



## ISACA® New York Metro Chapter

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### President's Message

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Hello fellow ISACA® New York Metro members:

We're riding high from our Spring Conference last week that took place on Monday, April 30th at Citigroup. It was a fantastic event - the speakers were outstanding and there was plenty of networking and socializing. Later that evening, we held our Spring Membership Meeting, and had a great presentation on Targeted Attacks - followed by more networking. About 120 people attended. We're planning plenty of other conferences and events for the Fall, so stay tuned.

But now, on to some important announcements:

First, our Board of Director elections are scheduled for later this month. You will be getting an email notification with a link to VoteNet, a secure web portal designed to run elections. Please look for the announcement and cast your vote. Candidate bios will be on our Website and also contained in VoteNet. We will announce the results at our Spring Gala on Monday, June 18th.

And Speaking of the Gala - this is one evening you won't want to miss. It's a top-shelf event, held at the prestigious Union League Club in Midtown, NYC. We will be honoring our Wasserman Award Winner, Everett Johnson, along with welcoming our new board of directors and discussing some

important chapter updates. The Wasserman Award is given on behalf of ISACA® by the New York Chapter, to that individual who has contributed the most to the profession. Ev Johnson certainly meets that criteria and we are honored to have him with us on this special event. We will have registration available on our [website](#) soon, so please check back.

Our [website](#) recently won a Gold Medal for "Best Website for a Very Large Chapter" by ISACA® International. The award was based on the site's usability, content, and functionality. We're very proud of our new site, and our great Web Team, lead by Rochelle Brenner, for all the work and support they've put in.

So, until next time, I wish you all the best and hope to see you at our Gala or an upcoming event.

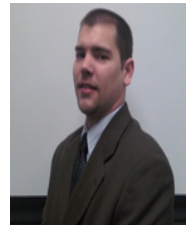
On a side note - I'll be speaking at the ISACA® CACS conference in Orlando, so maybe I'll see some of you there.

Take care.

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### ***Single and Multiple Day Classes***

Invest in your future by signing up for our full and multiple day education classes today. Upcoming classes include:

- **Introduction to Auditing Network Security:** Wednesday, May 23, 2012 - Thursday, May 24, 2012 (9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Eastern Time Zone). Note that this class will be taught by Allen Lum of Control Solutions. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.
- **Operational Risk Management:** Wednesday, June 13, 2012 - Friday, June 15, 2012 (9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Eastern Time Zone). Note that this class will be taught by Jay Ranade. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Introduction to Auditing Network Security will be offered at no cost to veterans and unemployed members. This is made possible by Allen Lum and continued support from our membership. Thanks to JPMorgan and New York Life for hosting these two classes. Your support allows us to continue offering courses with small class sizes and best in class instructors.

Additional courses will be announced each month so stay tuned!

### ***Webinars***

Chapter webinars will continue to be free through June 2012. Upcoming webinars include:

- **Ten Tips for IT Governance and Value:** Tuesday, May 15, 2012 (12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Eastern Time Zone). Click [here](#) for more information and to register.
- **Risk Oversight and Governance:** Tuesday, May 29, 2012 (12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Eastern Time Zone). Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Additional webinars are being scheduled from June - December so please check our [webinar page](#) often for updates.

If you would like to present to the Chapter, consider using our webinar series to share your knowledge.

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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**Save the Date!** Monday, June 18th is the date for the Annual Gala and Wasserman Award Dinner. Once again, it will be at the elegant Union League Club in midtown Manhattan. The dinner will be preceded by a cocktail hour with open bar. Join us as we honor the 2012 Wasserman Award recipient, announce the 2012-13 Board of Directors, and celebrate the accomplishments of the past year. Invitations will be emailed within the next few days.

**Wanted!** Speakers, sponsors, venues, and topics for future membership meetings and conferences. Email your recommendations and suggestions to [membership@isacany.org](mailto:membership@isacany.org).

**Thank You!** to all of our Chapter members who renewed their membership for 2012. We look forward to seeing you at our future Membership Meetings, Conferences, Training Classes, Annual Golf Outing, and other events.

