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President's Message

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Hello fellow ISACA® New York Metro members:

It's hard to believe that half of our chapter fiscal-year is over. It seems like yesterday when we had our annual Gala in June and we were just starting to plan for the upcoming year.

I'm very pleased with everything we accomplished so far - especially the breadth of our education and membership offerings and our new website. By the way - make sure you have our chapter's *NEW* website (www.isaca.org/metrony) bookmarked. In January, we turn-off the redirect on our *OLD* site (www.isacany.net) which many of you are still using.

We had extremely positive feedback from our November membership meeting featuring a CISO panel. It was not only informative but the panelists really fed off each other's comments, providing a more dynamic and interactive session. You can read more about that on our website by clicking here.

Our next membership meeting will be on December 15th, at Baruch College. Earlier that afternoon, at the same location, we are also holding our Winter Conference - featuring a networking lunch and four presentations on current topics of interest (Managing Cyber Security, Stopping Insider Threats, Managing Spreadsheet Risk, and CIO Agenda and Strategy). See the membership section below for more details. This is a great way to earn last minute CPE's while listening to some great speakers and

networking with your peers. I hope to see you there.

We still have a lot planned for the Spring too, including additional educational events, a Past President's dinner, Spring Conference, and of course our Spring Gala. It's a great time to be a member of the ISACA® New York Metro Chapter.

Lastly, I wanted to take a moment to wish each and every one of you a very warm, happy, and safe Holiday Season. I am very grateful and thankful to be able to work with such a talented group of professionals every day and proud to serve as your Chapter President. We have all taken great strides together over the past couple of years as we've implemented our strategic plan, and there is so much more to come over the next few months.

All the best.

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We end 2011 with a sold out class on *Securing Mobile Assets and Applications* on December 12th. While registration for classes in 2012 are not yet available, classes to look forward to include:

- Auditing Active Directory
- Hacking Tools and Evolution
- How to Perform an IT General Controls Review
- IT Auditing Principles for Internal Audit Managers
- Operational Risk Management
- SAP Security

In addition, our webinar series will continue in 2012.

Thank you to all who attended our education classes and to all companies who graciously hosted chapter events this year.

Membership

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December 15th opportunity for CPE and celebration! Two events on one day in one location.

Winter Conference 2011: Join us at 12 Noon for a light lunch, beverages, and networking. The Conference starts at 1:00 PM and features 4 presentations for 4 CPE. Presentation topics are: Managing Cyber Security - Strategies in Enterprise Information Risk; Stopping Insider Threat: Managing Privileged Users Productively; Managing Spreadsheet Risk; and CIO Agenda and Strategy.

The Conference ends at 5:30 PM with a raffle drawing for several exciting prizes, and you are welcome to stay for hors d'oeuvres and beverages, and more networking until 6:30 PM.

Membership Meeting/Holiday Celebration: Join us at 5:30 PM for hors d'oeuvres, beverages, and networking (with Conference attendees). The Membership Meeting starts at 6:30 PM and features a presentation on Firewall Audits for 1 CPE. At 7:30 PM, we will break out the wine and beer and celebrate the season with our fellow Chapter members and guests.

Registration is required **and** separate for both events; you may register for the Conference *or* the Membership Meeting/Holiday Celebration *or* both.

Click here to register and for details on agenda and fees.

Sponsors and Presenters for the December 15th events include: Information Law Partners/Cyber Security Assurance; Protiviti, Inc.; Tufin Technologies; and Verdasys, Inc.

The Scoop on our previous Membership Meeting! On November 7th, the Chapter's Fall Membership Meeting brought together members and guests for a lively CISO Roundtable discussion on current information security issues. It was a huge success and we all enjoyed the fabulous views from Alliance Global Investors' midtown location and the festive networking after the Roundtable. Click here for event photos and to read more.

Volunteers are always needed and greatly appreciated for Membership events. Email volunteer@isacany.org for more information.

Certification

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I am pleased to share with you some of the highlights of the Certification Committee this past year:

- Completion of both the CRISC® (Certified in Risk and Information Systems Control®) and the CISA® (Certificated Information System Audit®) exam review classes in November.
- Live presentation of the CRISC® Exam Review Class for the first time ever; the only chapter in the Northeast to do so.
- Early bird registration was offered for the CISA® and CRISC® exam review classes for the first time with an excellent response.
- Both classes were held in Manhattan with excellent attendance; much thanks to our experienced instructor, Jay Ranade.
- 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 & Evaluation, Risk Response, Risk Monitoring, Information Systems Control, Design & implementation, Information Systems Control Monitoring & Maintenance.

I'd like to encourage all IT auditing professionals 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."

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone who is sitting for the December exam "Good Luck!"

December Exam Notes:

1. Exam day: Saturday, December 10, 2011
2. Try to arrive one hour early (no later than 8:15 am).
3. Doors close at 8:25 AM! No one is allowed entry after that time. A failing grade will be issued with no refund.

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.)

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.

If you are interested in certification, please contact certification@isacsany.org or Kwongmei To (Committee Chair).

Click here for more information about IT Audit, Security, Governance, and Risk Certifications.

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The Academic Relations Committee continues providing seminars and presentations to Universities and Colleges with the goal to educate and spark interest in the ever-growing field of IT Audit and Compliance. On December 1, 2011, the Academic Relations Committee met with accounting major students at the Pace University downtown campus. This was the second invitation in the last two months from Dr. Picheng Lee, CMA and Professor of Accounting.

Dr. Lee feels that ISACA® offers a great networking opportunity to students to interact with Information Systems professionals, and to link classroom material with the practical experiences of the presenters.

The presentation was given to a group of 25 accounting major students. Participating in that event were Anthony D'Amato (Academic Relations Committee Co-Chair), Ron Petrucci, CISSP (IS Security Expert) and Raisa Serebrenik (Academic Relations Committee Co-Chair).

The overall goal of our presentation was to bridge Accounting Systems with Information Security, and to demonstrate to the students the importance of Information Systems controls. The first part of the presentation provided an overview of ISACA®, including an explanation of the four certifications that

ISACA® offers, an introduction to the COBIT framework, and the benefits of becoming an ISACA® member. The second part of presentation was focused on broadening students' knowledge about Information Systems security. Our guest speaker, Ron Petrucci, shared his expertise about cybercrime, types of security threats, and preventive measures to reduce risk. All of the presenters also shared their work experiences and answered students' questions.

On behalf of the ISACA® New York Metro Chapter, we would like to thank the faculty at Pace University, and especially Dr. Picheng Lee, CMA, Professor of Accounting at Pace University for providing us with the opportunity to present, and our guest speaker, Ron Petrucci, for sharing his Information Security expertise with the students.

If you are interested in sharing your knowledge and expertise of Information Security and/or IT Audit and Compliance at future college events, please contact academic.relations@isacany.org. Anthony D'Amato (Committee Co-Chair), or Raisa Serenbrenik (Committee Co-Chair).

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As we continue expanding our outreach to sponsors, we are actively looking for volunteers to work on the Corporate Relations Committee to help establish contacts with leaders in our profession as well as in the industry. If you are interested in joining the Corporate Relations Committee, please contact corporate.relations@isacany.org or Alex Abramov (Committee Chair).

Our Leadership

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The ISACA® New York Metro 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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