Message from the President

Dear Chapter Members,

On behalf of the ISACA Sacramento Board of Directors, I welcome you to 2017! Our current fiscal year initiatives continue to be focused on you and your fellow chapter members and the profession as a whole. We have many activities planned for you to attend in the upcoming months.

We are glad to announce exciting changes too: some program offerings will be held in the evening in place of our lunch meetings starting with our Annual General Meeting (AGM) in May. This will be a two-hour meeting with a featured guest speaker. We will offer a program via web conferencing and events coordinated with associated affiliates in the region (e.g. IIA Sacramento). More information will be made available on our Chapter website.

I encourage you to attend our meetings and networking events. Feel free to take the opportunity to meet one of our chapter leadership – we look forward to seeing you and appreciate all of your suggestions and support.

And lastly, these events are only possible as a result of the efforts, time and dedication provided by those who have volunteered to serve their professional colleagues. There are many ways to get involved, contact our volunteers@isaca-sacramento.org.

I hope you are as excited as I am in welcoming another great year with the ISACA Sacramento Chapter!

Best regards,

Howard Duck
President
ISACA’s 2017 North America CACS Conference, set for 1-3 May, in Las Vegas, Nevada, will bring new opportunities for you, your members and our industry community to learn, network, and connect. Designed to appeal across various experience and expertise levels, CACS targets professionals in technology audit/assurance, compliance, risk, security, and governance as well as COBIT framework-related roles. This year’s NA CACS keynoters are:

- **Brent Bushnell.** CEO of Two Bit Circus, a Los Angeles-based experiential entertainment company. In a high-energy style, Bushnell will discuss why the only problems worth solving are the hard ones.
- **Daymond John.** FUBU Clothing Founder, will deliver insights based on his career journey as urban entrepreneur, CEO, author, marketing and brand expert, Shark Tank reality TV judge, motivational speaker.

Features new to the 2017 agenda include:

- **Master’s Classes**—giving participants access to longer, in-depth sessions.
- **Women Leaders in Technology program networking event**
- **An Enhanced Learning Package:** Gold package attendees can meet Daymond John.

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled to occur on May 11. We are seeking for 3 members who can serve as the Chapter’s Nominating Committee for our annual election of officers at the AGM.

What does the Nominating Committee do? The Nominating Committee is tasked to solicit candidates for office from the Chapter membership. They will review eligibility requirements for each office and see that nominees meet those requirements. The Nominating Committee will announce the slate of candidates to the membership and preside over the election at the AGM.

Volunteerism is the heart of the Chapter. Our Chapter’s great achievements over the years have been a direct result of the time, effort, and dedication provided by those who have volunteered to serve their professional colleagues.

Please submit your interest to serve in the Nominating Committee on or before April 15, 2017 to nominations@isaca-sacramento.org.
Certifications

Being recognized as a CISA brings with it a great number of professional and organizational benefits. Successful achievement demonstrates and attests to an individual’s information systems audit, control and security expertise and indicates a desire to serve an organization with distinction. This expertise is extremely valuable given the changing nature of information technology and the need to employ certified professionals who are able to apply the most effective information systems audit, control and security practices, and who have an awareness of the unique requirements particular to information technology environments.

Those who become CISAs join other recognized professionals worldwide who have earned this highly sought after professional designation.

Although certification may not be mandatory for everyone, a growing number of organizations are recommending that employees become certified. The CISA designation assures employers that their staff is able to apply state-of-the-art information systems audit, security and control practices and techniques and that these skills are maintained. For these reasons, many employers require the achievement of the CISA designation as a strong factor for employment and/or advanced promotion.

The 2017 Spring CISA exam review course will begin shortly just in time with the May 1, 2017 to June 30, 2017 CISA exam window.

Are you interested in pursuing the CISM exam instead? Join us in the Fall!

Chapter Meetings

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- April 13—Chapter Meeting: Intersection of Security Operations & Risk Maintenance
- May 11—Annual General Meeting
- July 13—Chapter Meeting: Marketing Security: How 1 Person Can Start a Movement
- August 10—Chapter Meeting: Topic TBD
- September 14—Chapter Meeting: Topic TBD
- October 12—Chapter Meeting: Topic TBD
The NIST Cybersecurity Framework (NIST CSF) breaks down Incident Response into Five areas: Identify, Protect, Detect, Respond and Recover.

The presentations and panel discussions for the two seminars our Chapter put on in 2016 provided real life applications of Incident Response from experts who have experienced and implemented various aspects related to Incident Response, not specifically the NIST CSF.

The Incident Response Seminar, Part 2, held on October 14, 2016, covered Detection, Response and Recovery. This was a follow up to the June 9, 2016 Incident Response Part 1 seminar which addressed the topics of: Identify and Protect.

It was an excellent series, thanks especially to the great speakers who made it so!

SABSA is a proven methodology for developing business-driven, risk and opportunity focused Security Architectures at both enterprise and solutions level that traceably support business objectives. It is also widely used for Information Assurance Architectures, Risk Management Frameworks, and to align and seamlessly integrate security and risk management into IT Architecture methods and frameworks.

SABSA is comprised of a series of integrated frameworks, models, methods and processes, used independently or as an holistic integrated enterprise solution, including:

* Business Requirements Engineering Framework (known as Attributes Profiling)
* Risk and Opportunity Management Framework
* Policy Architecture Framework
* Security Services-Oriented Architecture Framework
* Governance Framework
* Security Domain Framework
* Through-life Security Service Management & Performance Management Framework

The Chapter is excited to bring you another interesting seminar in July!
Rochelle Goehring, CIA, CISA, CRISC

As a native of the area and UC Davis graduate, Rochelle returned to the Sacramento area in the fall of 2009, after nearly two decades in Southern CA. At such time she served on the ISACA board as the Membership Director, and had a similar position with the IIA board, which facilitated her integration into the Sacramento-metro area.

