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**New York Metropolitan Chapter**



**May 2015**

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

[Alexander Josephite](#)

Greetings Fellow Chapter Members

An important aspect of a membership association is the ability for members to elect its leaders. An email was sent on May 13th with instructions to vote for your 2015-2016 Board of Directors! I strongly encourage everyone to vote, then register to attend our Annual General Membership Meeting & Gala on June 18th at the Union League Club.

Our Gala is truly an elegant affair where we'll be celebrating our 40th Anniversary, getting to know our new Board of Directors, presenting the Joseph J. Wasserman Award to Charles Blauner, and of course enjoy a delicious dinner among friends and colleagues. In honor of our 40th Anniversary, members will receive over \$100 off and an outstanding gift bag!

Good luck to those taking an ISACA Certification exam, and I look forward to seeing you at a Chapter event soon!

"Teamwork is a Key to Success"

Alexander Josephite, CISA, CIA, CFSA  
ISACA® New York Metropolitan Chapter President



**WASSERMAN AWARD WINNER 2015**

## CONGRATULATIONS TO CHARLES BLAUNER

### **Wasserman Award Background:**

The Joseph J. Wasserman Award is presented by the ISACA New York Metropolitan Chapter at its Annual Gala/Wasserman Award Dinner, typically held in NYC during June or July. This award has been bestowed annually since the Chapter's inception in 1978, and recognizes Outstanding Achievement and Contribution to the Information Systems Audit, Control, Security, Risk Management, and/or Governance professions (the "Community"). Each year, all Chapter members are invited to nominate candidates for the Wasserman Award. The nomination must include a short bio of the proposed candidate and specific examples of achievements, contributions, and essential characteristics as outlined below.

The award candidates must have made a significant contribution and be currently active in the Community. Essential characteristics include, but are not limited to honesty, integrity, humility, non-self-promoting, selfless dedication to enriching the Community, and motivation for the best interests of the ISACA membership.

Examples of outstanding achievement and contribution are: working as a team leader across verticals to solve significant persistent issues in audit, control, information security, risk management, and governance; building an audit or cyber security tool or process that addresses a major industry gap; or contributing to innovative research on topics of importance to the Community. The achievements or contributions would be considered gold standards for reference in Community.

The achievements, contributions, and characteristics of each nominated candidate are carefully evaluated by the Chapter's Wasserman Committee. This Committee is appointed annually by the Chapter Board of Directors, and may include current and former Board Directors, past Chapter presidents, and past Wasserman Award recipients. The Committee conducts a rigorous impartial voting process to identify the best-qualified candidates, who are then recommended to the Chapter Board of Directors. The Board of Directors considers the recommendations of the Wasserman Committee and votes to confirm the recipient of the Wasserman Award.

The award will be presented to **Charles Blauner**, by the ISACA® New York Metropolitan Chapter, on **June 18, 2015** at Annual Gala and Wasserman Award Dinner at the Union League Club.

For additional information, please contact [Alex Abramov](#), Chair, Wasserman Committee 2015.

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## EDUCATION

[Ekta Chander](#)

The Education Committee consisting of Alex Abramov, Arjun Saraswat, Alex Josephite, Michael Shanahan and Ekta Chander are putting together a diverse education schedule to support IT Risk, Security, Assurance and Governance professionals alike.

## **Upcoming Education Events**

### ***Upcoming Webinars:***

[A Security Awareness Program that Adapts to Your Environment Is Within Your Reach](#) May 19 12:00 pm EDT

[COBIT 5 for Business Benefits - A Preview](#) May 27 7:00 am EDT

[An Effective Framework for Third-party Information Security and Privacy Oversight & Risk Management](#) May 28 12:00 pm EDT

### ***Upcoming International Conferences:***

[Governance, Risk and Control \(GRC\)](#) August 17-19, 2015

[Cybersecurity 2015 North America](#) October 19-21, 2015

### ***Upcoming Onsite Courses In New York:***

[How to Audit MVS with RACF, ACF2 or Top Secret](#) - June 10-11, 2015

For more information contact [Education@isacany.org](mailto:Education@isacany.org) or [Ekta.Chander@isacany.org](mailto:Ekta.Chander@isacany.org)

**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 [Ekta Chander](#) (Committee Chair) to learn how to get involved.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

[Teena Bacchus](#)

### **Upcoming Membership Events**



**June 18, 2015 - Annual Gala/Wasserman Award Dinner - Union League Club - 38 East 37th Street, NYC**

Celebrate with us as we begin our 40th year as an organization and congratulate Charles Blauner as the 2015 the Joseph J. Wasserman Awardee on Thursday June 18 at the Union League Club in Midtown Manhattan. This event is a great opportunity to:

- Reconnect with colleagues and industry leaders
- Learn about ISACA's Cybersecurity Certifications
- Pick up a Swag bag to celebrate our Chapter's 40th year!
- Speak to Chapter leaders about volunteer opportunities
- Enjoy an open bar cocktail hour and formal dinner

The fee for this event is \$50 for Members and \$150 for Non-Members.

