State of the Chapter

Message from the President

Patrick Grant
ISACA® New York Metro Chapter President
Bank of New York Mellon

With the New Year, I'd like to catch our membership up on the Chapter's activities during the past six months. First, as you can see we have added a new feature, an on-line newsletter. It has been many years since we published one, but with the evolution of our new website, it seemed the right time to return to providing an electronic edition.

In the past six months we have had many courses covering an array of IT Audit, Security and Governance subjects. The New Year brings us classes in Information Asset Classification, IT Risk Management, Information Security Metrics, Outsourcing and Information Security, and IT Audit – Fundamentals and Processes. Checkout our website, (www.isacany.net), on the training page for more information on these and upcoming offerings.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

IT AUDIT – FUNDAMENTALS AND PROCESSES

FEBRUARY 3-5, 2009

INSTRUCTOR – JAY RANADE, CISA, CISSP, CISM, CBCP

$700 MEMBERS; $900 NON-MEMBERS

This seminar will provide participants with a basic understanding of the universe of IT auditing along with IT risks, control objectives, controls, audit procedures and reporting.

IT AUDIT DIRECTORS ROUNDTABLE

FEBRUARY 3, 2009

TO REGISTER – EMAIL KEN FRIED (KFRIED@ARROW.COM) OR ALEXANDER JOSEPHITE (ALEXANDER.JOSEPHITE@ISACANY.ORG)

For IT Audit/Compliance Directors Only

OUTSOURCING AND INFORMATION SECURITY

FEBRUARY 13, 2009

INSTRUCTOR – C. WARREN AXELROD

$300 MEMBERS; $500 NON-MEMBERS

In this course, the student will learn about the risks and security exposures that accompany any outsourcing decision and how those risks might be mitigated, particularly when security functions are to be outsourced.

INFORMATION SECURITY METRICS

MARCH 20, 2009

$300 MEMBERS; $500 NON-MEMBERS

The purpose of this course is to help participants understand the fundamentals and intricacies of measuring the effectiveness of information security.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON CHAPTER EDUCATION EVENTS VISIT THE TRAINING TAB AT WWW.ISACANY.NET

Recently we sent a survey to our membership for ideas on how you'd like the Chapter to better serve your needs and expectations. Many of you expressed interest in more free training which is something we have begun providing starting with the Information Asset Classification class on January 30th. You also demonstrated that you overwhelmingly favored the Chapter providing on-line elections. You will be happy to know we are pushing to provide that for you in time for the next election.

In the area of certifications, we continue to provide one of the best CISA® review course at an affordable rate. I would advise anyone sitting for the next CISA® exam to take advantage of this course; we have an outstanding instructor who I credit with the continued success of this course. And, if there is enough interest, he can also teach a CISM® review course. The CGEIT® exam was given for the first time last month. ISACA® International was still in the process of developing study materials, but because the NY Chapter has several CGEIT®s we may be able to provide a workshop for those interested in taking the exam. And as a matter of pride, I'd like to report the New York Metropolitan Chapter has 48 members who were grandfathered into the CGEIT® certification and several more who are waiting for their applications to be approved.

We have had several great membership events in the last six months with the last one also being our year end party, which was a huge success. Our annual golf outing held this past September was well attended at Lake Success. If you are a golfer, be sure to pencil it in for next year. Later this spring we are planning an Employment event for our membership. We are in the process of finalizing dates, a venue, and are now reaching out to HR departments to participate.

We have been active in Academic Relations, planning several meetings on college campuses and are always looking for advocates to work with us. If you or someone you know is interested in being a campus advocate, please contact the Chapter Board.

The Board took part in a managers roundtable sponsored by ISACA® International on Audit, Security and Governance to try to determine how to provide training to help you stay current with your career skills.. We also took part in the SC Magazine World Congress last month at the Javits Center where we presented an IT training track and provided information about ISACA® and our Chapter.

We had a roundtable on Long Island that was very well attended and because of that, another was scheduled for February 3rd on Privacy. We partnered with the IIA of Westchester on a joint meeting on IT Security. And, we upgraded the Website to improve the navigation and responsiveness. I look forward to a productive year. Given the hard work that the board has done in the past, I believe we will continue to grow and provide you with the service and opportunities that you have come to expect as a member of our Chapter.