While in Southern CA, Rochelle began her career in operations and process improvement with a transition into professional services and auditing during the era of integrated ERP system installations and Y2K preparation.

She was appointed the Senior Manager position at SingerLewak during the inception of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and has since been assisting publically-traded companies with compliance requirements.

Rochelle has maintained active CISA, CRISC and CIA certifications and values the knowledge, community and professional edge ISACA offers professionals through the on-line library, monthly publications and best of all, learning from other professionals at local CPE and ISACA events.

She has just transitioned from a position with constant travel to a local Senior Manager position with Aerojet Rocketdyne. Among her New Year resolutions, is to be more active in the chapter and local community.

Profession

The profession of internal audit has provided Rochelle an opportunity to travel most of the United States and many foreign countries. She has helped many companies develop internal controls, integrate into new ERP systems, transform organizations and prepare both disaster recovery and business continuity plans to preserve company reputations and sustainability. As she says, “in this career, you never live the same workday twice; it is dynamic and continuously changing”.

Advice to share with young people entering the profession in terms of what really makes a difference

Due to ever evolving technology and system sophistication, she encourages others to enter the profession at this stage, “especially while many companies are still in a growing stage of internal control development and security stabilization”.

Young professionals can catch up to other experienced peers very rapidly in this current technology control and system security evolution.

My passions outside of work

Away from the office, Rochelle enjoys spending time in nature and observing the magnificent beauty of this planet with both friends and family. With a passion to share her experiences, knowledge and lessons learned you can find her during summer and winter solstice at international yoga events, donating time to assist entrepreneurial companies with business basics including budgeting, organizational development, PCI compliance and cybersecurity.

Her integrated 10 Bodies for a Healthy Business model has helped many small businesses navigate through start-up to managed growth.
Ms. Mari Heiser (pronounced Mary) is an IBM STSM (Senior Technical Staff Member) and IBM/OpenGroup master certified architect in the IBM Cloud Division. Mari has over 20 years’ experience in architecture, security, governance, risk, compliance, and technical management experience in cloud, security, networks and web technologies. Mari is also expert in Identity and Access Management, Cloud, and Security Analytics. Mari’s industry specific experience has been concentrated in banking, bio-tech, education, aerospace and defense industries.

Before joining IBM Cloud, Mari was a member of IBM Security Division where she served in many capacities over 15 years from Security Architect Consultant to Global Competency Leader for Identity and Access Management working with hundreds of customers around the world.

*How did you get involved with the Chapter Board?* In 2015, I transferred my ISACA membership out of the San Francisco Bay Area and into Sacramento. I was taken with the variety of topics offered in the monthly meetings, the content and the people involved. So much so, I contacted the board to offer my services as a volunteer at events and things have progressed from there.

*What is one of your Chapter’s greatest achievements to date? Tell us about how the Chapter reached this goal/achievement.* In my opinion (and I may be biased here because of my involvement), it has to be the seminars we have begun to offer to members. It not only gives us the opportunity to bring in experts but enlighten the membership on new, emerging, and continuing state of technologies. It also gives us the opportunity to interact with members that may not be able to make the monthly meetings or who are struggling with a particular topic. It broadens our scope and certainly gives all members the opportunity to network with their peers outside of their agencies or workplaces.

*What is the most important benefit you get from volunteering with the Chapter?* Networking. It gives me the opportunity to better understand what is actually happening in the marketplace. My interaction with people on the ‘front lines’ day to day allow me to not only adjust my own thinking and approach, but to influence some of the decisions that my employer makes worldwide. We have had the luxury at IBM of being very involved with not only individual ISACA chapters globally, ISACA HQ and with worldwide standards organizations as well. Where is the focus in the field? What is keeping people awake at night (not just the CISO) and how can we, as a group better communicate the needs and expectations. I find volunteering with ISACA Sacramento very informative and rewarding, I can actually say, I truly enjoy being a part of this diverse group of people.

*What is your best piece of advice for Chapter members?* Get involved, participate. You may not be able to put as much time in as you’d like because of a balance that you need to have in your life. However, the involvement is very rewarding and the effort appreciated.
The ISACA Sacramento Chapter (“Chapter”) is a regional chapter of ISACA®. ISACA® (previously the Information Systems Audit and Control Association) is a worldwide association of IS Assurance, Risk, Governance and Security professionals.

The primary purpose of the Chapter is to promote the education of our members for the improvement and development of their capabilities in their profession. The Chapter sponsors local educational seminars and workshops, engages in IT research projects, and conducts regular chapter meetings.

The Chapter is run by volunteers who are ISACA members nominated through an Annual General Meeting. ISACA members’ participation in running the Chapter is highly encouraged. www.isaca.org/sacramento

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This is your quarterly newsletter. Let us know of topics you’d like to hear/read about the Chapter, events, membership, ISACA or about our profession and/or if you have questions, concerns or suggestions on how to improve this communication. Please email us at communications@isaca-sacramento.org.

CORRECTION: The August 2016 Chapter Newsletter inadvertently specified that the Chapter has served our members and the profession since 1975. The year should be 1983. We apologize for the inconvenience.