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President's Message

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Greetings fellow ISACA® New York Metropolitan Chapter members - and Happy New Year!

I hope you had a great holiday and I wish you the very best in 2013.

I'll keep my update short. I just wanted to mention that our Education and Certification programs are being posted on the Chapter [website](#). Also, our Membership Committee is planning some great events for the Spring that you won't want to miss. So, please check the Chapter [website](#) periodically for some great courses, networking opportunities, and discounts.

Lastly, I'm happy to report that our membership statistics, as of December 2012, were outstanding - over 2,900 members! Thanks for all your support in making us #1 in North America.

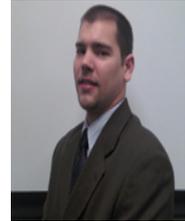
It's going to be a great year and I'm looking forward to seeing you at a future event!

Sincerely,

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A lot has been happening within the Education Committee. To keep pace with the ever changing training needs of our members, we'll be adding a series of morning roundtable sessions to our training offerings coordinated by Anthony D'Amato. The first session targeted for April will focus on key IT risks. Subsequent sessions will focus on audit testing and critical IT controls. We are also happy to welcome our newest member of the Committee, Sabine Charles. Sabine will be overseeing our webinar sessions that will commence in March with assistance from Kwongmei To. We are also finalizing the full-day training offerings through December 2013. Topics to look out for in the near term include: Oracle, BCP& DR, Cloud Computing, and Agile Development.

Upcoming Classes

- **IT Controls Required to Enforce Data Privacy and Prevent Fraud:** Monday, January 28, 2013 (8:30 AM - 5:30 PM Eastern Time). Presented by Mitchell Levine. Member price: \$300; Non-member price: \$550. CPE: 8. [Register Now](#).
- **PCI DSS Bootcamp:** Tuesday, January 29, 2013 (8:30 AM - 5:30 PM Eastern Time). Presented by Mathieu Gorge. Member price: \$300; Non-member price: \$550. CPE: 8. [Register Now](#).
- **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](#).

Featured Education Value of the Month: *Free member download of Securing Mobile Devices using COBIT 5 for Information Security.* [Download Now](#).

If you would like to host a class or have a suggestion for training, please email education@isacany.org.

Volunteers for the Education Committee are always welcome. Email education@isacany.org or [Alexander Josephite](mailto:Alexander.Josephite@isacany.org) (Committee Chair) to learn how to get involved.

Membership

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Upcoming Events

- **Wednesday, February 6, 2013:** *Annual Recognition Event for Certification Recipients and*

Past Presidents. Once again, this annual cocktail reception will be at the elegant Union League Club. Invitations were emailed to all Chapter members who attained an ISACA® certification during 2012.

- **Thursday, March 28, 2013:** *Q3 Membership Meeting*, preceded by a half-day conference, to be held at Citi at 388 Greenwich Street. Details available by end of January.
- **Thursday, April 18, 2013:** *Membership Meeting on Long Island* to be held at Astoria Federal Savings in Lake Success. Details available by mid-February.
- **Thursday, June 20, 2013:** *Annual Gala and Wasserman Award Dinner* at the Union League Club.

Recent Events

We had a great time at the *Winter Membership Meeting and Holiday Party* on Wednesday, December 12, 2012. We partied before and after a very interesting presentation on Vulnerability Management by Michelangelo Sidagni, Chief Technology Officer of NopSec. The "Let's Remain #1 Member Survey" raffle drawing was held for the 5 lucky survey participants. Event attendees were treated to 4 event raffle prizes, new members in attendance received our special Chapter business card holders, and everyone went home with coffee mugs with the Chapter logo. Check out the photos under [Hot Topics](#) on the Chapter website.

Did you Renew your Membership 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.

Welcome new and returning Chapter members! The New York Metropolitan Chapter now has 2,988 members. Check the [New Members](#) page to see who's new in December.

For New and Existing Members: Visit our [Members @ A Glance](#) page 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.