Please click the following link to RSVP by *Friday, June 12*. [Registration and Information](#)

*If you would like to include an advertisement in the Annual Gala Commemorative Program and obtain a corporate table or publish a congratulatory message to the Wasserman Awardee and Chapter board members, please email [Gala@isacany.org](mailto:Gala@isacany.org)*

### **September 13 - Susan G Komen Race for the Cure 5K Walk/Run - Central Park, NYC**

As part of the Chapter's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative, we have once again organized a team to represent the New York Metropolitan Chapter at the Susan G. Komen Race for the 25<sup>th</sup> Race for the Cure event. Come join our team, support cancer research, and enjoy a lively walk or run in Central Park. [Click here for the ISACA New York Metropolitan Chapter team registration link.](#)

Please check the Chapter Home Page under Hot Topic for upcoming membership events.

### **Membership and Certification Renewal**

It's not too late to do your online membership. Login at [www.isaca.org/renew](http://www.isaca.org/renew), follow the easy and convenient steps for renewing online.

### **Maintain your ISACA® Profile and Contact Information**

Edit your ® profile: Login at [www.isaca.org](http://www.isaca.org). Click the **My ISACA** tab, click my**Profile**, and then click on the "Account - Certification CPE - Demographic Info" tab. Click the Edit button at the bottom of the display to make changes.

**Recommendations and suggestions** are welcome for new events, speakers, sponsors, venues, and topics for meetings and conferences. Email your suggestions to [membership@isacany.org](mailto:membership@isacany.org).

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

**The 2014-2015 Membership Committee** looks forward to hearing from you!

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## CERTIFICATION

[Raisa Serebrenik](#)



On behalf of the Board of Directors of the New York Metropolitan Chapter, I would like to wish all members taking the ISACA Certification exam, on June 13, 2015, all the best.

### **SEPTEMBER 12, 2015 EXAM:**

Register early for the September 12, 2015 Certification Exams and save \$50! The CISA and CISM exams will be offered. Please login to [www.isaca.org](http://www.isaca.org) to register.

### **SEPTEMBER 12, 2015 EXAM - Certification Review Classes:**

Within the next couple of weeks, the New York Metropolitan Chapter will open registration for the CISA and CISM September 12<sup>th</sup> exam review classes. Please watch for the announcements.

#### **CISA review classes will be offered onsite and as a live global webinar on:**

- August 22, 29, and September 5 (Saturdays) from 9:00 am - 5:30 PM.

#### **CISM reievw classes will be offered via a live global webinar on:**

- August 24, 26, 31 and September 2 (Mondays and Wednesdays) from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM.

Classes will be taught by Jay Ranade, who has been teaching ISACA exam review classes, for the New York Metropolitan Chapter, since 2006.

In late 2014, ISACA launched the [Cybersecurity Fundamentals Certificate](#), designed for university students and recent graduates, entry-level security professionals, and those seeking a career change. We are happy to announce that NY Metropolitan chapter will be offering Cybersecurity Fundamentals review class on June 10-11, 2015. The registration will be open on our website [www.isacany.org](http://www.isacany.org) in a few weeks. To learn more

about this certificate, please go to [Cybersecurity Fundamentals Certificate](#). This class will also be taught by Jay Ranade.

For more information, contact Raisa Serebrenik, Certification Chair at [certification@isacany.org](mailto:certification@isacany.org)

Gain a new ISACA certification this year!

## Wither the poor firewall.

The first firewall I worked on was a Checkpoint running on a Sun Sparc 5. They get compared to everything from a cop to a bar bouncer. You naturally don't want it accessed by anyone who shouldn't and that tends to be a small group of people anyway, so it isn't much of an issue. With apologies to Harrison Ford (and a great movie), firewalls plug along silently doing their job and as long as they route ip packets to where they need to go and block the ones that don't need to go, life is good and I can focus on other things. Until now.

This month, our solid security partner came under attack by reviewers of the FAA, the Government Accounting Office in their recent [report](#). More properly, they pointed that "Four cybersecurity experts with whom we spoke discussed firewall vulnerabilities, and all four said that because firewalls are software components, they could be hacked like any other software and circumvented." Having worked in government for a number of years, I love organizations like the GAO. They do the work we want them to do in that they try to improve government functions. Their pronouncement here was an accurate observation. I still would like to know who these experts were, but I digress.

From there, the media took over. CNN [said](#) it was theoretically possible for the "aircraft to be commandeered." Fox [said](#) that "GAO reports warns hackers could bring down plane using passenger Wi-Fi". This makes for great reading and advertising clicks, but presents nothing substantial.

As security practitioners, we never hang our hat on one device or technology. This is what's known as layered security. The firewall is part of a series of systems, policies and procedures that comprise of a security posture and work to mitigate risk. The fact that a firewall could be compromised doesn't negate its use any less then locking the doors of your house won't prevent anyone from breaking the door down.

This report came out after the tragic German Wings flight 9525 crash. At least several commentators suggested that capability for the flight controls to be circumvented by someone on the ground would be in order. More layered security, please!

