President's Message

Hello fellow ISACA® New York Metro members:

We're into our second month of our board year and have made some great progress in our 2011-2012 events and activities.

Our first major task was preparing and approving our fiscal, operating budget. It sounds easy enough but believe me; dozens of hours were put into this. We based it off of last-years numbers and updated it for the new events and other assumptions for this year. We think it's a very accurate, if not conservative, estimate for where we'll be, financially, at year end. We track this diligently, and so far, we're ahead of planned, at least for the few events we've held so far. More money means more events and benefits we can offer our members.

Now for some fun stuff...

Our new website is coming along nicely, and we will have a phase-1 release probably by early October. The new site will be linked to ISACA® International's site and have a similar look and feel. Also, you'll no longer need two sets of user credentials to access International's and our NY chapter's site - one will do. We want to thank two volunteers, Evan Kang and Wei Tschang for assisting with this effort so far.

Our first membership event will be the annual Golf Outing, held Thursday, September 15th at 1:30 PM - 8:00 PM at The North Shore Towers Country Club in Floral Park, NY. Don't worry if you're not a great golfer. We play 'best ball' as part of a foursome. It will be a lot of fun, and we'll have a nice dinner afterwards.
Speaking of membership events - our next membership meeting will be the first week in October - details to follow. This is a great opportunity to connect with your fellow ISACA® members and even get some free CPE's. Look for an announcement on our website for details.

I also wanted to mention that we are offering an "early bird" discount to our Fall CISA® and CRISC® review classes. CISA was voted by SC Magazine as the #1 IT certification in the world and the CRISC is quickly becoming an extremely popular certification for business and IT folks alike. If you're interested in getting either of these, sign up now on our website. Our instructor, Jay Ranade, has an outstanding record of getting students to pass.

That's all for now - check our website for more updates and feel free to reach out to me or any board member with suggestions or feedback.

All the best and I look forward to seeing you at a future event.

Sincerely,

James C. Ambrosini CISA, CISSP, CFE, CRISC
ISACA® New York Metro Chapter President

Education

Upcoming Courses:

How to Audit z/OS with MVS, RACF, ACF2, Top Secret, CICS, DB2, and MQ Series Security
This comprehensive class in mainframe auditing will demonstrate how to audit the MVS operating system and some of the key software associated with it, including the RACF and ACF2 and TopSecret security software, the CICS transaction manager, the DB2 database manager, and the MQ series queue manager. These are all essential components to a z/OS system.

Date: September 6-9, 2011 (Tuesday - Friday)
Time: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Location: New York Life (51 Madison Avenue - Union Square Room - New York, NY 10010)
Instructor: Stu Henderson

SOLD OUT

Fraud Conference
The New Jersey Chapter of Association of Certified Fraud Examiners is co-sponsoring a Fraud Conference with the Rutgers Business School. This event offers a unique forum to discuss emerging issues in the area of Fraud with experts and an outstanding opportunity to earn reasonable CPE credits in today's economic times.

Date: Tuesday, September 20, 2011
Time: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Location: Rutgers Business School (One Washington Park - Room 220 - Newark, New Jersey, 07102)

Register Now

Governance Structures, Processes and Communication/Leadership (Webinar)
Enterprise governance of IT has been complicated in practice by multiple specific, yet somewhat different approaches to governance. This is partially because of differences among IT leaders and partially because of differences in approaches to corporate and business governance. Join us in this session to understand how IT leaders can focus in on key common elements of enterprise governance of IT. common evaluation criteria for governance and approaches to avoid the perdition of
Evaluating Environment and Enterprise Capabilities (Webinar)
Risk management begins at the beginning - the business. Fundamental to risk management is understanding how the business works. How the business works is about a set of business capabilities operating within an environment. This is fundamental to more than IT risk management or IT-related business risk management. It is part of any risk management; think about the capability of a car on the environment of a snowy road. Join us in this session to learn how to define an environment, understand the factors in an environment, understand types of capabilities, the factors that create capabilities and how to document this in a way that provides the basis for building share understanding across the business of both the risks and need for risk management.