Happy New Year Everyone!

Patrick Grant
ISACA® New York
Metropolitan Chapter
President

Membership Highlights

Outstanding Chapter Member!

Amarpreet Nanda – Designed a New Training Course

Nigel James
Chair Audit Education Sub-Committee
ISACA® NY Metro Chapter

Late last year, Amarpreet Nanda was tasked with designing a control-assessment strategy for an audit of technologies, which enable abstraction of computer resources.

Amarpreet reached out to the IT Audit education committee of ISACA®'s New York chapter in an effort to determine how his peers in the audit profession were responding to similar requirements. He asked the association whether they would be interested in offering a class that would equip IT auditors with the skills and the knowledge necessary to assess various implementations of abstraction of computer resources. Following the chapter's positive response, he then worked with an independent consultant experienced in the domain. Together, they designed a course to meet an IT risk and security professional's control-assessment needs. Amarpreet's Firm also supported his effort by providing the chapter with facilities to conduct the training.

Amarpreet Nanda has 10 years experience as an information technology specialist, with twin specialties in risk and security. He has worked as an applications developer, network engineer, and IT strategist before transitioning into IT audit with a focus on enterprise infrastructure. He is now a manager in Morgan Stanley's Internal Audit department, where he is responsible for global IT infrastructure audits.

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RECENTLY ADDED!

1. IT Regulatory and Standards Compliance Handbook: How to Survive an Information Systems Audit and Assessments by Craig S. Wright

2. Corporate Management, Governance, and Ethics Best Practice by S. Rao Vallabheneni

3. Service Oriented Architecture Field Guide for Executives by Kyle Gabhart and Bibhas Bhattacharya

4. Global Perspectives in Information Security by Hossein Bidgoli

5. The Business Value of IT: Managing Risks, Optimizing Performance and Measuring Results by Michael D. S. Harris, David Herron, and Stassia Iwanicki

6. CISO Leadership: Essential Principles for Success by Todd Fitzgerald and Micki Krause

Go to WWW.ISACA.ORG/BOOKSTORE for more information!

2009 ISACA® Member-Get-A-Member Campaign

A special web site has been created that will generate emails on your behalf inviting prospective members to explore the value of membership and view a three-minute video.

Who could be a potential member?
- A co-worker interested in COBIT®/Val-IT;
- Colleagues interested in professional growth;
- Members of other related associations;
- Former members who used to attend ISACA® meetings;
- Someone who would benefit from certification as a CISA®, CISM® or CGEIT®; and
- New college graduates eager for career advancement.

Prizes!
The more members you recruit, the more chances you have to win!
Grand Prize (US$ 1,000)
Second Prize: (US$ 500)
Random Drawing (US$ 500)

To take part, visit the Members & Leaders section at www.isaca.org.

Certification Update

CISA® and CISM® Top Scores

Exceptional Achievement in the NY Metro Chapter

Kwongmei To
ISACA® NY Metro Chapter Board Director
Record Management Subcommittee Chairwoman

We would like to use this wonderful opportunity to recognize the following members for their exceptional achievement in an ISACA® certification exam.

Congratulations to the following top three CISA® and CISM® New York Metropolitan Chapter scorers.

June 2008 CISA® Exam

Name	Ranking
Ms. Stephanie Losi	No. 1
Mr. Christopher	No. 2
Inga Sokolova	No. 2
Mr. Vincent O' Donnell, CISM®, CISSP, CPA	No. 3

June 2008 CISM® Exam

Name	Ranking
Mr. Richard Scot Dalton, CISSP	No. 1
Mr. Roy L. Post	No. 2
Mr. Ronen Halevy	No. 2
Dr. Kees Leune, CISSP	No. 3

A message from one of our chapter's top CISA scorers, Ms. Stephanie Losi, who passed her June 2008 CISA exam with a score of 737. She explains how the pursuit of the certification exam in CISA® or CISM® will enhance your professional career.

