



## ISACA® New York Metropolitan Chapter

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### President's Message

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Greetings fellow ISACA® New York Metropolitan Chapter members:

Fortunately, the groundhog didn't see it's shadow, so Spring will be here soon! We can't wait for Spring at our Chapter, because that's when we have some of the biggest events of the year, including our Gala, Spring Conference, and much more.

But before I go any further, let me first give you all a virtual 'high-five' because we have reached another milestone for our Chapter: we are now over 3,000 members strong! We have continued to grow and break previous membership records every quarter over the last year, and to that we are very proud and grateful of your support.

Currently, the Board of Directors is working on finalizing the details for our Election and Wasserman Award; the two items that I want to bring to your attention. Our election will be in May, but if you are planning on running for a board position, or want to nominate someone, the forms are on our website and are due by February 15, 2013.

Also, we are seeking nominations for the prestigious Wasserman award. Each year, the New York Metropolitan Chapter proudly presents this award, on behalf of ISACA®, to that individual who has

made an outstanding contribution to our field. Please consider nominating someone - details will be posted on our website soon, or you can send in the name and bio of your nominee to [wasserman@isacany.org](mailto:wasserman@isacany.org).

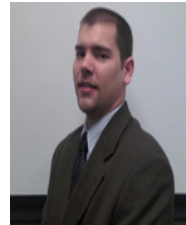
So until next time, be well my friends, stay warm, and I'll see you this Spring.

Sincerely,

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## Education

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### Upcoming Classes

- **Auditors Role in IT Governance:** Thursday, February 21, 2013 (8:30 AM - 5:30 PM Eastern Time). Presented by Mitchell Levine. Member price: \$300; Non-member price: \$550. CPE: 8. [Register Now](#).
- **Save the Date:** *Morning Roundtable Session on IT Risk* - Tuesday, April 16, 2013 at 30 Rockefeller Plaza.

**Featured Education Value of the Month:** Free member download of *Business Continuity Management: Emerging Trends*. [Download Now](#).

**Featured ISACA® Technical Webinar:** *Making Enterprise Data Protection Agile: Best Practices for Encryption* - Wednesday, February 20, 2013. [Register Now](#).

**Featured Soft Skills Webinar:** *Social Graces: How to Use Social Media without Compromising Your Reputation, Identity and Employer* - Tuesday, March 5, 2013. [Register Now](#).

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](mailto:Alexander.Josephite) (Committee Chair) to learn how to get involved.

## Membership

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### Upcoming Events

- **Thursday, March 28, 2013:** The New York Metropolitan Chapter's next *Conference* will be Thursday, March 28, 2013 at Citi at 388 Greenwich Street. This half-day, afternoon conference will focus on Data Analytics with participation by subject matter experts including:

- Miklos A. Vasarhelyi, PH.D., KPMG professor of accounting information systems and director of the Continuous Auditing and Reporting Laboratory (CARLAB) at Rutgers University, New Jersey, USA.
  - Anthony Noble, Vice President of Internal Audit at Viacom Inc., and development team member for the ISACA white paper "Data Analytics - A Practical Approach."
  - Michael Cangemi, author, FEI Committee on Finance & Technology member, and business advisor. Michael is a frequent speaker and author on continuous auditing/monitoring published by organizations such as ISACA, IIA, and FEI.
  - This conference is still in development, and more details will be available by the end of February. The conference will run about 3.5 hours and at least three (3) CPEs will be awarded. The Spring (3Q) Membership Meeting will follow the conference and will include Chapter updates, refreshments, and networking.
- **Thursday, April 18, 2013:** *Membership Meeting on Long Island* in Lake Success at Astoria Federal Savings. Details available within the next few weeks.
  - **Thursday, June 20, 2013:** *Annual Gala and Wasserman Award Dinner* at the Union League Club.

### **Recent Events**

The Annual Recognition Event for Certification Recipients and Past Presidents was held on February 6, 2013 at the elegant Union League Club. We were delighted to host many of our Chapter's 2012 ISACA® certification recipients, along with several past Chapter Presidents and ISACA® International Presidents. Check out the photos on the Chapter [website](#) under *Hot Topics*.

**Memberships expired on December 31, 2012 - Have you Renewed yet?** Don't miss out on all the [benefits](#) of membership from both ISACA® and the New York Metropolitan Chapter. **Renew (or join)** online today quickly and securely at [www.isaca.org](http://www.isaca.org).

**Wow! Our Chapter now has over 3,000 members!** Check the Chapter [website](#) to see our members who joined, transferred in, or returned in January 2013.

**Member in Focus:** Check the Chapter [website](#) to read about our current "Member in Focus," Sammi Cai. Sammi is an active participant on the Membership Committee and you may know her from our Membership events.

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

**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...](#)

### **Certification**

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The December 8, 2012 exam results are out and hopefully everyone is in a festive mood! But we cannot sit on our laurels. It's time to register for the upcoming June 2013 exam.

Here's some advice from the certification committee:

If you passed one of the certification exams, strive for another by registering for the June 8, 2013 exam. According to instructor Jay Ranade, there is overlap between the different certifications. Once you have knowledge of controls, half the battle is won. According to Jay:

- If you are in IT Auditing, go for CISA®, CRISC™, CISM®, CGEIT® in that order.
- If you are in Security Management, go for CISM®, CRISC™, CISA®, CGEIT® in that order.
- If you are in IT Risk Management, go for CRISC™, CISA®, CISM®, CGEIT® in that order.
- If you are in IT Governance, go for CGEIT®, CRISC™, CISM®, CISA® in that order.
- If you are a college student getting into audit or security, go for CISA® first.

If you are new to certifications, go for the CISA® first. It's the "King of Certifications". *SG Magazine* has three of ISACA®'s certifications - CISA®, CISM®, and CRISC™ - among the final five of best security certifications in the world. The number one certification will be announced on February 26, 2013.

Don't forget that this year there is also a CISA® and CISM® exam on September 7, 2013 in large metropolitan cities for those who do not want to prepare for the exam during the Summer or before the holiday season in November. You simply prepare in late August, take the exam in early September, and then you get on with your life!

Note that the New York Metropolitan Chapter is the only chapter in the world offering classes for all certifications for the upcoming June 2013 exam.

- CISM® and CGEIT® will be webinar-based and will be broadcast globally.
- CISA® and CRISC™ will be onsite classroom-based.
- IT Bootcamp will be classroom-based for registrants who are accounting and finance majors or who graduated with a MIS degree more than 5 years ago.

Listen to a one hour [recording](#) of pertinent information about ISACA® certifications.

Click [here](#) to view and register for the upcoming New York Metropolitan Chapter Certification exam review courses and take advantage of the "Early Bird" rate.

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).

## Hot Topics

### ***Board Positions***

If you are considering running for a Board position, nomination forms need to be submitted by February 15, 2013. If you have any questions about the process, send an email to [nominations@isacany.org](mailto:nominations@isacany.org).

## **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 the Chapter [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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