Date: Tuesday, September 27, 2011
Time: 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM EDT
Location: Webinar

Register Now

Hidden Secrets from IT Auditors
The purpose of this seminar is to share with participants the instructor’s experience regarding uncovering control issues usually unknown to even the most experienced auditors as well as explaining unique methods for performing compliance testing which will disclose major gaps in an organization’s control design. This seminar is designed for senior IT auditors.

Date: October 14, 2011 (Friday)
Time: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Location: New York Times Building (620 Eighth Avenue - 4th Floor Dual Conference Room - New York, NY 10018)
Instructor: Mitch Levine

Register Now

Business Continuity Management for IT Auditors and Information Security Professionals - TBD November 2011
Management understands the need for IT Continuity planning and testing, but obtaining business management’s active and continuous participation and the alignment of IT and business continuity objectives is often a challenge. This two-day seminar provides both IT and business professionals with a comprehensive understanding of the risks and strategies for implementing an effective Business Continuity program. Using lecture and case study workshops, you will review the principles and practices of Business Continuity Management (BCM) necessary to provide business and IT resiliency and recoverability including policies, standards, and processes associated with good-practice BCM. Assurance and management assessment techniques will be addressed to provide auditors and information security professionals with the tools they need to effectively perform their functions and management an understanding of their responsibilities.

Securing Mobile Assets and Applications - TBD December 2011
The demand grows for Production applications on laptops, tablets computers, and smartphones. Mobile devices are being used to process sensitive and mission-critical. Employees are moving from the corporate offices to customer sites; working in trains, planes and automobiles, using smartphones and tablet computers to access every kind of sensitive corporate data. This is a revolution that is already happening and is likely to accelerate as mobile applications confer business advantages.
benefits of mobile computing are clear. Unsurprisingly, malware is on the move, too, with new generations of viruses, Trojans and worms targeting mobile devices as well as ubiquitous mobile services such as SMS messaging, and Bluetooth/WiFi connectivity. This seminar addresses the business advantages of mobile computing as well as the emerging issues of how to control mobile devices, protect corporate assets and maintain compliance with relevant legislation and data privacy standards.

Please email the Education Committee if you would like to host the November or December course at your company.

Membership

Membership in the ISACA® New York Metro Chapter continues to grow and we are quickly approaching 2,600 members.

Our next special event is a week away - the 6th Annual Golf Outing on September 15! Don't miss this fun event. If you don't golf, come for the dinner and raffle starting around 5:30 PM. The Golf Outing raffle prizes are always terrific and this year we have added an iPad. See the Special Events section of this Newsletter for more details on the Golf Outing.

Planning is underway for other Special Events, including:
- Fall Conference 2011 - Late Fall 2011
- Past Presidents and Newly Certified Professionals Event - February 2012
- Spring Conference 2012 - Late Spring 2012
- Annual Gala and Wasserman Award Dinner - June 2012

Membership Meetings for 2011-2012 are tentatively scheduled as follows:
- 1st Quarter - Early October 2011
- 2nd Quarter - Mid-December 2011
- 3rd Quarter - March 2012
- 4th Quarter - June 2012 (Same date as Annual Gala/Wasserman Award Dinner)

Membership Meeting dates, topics, and locations are TBA.

Check the ISACA® New York Metro Chapter website frequently for updates.

We look forward to seeing you at our meetings and special events. As always, you are welcome to invite co-workers and friends who share your passion for IT audit, security and risk management.

Certification

This is your LAST chance to register for the CISA® and CRISC® exam review courses and take advantage of the 10% "early bird" discount which ends Friday, September 30, 2011 (CISA®) and Sunday, October 16, 2011 (CRISC®). Both certification review classes will take place on weekday evenings and will be taught Jay Ranade. Note that the regular price for the CISA® and CRISC® exam review courses will apply after the "early bird" registration period ends.