Dear fellow members of ISACA® NY Metro Chapter:

I am a graduate of Carnegie Mellon's Information Security Policy and Management program, and now work in IT operational risk management, conducting technology reviews of large, complex financial organizations. In studying for and passing the CISA® exam, I gained additional perspective on IS auditing and took an important step toward a credential that will support my work and serve as a link to a community of fellow auditors.

Yours truly,

Ms. Stephanie Losi

Note: The above was submitted by Kwongmei To, ISACA® NY Metro Chapter Board Director.

IT Governance

Training Update

Emma Arakelyan
IT Governance Subcommittee Chair, ISACA® NY Metro Chapter

To strengthen transparency, organizations need to provide far more than quarterly earnings projections and annual profit targets. Thus, the New York Metropolitan Chapter of ISACA® is responding quickly to the market's need of establishing governance structure at all levels, (e.g. corporate, government, and regulatory) by educating more professionals to act proficiently in the execution of IT Governance.

A series of IT Governance training sessions will be offered by ISACA® to our members (live sessions, webinars) during the February - June 2009 period. Here are some of the highlights of IT Governance related proposed training sessions:

1. IT Risk Management (proposed for March 2009)
2. IT Risk Management and IT Governance (proposed for May 2009)
3. IT, Security Policies. Standards, Procedures, Guidelines and IT Governance (proposed for April 2009)
4. Software Governance & Cost Leadership Strategy (proposed for April 2009)
5. Improved Software Governance through a Software Asset Management Program (proposed for April or May 2009)
6. Software Asset Management Program (proposed for April or May 2009)
7. IT General Controls and IT Governance (proposed for April 2009)
8. IT Governance - CGEIT Exam Preparation Class (proposed for May 2009)
9. IT and related Frameworks (IT BSC, PMBOK, ITIL, ISO 27001, ISO 20000, CMM etc.) (TBD)
10. IT Value and IT Governance (TBD)
11. Security Governance in bad economic time (TBD)
12. Measuring IT Governance performance (TBD)
13. ITG Framework (TBD)

More details will follow on the content, duration, location and fees for these sessions.

We are very interested to hear from you on these currently proposed sessions and urge you to offer additional topics you would like the ISACA® New York Metro chapter to offer.

Please send your comments or feedback to **emma.arakelyan@isacany.org**.
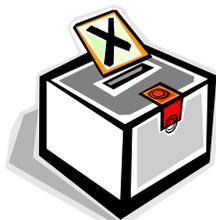
CALL TO ACTION
The ISACA® New York Metropolitan Chapter
is soliciting nominees for the Chapter's Board of Directors

NOMINATE SOMEONE OR YOURSELF!

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 25, 2009

If you are interested in making a difference by participating on the Chapter's Board of Directors, please complete the Nomination Form, Willingness to Serve Statement and Conflict of Interest and Disclosure Statement and return by February 25, 2009. The Nominating Committee will review all nominees, and then select a slate of candidates in the upcoming Chapter election.

For copies of the necessary documents or if you have any questions, feel free to contact: David Kipin, Past President, Chair, 2009-2010 Nominating Committee, ISACA® New York Metropolitan Chapter, at dk56@nyu.edu.

The ISACA® New York Metropolitan 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 Board 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. In 2009, elections will be held for both the two year term Chapter Officer positions and the one year term Chapter Director positions. For details about these positions, please see the by-laws on the Chapter web site, www.isacany.net.

Academic Relations Update

Plans for 2009

Alexander Josephite
Recording Secretary, Academic Relations (Chair)
ISACA® NY Metro Chapter

The Academic Relations Committee is meeting with current advocates in late January/ early February to begin planning on-campus student presentations and to update them on what the Chapter is working. Current higher education institutions with Chapter advocates include: Pace University, Baruch College, Manhattan College, St. Johns University, NYIT, and Rockland Community College. If you would like to become an advocate or have ISACA® speak at your college or university please contact Alexander.Josephite@isacany.org.

WORD FROM THE EDITOR

Calling All Chapter Members!!

Please submit articles, announcements, and news for publication in Metro Line. Send all submissions to metroline@isacany.org.

Sincerely,

Danielle Ferraioli

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