Written by David Kroening, New York Metropolitan Chapter Member

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## Did you download the new version of TripBuilder?

The new App will have all the same great features you love such as the ability to:

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- \* Register for events, classes, webinars, and conferences;
- \* Connect with Chapter social media sites.

Please follow the instructions below to install/upgrade to the new version of the App on your mobile device:

- 1- If the current 2014 ISACA NYM App is installed on your mobile device, delete it to avoid any confusion
- 2- Download the new App by entering the following URL: [www.tripbuildermedia.com/apps/isacanym2015](http://www.tripbuildermedia.com/apps/isacanym2015) onto your device's browser. This link will automatically detect your phone type and take you to the right place to download the App. Or if you prefer, you can search either the Apple App Store or Google Play Store using the keyword "ISACANYM". If you do not have an Apple or Android device use the link mentioned above to access the HTML 5 version of the app.

## HOT TOPICS

### ISACA® New York Metropolitan Chapter LinkedIn Group



#### Discussions:

Visit the LinkedIn Group and join in on one of the discussion topics. Here are a few:

[Former Goldman Sachs programmer convicted of stealing code in second trial](#)

[Bring Your Own Device \(Everywhere\): Legal and Practical Considerations for International BYOD Programs](#)

[Five Step Process for Transaction and Continuous Controls Monitoring](#)

### ISACA® New York Metropolitan Chapter Offers and Discounts:

- Offers and discounts are available to members of the ISACA New York Metropolitan Chapter. Click [here](#) for more information.

## PARTNER EVENTS



## Don't Miss The New Video Series for Corporate Directors and Executives

ISACA® has partnered with the [National Association of Corporate Directors](#) (NACD) and KPMG to create a new video series:

*The Intersection of Technology, Strategy and Risk.* This series is designed to help corporate directors and others understand the relationship between technology and business, the benefits and risk of technology, and how to implement good enterprise risk management strategies. View the videos on the [Intersection of Technology, Strategy and Risk](#) video page of the ISACA web site.

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## INDUSTRY NEWS BULLETIN

### Sources:

- [Compliance Week](#)
- [Security Weekly](#)
- [Computer Weekly](#)

[PCAOB Gives Audit Committees Oversight Cheat Sheet](#). As inspectors begin fanning out to inspect 2014 public company audit files, they will be tuning into emerging market risks around mergers and acquisitions, falling oil prices, undistributed foreign earnings, and the quality of audit work as firms grow other business lines. The Public Company Accounting Oversight Board published a new paper reaching out to audit committees, [Audit Committee Dialogue](#), to help explain how its inspections of public company auditors can be helpful to audit committees in their duty to oversee external auditors. The paper aims to highlight key areas of recurring concern in inspections as well as the emerging risks the board has identified that may affect audits, like M&A trends, oil prices, foreign earnings, and audit firms' focus on consulting services.

[The Rise of Cyber Extortion](#). As long as companies continue to pay ransoms when attacked, we should expect cyber extortion to continue in 2015. Over the last couple of years, cyber extortions have revolved around the most valuable aspect of the digital age - data. The first case of cyber extortion, as reported by Thomas Whiteside in his book *Computer Capers*, occurred in 1971 when two reels of magnetic tape belonging to a branch of the Bank of America were stolen at Los Angeles International Airport. The thieves demanded money for their return, but the ransom was not paid because tape backup was available.

[C-level execs need to increase cyber security literacy, study shows](#). C-level executives need to increase literacy in cyber security and its associated risks, a study has revealed. In a poll of 400 business executives and IT security professionals at Fortune 500 companies, only 68% of execs said they were confident that cyber security briefings to the board represent the urgency and intensity of cyber threats targeting their organizations, compared with 80% of IT pros.



[Businesses should prepare for black swans, says resiliency consultant.](#) A [black swan event](#) is defined as an incident that occurs randomly and unexpectedly and has wide-spread ramifications, but businesses can still prepare for them, according to a resiliency consultant. Black swans may be game-changing, but they are not all that rare and businesses can mitigate against them, said [Alternative Resiliency Services](#) Managing Principal Howard Mannella.

## ISACA® New York Metropolitan Chapter - Membership Anniversaries



20 YEARS			15 YEARS			10 YEARS			5 YEARS		
Elyse	Burton		Andrew	M.	Hoffman	Miguel	A.	Conway	John	F.	Peck
Lucia	Capozzoli					Takashi		Nishihara	Koon Hing		Tse
John	J. Doherty					Michael	A.	Schneider	J. Michael		Wormke
Cecilia	Sta. Romana					Allen		Ureta			
Joselyn	C. Yu					Chang Fang		Zou			

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES



[View current job openings](#)

IT audit, security, risk and related positions in the New York Metropolitan area.

**Employers:** List open positions in IT audit, security, management, or operations on our site for FREE! Openings are posted for 30 days unless otherwise directed. Email position description and contact information to [jobs@isacany.org](mailto:jobs@isacany.org).

**Note: job openings can only be seen by registered users logged into our site.**

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