## Recent Events

- The **Spring Conference and Membership Meeting** held on Monday, April 30th at Citi was a great success. The Speakers delivered interesting and dynamic presentations, the location was fantastic, and everyone was networking. Click [here](#) to see presentation abstracts and speaker bios in the Conference brochure. Speakers and sponsors included U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Gartner, Infogix, M86 Security, Protegrity, Protiviti, Trustwave, and ValueBridge Advisors. Presentations and Photos will be on the website by May 8th.
- On Thursday, April 19th, a **Membership Meeting** was held at the Old Westbury campus of the New York Institute of Technology. In addition to Chapter members, Professors and students from NYIT's School of Management attended the meeting. A presentation on [Information Risk Management: Automated Control](#) was given by Angsuman Dutta, Mark Priebe, and Frank Hernandez of Infogix, Inc. See photos on the [Favorite Fotos](#) webpage.

Visit the Chapter [website](#) on a regular basis for updates on Membership events. Check *Hot Topics* on the [Home](#) page and the [Membership](#) pages.

One more reminder to renew your membership. Click [here](#) to renew online today quickly and securely. Don't miss out on the many [benefits](#) of ISACA® membership.

Volunteers are always needed and greatly appreciated for Membership events. Email [volunteer@isacany.org](mailto:volunteer@isacany.org) or [Marguerite McCarthy](#) (Committee Chair) for more information.

## Certification

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As the summer is rapidly approaching, so too is the June certification exam review class. Please see below for all review class announcements and updates.

Last month, the Chapter successfully completed a 3 day **CRISC® Review Class** that was sponsored by Ernst & Young and taught by Jay Ranade. The Chapter is proud to have been able to respond to the high demand for this class by providing a unique training opportunity. Thank you to fellow board member Emma Arakelyan who arranged for use of Ernst & Young's facilities at 5 Time Square for 3 consecutive days. Ernst & Young also provided breakfast and lunch. In total, there were 27 attendees that included the instructor and members from the New Jersey and Washington, DC chapters.

The **Spring 2012 CISA® Exam Review Class** will be conducted on May 5/12/19/26, 2012 (4 consecutive Saturdays) at St John's University in Manhattan. The course will be taught by Jay Ranade. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

The **Spring 2012 IT Boot Camp for CISA® and CISM®** will take place on Friday, May 11, 2012 for students who are taking the CISA® and CISM® exam but do not have strong IT backgrounds (e.g., finance and accounting majors). Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

#### **Saturday, June 9, 2012 - ISACA® Exam Checklist:**

1. Exam letter from ISACA® international
2. Government issued photo ID
3. Pencil (#2 or HB)
4. Eraser
5. ISACA® member ID number or Exam ID number
6. Be sure to arrive at the exam site prior to 8:00 AM
7. Turn off *all* electronic devices (e.g., cell phones, watch alarm, etc). **BEWARE:** If any device goes off, the individual will be asked to leave the exam site. It is better to leave electronic devices in your car or at home.

Please visit the [Photo Gallery](#) on the Chapter website to to view photos from previous classes. Click [here](#) to register for an ISACA® 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 provide seminars and presentations to Colleges and

Universities with the goal of educating and sparking interest in the ever-growing field of IT Audit, Compliance, and Information Security.

The Academic Relations Committee joined with the chapter's Certification Committee to meet with a group of 40 graduate level accounting major students at Baruch College on March 29th. The first part of the presentation provided an overview of ISACA®, including an explanation of the four certifications that ISACA® offers, the benefits of becoming an ISACA® member, and an introduction to the COBIT framework. The second part of presentation was focused on broadening students' knowledge about Information Security controls. In addition, all of the presenters shared their work experiences and answered student's questions. Participating in this event were Anthony D'Amato (Academic Relations Committee Co-Chair), Raisa Serebrenik (Academic Relations Committee Co-Chair), and Kwongmei (May) To (Certification Committee Chair).

On behalf of the Chapter, we would like to thank the faculty at Baruch College, especially Professor Robert Denker of the Accounting Department, for providing us with the opportunity to present and share our work experiences with the students.

Anthony D'Amato (Academic Relations Committee Co-Chair) in partnership with The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) provided a brief presentation to the Accounting Students at Long Island University's (LIU) Brooklyn Campus on April 12th. The presentation was part of ISACA®'s effort to partner with other audit and control associations in the metropolitan area in order to educate students and potential members as well as broaden their exposure to Information Technology Audit and the opportunities that exist in the profession.

On behalf of the Chapter, we would like to thank the faculty, the Student Accounting Association at LIU, and the IIA for providing ISACA® with this opportunity.

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](mailto:academic.relations@isacany.org), [Anthony D'Amato](#) (Committee Co-Chair), or [Raisa Serebrenik](#) (Committee Co-Chair).

## 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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