Volunteers are always needed for membership events and to assist in Chapter activities and projects. [Learn more...](#)

Certification

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As we enter 2013, we all make New Year resolutions. I have a suggestion - **make a resolution to get a new ISACA® certification this year.** A global certification from one of the most prestigious professional organizations such as ISACA® not only contributes to enhancement of your career, but also makes you stand out amongst your peers. It puts you on a path to self-fulfillment and extraordinary achievement.

If you need information about the different ISACA® certification exams and their significance, click [here](#) to listen to a one hour *FREE* webcast.

The following are some important items to consider this month:

- **Early bird registration for ISACA® Saturday, June 8, 2013 certification exams ends on Wednesday, February 13, 2013** - one day before Valentine's Day. Why not register now to save money on the registration fee? Please don't confuse exam registration with exam prep class registration. Announcements will be made soon regarding these classes and the Chapter will be offering exam prep classes for ALL certification exams.
- If you already have one or more ISACA® certifications, why not go for another. CRISC™ is getting hotter and hotter by the day. CGEIT® is a challenging certification and we dare you to go for it as well.
- The Chapter had a very successful CGEIT® exam prep class global webcast in Fall 2012. We will continue this in Spring 2013, and plan to broadcast the CISM® class as well. You can sit in the comfort of your office or home and attend these classes.
- The New York Metropolitan Chapter is the only chapter in the world that will be offering exam prep classes for CISA®, CISM®, CGEIT®, and CRISC™ in Spring 2013.
- Three of ISACA®'s certifications - CISA®, CISM®, and CRISC™ - are in the final 5 of SC Magazine's "Best IT Security Professional Certifications" Program!

Stay tuned next month: If you don't like to sit for the exam in December or June but still want to get certified... we have an alternative for you.

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

Academic Relations

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The Academic Relations Committee is moving forward with its goal to reach out to Colleges and Universities in the New York Metropolitan area in order to educate potential new members about the benefits of being an ISACA® member and working in the profession. We strive to educate potential members on current trends in technology and the IT Audit industry.

Presentations on the benefits of ISACA®, IT Governance, and COBIT® are now being scheduled to begin in early February. During our presentations, guest speakers are included who are experts in various areas of audit and technology, including the field of Information and Network Security, Disaster Recovery, and Business Continuity.

If you are interested in joining the Academic Relations Committee or 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 Serebrenik](#) (Committee Co-Chair).

Corporate Relations

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The Corporate Relations Committee is moving forward with its goal to work and align with major corporate stakeholders to establish quality guidance for the Chapter membership programs and training. We have laid out a plan for 2013 in the following areas:

- Build and deepen relationships with C-level and executive leadership in IT Risk, Audit, Governance, and Security areas of member companies to better understand the professional needs of both companies and members.
- Expand relationships with technology leaders who provide solutions for the profession to source and recommend presenters and sponsors.
- Continue to sustain CRISC™ certification sponsorship from Ernst & Young and seek it from other firms by promoting the importance of the certification to auditors and management.
- Present at the conferences and continue to build ISACA® professional credentials and thought leadership.
- Partner with the Gartner consulting group regarding ways to explore collaboration between the Chapter and Gartner that will allow our members to benefit from Gartner's insight and expertise reporting companies' process improvement in business and IT. This is an important relationship, as Gartner continues to be the world's leading information technology research and advisory company advising CIOs and senior IT leaders from 11,500 distinct organizations, corporations, and government agencies.
- Perform ongoing analysis of the Chapter's membership parsed by company, industry, and certification. This analysis is helping the Chapter to better identify education requirements by business and IT professionals. Chapter leverages this information when planning ISACA® New York Metropolitan Chapter events and activities.
- Work with members from the government sector to strengthen our engagement with that part of the membership and learn more about their immediate and long-term education requirements
- Continue to work with the ISACA® International GRA subcommittee to explore and implement additional ways to serve our members from the government sector.
- Explore possible collaboration with the ISACA® New Jersey, New England, and Connecticut Chapters as well as the IIA.
- Work with ISACA® and a leading consulting group to identify best practices in areas of certification.

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

Hot Topics

Board Positions

If you are considering running for a Board position, look for communication on the Chapter [website](#) next week. Board 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

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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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