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President's Message

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Hello fellow ISACA® New York Metro members:

Happy New Year to you all and all the best for a prosperous 2012!

As we look to the final 6-months of our fiscal year, ending June 30, 2012, I can't help but get excited at what we have planned. In addition to our webinar and education program, we have some special membership events which are worth mentioning.

We are planning a Past President's reception in February honoring our newly certified members and past Chapter Presidents, a Spring Conference in May, and of course, our annual Gala in June. We are finalizing the dates so check our website for details.

We are also working on a special education event to honor some of our veterans returning home. It's our way of saying "thank you" to those who served and are looking for some IT training to help get them back into the workforce.

Lastly, I wanted to mention that we are accepting nominations for Board positions. This is a way to help your Chapter and add to your career. I've served on the ISACA® New York Metro Chapter Board

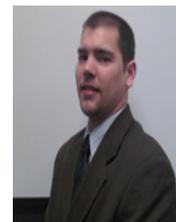
for the past five years and found it to be a very rewarding experience. Check our [website](#) for the nominations form and instructions. All nominations are due by February 15th at nominations@isacany.org.

Until next time - have a great month and I look forward to seeing you at a future event.

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Education

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Registration for many of our [webinars](#) in the first half of 2012 is now open! Our IT Risk as well as our IT Governance and Value webinar series presented by renowned IT Governance expert Brian Barnier will continue through May. In addition, we will have presentations on IFRS and Breach Disclosure Do's and Don'ts. If you would like the Chapter to host a webinar on a specific topic please email education@isacany.org.

The Education Committee is finalizing the logistics for a three day class on Auditing SAP Security and a two day course on How to Perform an Information Technology General Controls Review in February, as well as a two day class on IT Audit Principles for Audit Managers that will be held in March. Check the [website](#) often as new events will be added throughout January.

Membership

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Save the Date! On February 16th, the Chapter will host the annual Recognition Event at the elegant Union League Club. All members who attained an ISACA® certification during 2011 are invited to celebrate their achievement with the Board of Directors. Past Presidents of the Chapter are also invited as a gesture of appreciation for their service to the Chapter.

Save the Date (Part 2)! Hot on the heels of our successful Winter Conference 2011, we are now planning Spring Conference 2012 for Monday May 21st.

Details for both the Recognition Event and the Spring Conference will be posted on the Chapter website and invitations will be emailed.

Speaking of Membership Events and the Chapter website - visit the recently revamped [Membership Meetings and Events](#) page for presentations and photos from Winter Conference 2011 and the Winter Membership Meeting held on December 15, 2011. Presentations and photos from prior meetings and events are also available.

If you haven't already renewed your membership in ISACA® and the New York Metro Chapter, do it now! Renew online today quickly and securely at isaca.org/renew.

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

Certification

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I am excited to share with you some of the highlights of the Certification Committee and upcoming events for 2012:

- By popular demand the "Early Bird" registration is being offered for the CISA® exam review class (Spring 2012) again. Click [here](#) to register at the "Early Bird" price. Hurry! This class has limited seats at this rate.
- Completion of both the CRISC® (Certified in Risk and Information Systems Control®) and the CISA® (Certificated Information Systems Auditor®) exam review classes in November 2011.
- Live presentation of the CRISC® Exam Review Class for the first time ever - the only chapter in the Northeast to do so. To view the pictures please visit the [Photo Gallery](#) on the Chapter website. Participants attending the CRISC® class gained knowledge in IT Risk Management as well as great preparation for the December certification exam.
- **NEW** class for CISA® & CISM® certification exam participants for the June 2012 exam. "IT Boot Camp for CISA® and CISM® Exam" will be offered on Friday, May 11, 2012 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The cost is \$300 and you can earn 8 CPEs. Recently, the CISA® exam has become more challenging. It requires you to have broad knowledge of different aspects of IT. As we know, IT is ever changing and so is the field of IT auditing. The CISA® exam expects you to have good knowledge of technical terms and controls associated with the technical risks. Even those of you who have been working in IT need to understand new technologies and associated controls. Please don't miss this valuable class to enhance your chances of passing the CISA® and CISM® exams! Registration will open in mid January 2012.
- CISA® exam registration is now open for Early Registration until February 8, 2012 and the Final Registration Deadline is April 4, 2012. Note that this registration is different from the "Early Bird" registration for the CISA® exam review class.

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

Click [here](#) to register for an ISACA® certification exam.

Corporate Relations

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One of the goals of the Corporate Relations Committee is to understand how the ISACA® New York Metro Chapter can assist companies that employ and sponsor our members in providing the skills and education they need. A group of volunteers from Ernst & Young under guidance of the Committee

education they need. A group of volunteers from Ernst & Young, under guidance of the Committee Members (A. Abramov, E. Arakelyan), undertook an analysis of our membership rolls. The objective was to better understand the makeup of our member population by industry and certification. Our membership now stands at around 2,700, the fourth largest chapter in the world, and has a wide spectrum of industries represented in the roster.

We found that four firms have more than 100 members in our chapter and they are all Big Four - Deloitte, KPMG, E&Y, and PWC (in that order). Overall, only 10 firms have more than 20 members and, in addition to the Big Four, they mostly represent Banking and Financial Services (JPMorgan, Morgan Stanley, and Bank of New York Mellon).

These two sectors, Public Accounting and Banking / Financial Services represent more than 50% of our membership and over 60% of members with ISACA® certifications.

As we continue to analyze the data, we will make sure to reach out to all key industries that make up our membership to understand their needs.

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

Nominations

CALL TO ACTION
The ISACA® New York Metro Chapter
is soliciting Nominees for the Chapter Board of Directors

Nominate Yourself or Other Individuals!
Deadline: February 15, 2012

The leadership of the ISACA® New York Metro Chapter is represented by a member-elected Board of Directors and volunteer committees for the purposes of providing to its membership valuable services and information related to the fields of IT Auditing, Information Security, IT Governance, and Computer Information Systems. The ISACA® New York Metro Chapter Board of Directors is responsible for ensuring that ISACA®'s mission and commitment to information governance, control, security, and audit professionals is maintained. Members of the Chapter Board of Directors help provide the Chapter Membership with a program of education, certification review programs, and membership meetings. In turn, being on the Board provides peer recognition, networking opportunities, and a chance to have an impact in one of the largest ISACA® Chapters in the world.

The Nominating Committee is inviting all members interested in making a difference to participate on the Chapter's Board of Directors. In Spring 2012, elections will be held for Chapter Director positions for the Chapter year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013. If you are interested in nominating yourself or another candidate for a position on the ISACA® New York Metro Chapter Board of Directors for the upcoming Chapter year, download the [form](#) from the Chapter website and email the completed form no later than February 15, 2012 to [Steven Schon](#), Past President and Chair of the Nominating Committee. You will receive a confirmation email signifying receipt of your application within five business days following the date of email submission. The Nominating Committee will review all nominee applications, and then will present the slate of all qualified candidates in the upcoming Chapter election to be held in Spring 2012.

Completion and submission of the Nomination Form provides an opportunity to be considered for a Chapter Board position, and does not imply or guarantee that you will be included on the election ballot nor have a position on the Chapter Board of Directors. For information on the qualifications, terms, and responsibilities of Officers and Directors serving on the Chapter Board of Directors, please refer to Article V and Article VI of the [Chapter Bylaws](#) posted on the Chapter website.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact [Steven](#)

[Schon](#), Past President and Chair of the Nominating Committee, ISACA® New York Metro Chapter.

Our Leadership

Board of Directors

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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