at 6:00 PM.

Celebrate the Holidays and the Coming New Year - Delicious hors d'oeuvres and beverages, raffle prizes, and other surprises including the announcement of the *Let's Remain #1 Member Survey* winners! Not to mention, 1 CPE for our featured presentation by Michelangelo Sidagni, Chief Technology Officer of NopSec, "*Modern Vulnerability Management... please do not click that big shiny scanning button!*" [Register now!](#)

**Special Year End Thanks** to our 2012 event sponsors:

- Accume Partners
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**Welcome** new and returning Chapter members! The ISACA® New York Metropolitan Chapter now has 2,951 members. Check the [website](#) to see who's new in October and November.

**For New and Existing Members** - Visit our [Members @ A Glance](#) webpage for a quick reference guide to "Who we are" and the benefits the ISACA® New York Metropolitan Chapter offers.

**Time is Running Out** - ISACA®'s *Member Get A Member Campaign* ends on December 31, 2012. You still have time to participate for the December monthly prize and the Top Recruiter prize to be awarded in January 2013. Visit the ISACA® [website](#) for more information.

**Recommendations and suggestions** are welcome for speakers, sponsors, venues, and topics for

future membership meetings and conferences. Email your recommendations and suggestions to [membership@isacany.org](mailto:membership@isacany.org).

**Volunteers** are always needed for membership events and to assist in Chapter activities and projects. [Learn more...](#)

**ISACA® Memberships Expire on December 30, 2012 - Join or Renew** online today quickly and securely at [www.isaca.org](http://www.isaca.org). Don't miss out on the many [benefits](#) of membership.

## Certification

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I'm pleased to share some of the 2012 Certification Committee highlights:

- Completion of all certification exam prep classes for the CRISC™ (Certified in Risk and Information Systems Control), CGEIT® (Certified in the Governance of Enterprise IT), and the CISA® (Certificated Information Systems Auditor) exam review classes in November along with the IT boot camp for CISA® and CISM®.
- Live presentation of the CRISC™ Exam Review Class was a great success; the only chapter in the Northeast to do so with the help of eDelta consulting who donated a classroom during Hurricane Sandy.
- Spring 2013 "Early Bird" registration for CISA® (Live), CRISC™ (Live), CISM® and CGEIT® (Webinar) exam review classes will open for registration on 12/15/2012. This course is back by popular demand! Check the *Certification* tab on the Chapter [website](#) frequently to take advantage of the early registration discount.
- Our very first CGEIT® Global webinar was presented globally with attendees from Asia, Africa, and the United States.
- Participants attending the CRISC™ class gained knowledge in IT Risk Management as well as great preparation for the December certification exam in the areas of: Risk Identification; Assessment and Evaluation; Risk Response; Risk Monitoring; Information Systems Control; Design and Implementation; Information Systems Control Monitoring and Maintenance.
- Click [here](#) to view the all the certification review class photos.

I'd like to encourage all members to become certified in CISA®, CISM®, CGEIT® or CRISC™. As was expressed to me by a college student, "It is important to become CISA® certified in the IT auditing industry as an early start. The certification will enhance their career path as a stepping stone to help launch their first job when they graduate."

**Good Luck** to everyone who is sitting for the December exam!

**December Exam - Take Note:** Exam day is **Saturday, December 8, 2012**. Try to arrive one hour early but no later than **8:15 AM**. Doors close at 8:25 AM sharp! (No one is allowed entry after that time and a failing grade will be issued with no refunds.)

### **Exam Checklist:**

Please be sure to bring the following to the exam:

1. Exam letter from ISACA® International.
2. Government issued photo ID
3. Pencil (#2 or HB)
4. Eraser
5. ISACA® member ID number
6. Turn off all electronic devices (cell phones, watch alarm, etc.)

**Reminder - Certification CPEs requirement and maintenance:** To maintain your certification you must have a total of 120 CPEs for a period of three years and 20 CPEs mandatory each year after you receive your certification. Please also ensure that you renew your membership and certification maintenance fee.

Click [here](#) to register for a Certification exam.

If you are interested in pursuing a certification or sponsoring a certification class facility, please contact [certification@isacsany.org](mailto:certification@isacsany.org) or [Kwongmei To](#) (Committee Chair).

## Academic Relations

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The Academic Relations Committee continues to move forward with its goal to reach out to Colleges and Universities in the New York Metropolitan area in order to educate potential new members about the benefits of being an ISACA® member and working in the profession. We strive to educate potential members on current trends in technology and the IT Audit industry.

During the months of November and December we have provided presentations to a number of Colleges and Universities on the topics of: ISACA®, IT Governance, COBIT®, Information Security and Sarbanes-Oxley. Schools we have presented to include: Pace University (two separate sessions), New York Tech, and Hunter College.

Presentations are also being scheduled now for January and February of 2013. We are seeing increased interest in ISACA® from the college community and will be providing additional information on upcoming initiatives in the next eNewsletter.

If you are interested in joining the Academic Relations Committee or sharing your knowledge and expertise of Information Security and/or IT Audit and Compliance at future college events, please contact [academic.relations@isacany.org](mailto:academic.relations@isacany.org), [Anthony D'Amato](#) (Committee Co-Chair), or [Raisa Serebrenik](#) (Committee Co-Chair).

## Corporate Relations

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The Corporate Relations Committee plays an important role in establishing ISACA® credentials and competency in areas of IT Governance, Risk, Security, and Audit and continues to actively explore ways for the Chapter to better serve the organizations that employ our members. The Committee's

ways for the Chapter to better serve the organizations that employ our members. The Committee's recent activities in this regard include the following:

- The Corporate Relations committee chair, Alexander Abramov, CISA®, CRISC™, CGEIT® spoke at the CIO Finance Summit in Scottsdale, AZ on "How Risk Analytics Transform IT Governance, Risk, and Compliance Landscape". His presentation was focused on how data analytics can inform, guide, and enhance IT Governance, Risk, and Compliance (GRC) and help to deliver true Enterprise Risk Management. Specific areas discussed included:
  - How analytics help to connect the dots and enable true enterprise end-to-end view of risk
  - How data analytics can reduce operational risk, regulatory exposure, and business cost
  - How data analytics brought emergence of new aspects of model risk - a word of caution
- Over the last six months, the Committee has continued its activities geared at reaching out to members who work in the government sector in order to strengthen our engagement with that particular segment of our membership. These efforts are ongoing as the Committee is currently in discussions with a noted expert in COBIT® 5 for him to speak on this topic to a group of bank regulators

If you are interested in joining the Corporate Relations Committee, please contact [corporate.relations@isacany.org](mailto:corporate.relations@isacany.org) or [Alexander Abramov](#) (Committee Chair).

## Hot Topics

### ***Eastern ISACA® Chapters Fall 2013 Conference Survey***

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### ***Marketing Committee***

Coming soon! The ISACA® New York Metropolitan Chapter will have its very own company store filled with ISACA® New York branded items! Stay tuned and check our [website](#) for updates.

## Our Leadership

### ***Board of Directors***

The ISACA® New York Metropolitan Chapter Board of Directors consists of 20 Board Members plus the last 3 past Presidents. Like our membership, the Board represents a wide array of backgrounds and come from many industries including Financial Services, Consulting, Education, Entertainment, and Retail. The Board meets monthly to discuss the Chapter's new and old business and the status of projects being performed by Board Committees.

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