CISA® Exam Review Seminar - Fall 2011
This course is for individuals preparing to take the Certified Information System Auditor® (CISA®) exam. In this course, professionals will learn the five newly established domain areas as identified by ISACA®.

Date: October 27 and November 1/3/8/10/15/17/22, 2011 (Tuesdays and Thursdays)
Time: 6:30 PM - 9:45 PM
Location: St. John's University Manhattan Campus (101 Murray Street - Room 218 (Tuesdays), Room
Note: The "early bird" discount registration price for the Fall 2011 CISA® Exam Review Course is only $630 (for Members). Specify promotion code "ISACA-CISAearlybird" when registering online. But hurry, because "early bird" registration will end on Friday, September 30, 2011.

CRISC® Exam Review Seminar - Fall 2011
For those who missed the grandfathering deadline but still want to take the CRISC® certification exam in December 2011...

This course is for individuals preparing to take the Certified in Risk and Information System Control® (CRISC®) exam. In this course, professionals will learn the five newly established domain areas as identified by ISACA®.

Date: November 7/9/14/16/21, 2011 (Mondays and Wednesdays)
Time: 6:30 PM - 9:45 PM
Location: JPMorganChase (One Chase Manhattan Plaza - New York, NY 10005)
Instructor: Jay Ranade

Note: The "early bird" discount registration price for the Fall 2011 CRISC® Exam Review Course is only $630 (for Members). Specify promotion code "ISACA-CRISCearlybird" when registering online. But hurry, because "early bird" registration will end on Sunday, October 16, 2011.

Certified Information Security Manager® (CISM®) Certification Exam Prep
Pat Grant, a former Chapter President, will be teaching a Certified Information Security Manager® (CISM®) certification exam prep class that will be held at NYU. Note that this course is offered by NYU and is not a chapter-sponsored event.

Important Notes:

The final exam registration deadline for the CISA®, CISM®, CGEIT®, and CRISC® is Wednesday, October 5, 2011.

Exam results are now available for those of you who took an ISACA® certification exam in June 2011. Please logon to your account and review your exam results today. Congratulations to all newly certified chapter members!

Please contact the Certification Committee if you want to share your story of the journey to become certified.

Special Events

Annual Golf Outing
Attention Hackers, Duffers, Beginners and Low-Handicappers!

Stand proud you noble swingers of clubs and losers of balls....

The 6th annual NY Metro Chapter Golf Event is on for Thursday September 15, 2011.
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It's a 1:00 PM Shotgun start using a best ball format... (4 shoot - pick the best shot - ALL four take their 2nd shot from that spot - etc) very low stress and highly social. Your just one shot from being a hero.

The day includes all fees, golf cart, locker-room, Lunch-on-the-Turn, raffle prizes and dinner are included for a very reasonable price of $175.00 per person. Members are welcome to bring a buddy!

Can't get away for the afternoon? Come join us for a wonderful dinner and partake in the raffle for only $55.00 per person again guest are welcome!

Where? At the Towers Country Club - Floral Park NY (right off the GCP on the Queens /Nassau line)

More details visit the Chapter website, or review the attached form, or call Kevin Fuller - Golf Event Chair at 516-327-7905.

Download PDF Flyer.

Register Now

Pace University Presentation
The Chapter's Academic Relations Committee will present at Pace University's Pleasantville Campus on September 28, 2011. The presentation will include a general overview of IT auditing and the processes involved with IT Audit (e.g., CoBit). Other topics will include the required background and knowledge that an IT auditor must possess. This will be supplemented with some of our experiences as IT Audit professionals. Information on web application and security audit (compliance) will also be presented.

Newsletter

Our chapter publishes a critically acclaimed newsletter - The Metroline - which recently won an award for being the BEST newsletter in 2010 for a very large chapter. Congratulations to the newsletter team and to all contributors! If you want to contribute content or have a suggestion about a future article, please email us at metroline@isacany.org.

Download the current newsletter or previous newsletters.

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