President’s Message

Dear Chapter Members,

Welcome to our quarterly newsletter! We are working towards a leaner format with a focus on our chapter, ISACA Sacramento. We removed the calendar of events as our listing of events is constantly being updated. I encourage you to go to the events page on the chapter website for an up-to-date list of ISACA Sacramento events. The events page also has listing of events hosted by other organizations which I consider a great resource. I foresee that the newsletter will continue to evolve as we find ways to include content geared to the Sacramento chapter.

Help me welcome Peter Tomaszewski as our new Chairman of the Volunteers Committee. I know Peter will do a great job in this position.

I have said it before and I’ll repeat it — The ISACA Sacramento chapter is a success story in the making. I look forward to seeing the efforts of our volunteers produce successful events for you, our chapter members.

Best Regards,

Howard Duck
President | ISACA Sacramento Chapter
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Chapter Events

July Chapter Meeting — Data Security

The importance of data identification and classification in risk management was discussed in this meeting. Attendees shared their experiences on the subject which enriched the discussion.

Michele Robinson, CISSP, CISM, CIPP/US/IT - State Chief Information Security Officer and Howard Duck

September Chapter Meeting—Verizon DBIR

The Verizon Data Breach Investigation Report (DBIR) is a must read for anyone interested in cyber security.

Jonathan Hackmann, CISSP, Sr. Security Solutions Architect, Public Sector, Verizon Terremark (left) discusses the Verizon DBIR with Rami J. Zreikat, CISA, CISSP.

Thank you to our July and September speakers!

If you did not receive information about these events, notify communications@isaca-sacramento.org.
Q. Tell us about your work experience
A. I have worked as a corporate employee, senior consultant, an independent contractor and now as the CEO at xTerraLink. I started in IT as a project leader managing complex mainframe applications and programs for state agencies with EDS (now part of HP).

My most enjoyable assignments were (1) implementing red light traffic cameras for San Francisco in the late 1990's, and then (2) being assigned to Russia to manage assignments between US and Russian software teams. I now realize I was at the bleeding edge of new business ventures.

I have presented at various conferences including California Dental Association, Sacramento District Dental annual meeting, TechJunction, ISACA’s Sacramento Chapter, and Institute for Management Consultants, where I spoke about IT Risk, Security, Privacy and Data Protection & Encryption.

xCterraLink is specializing in HIPAA Privacy and Security compliance programs for the medical field. We provide privacy and security processes to enable medical practices to become compliant with HIPAA regulations. Along with my work as CEO of xTerraLink, I also work with state agencies evaluating IT infrastructure: assessing their security postures and building or enhancing their information security programs. In these engagements, I see faster technology changes at faster paces than ever before. My clients are very focused on implementing the latest solutions while at the same time concerned about costs and obsolescence.

Q. Why did you decide to pursue your CISA certification?
A. I chose CISA because I appreciate that being a Certified Information Systems Auditor demonstrates I can manage vulnerabilities, ensure compliance and institute enterprise controls. I am glad I obtained this certification and added it to my credentials portfolio.

Q. How has your CISA certifications benefitted you professionally?
A. CISA certification confirms my technical expertise and provides a deep reach to best practices and access to the tools, techniques, and research ISACA offers to its members. Several of my clients concur that ISACA membership and CISA certification is a prerequisite to conducting IT business. Paired against a comparable skill set, a CISA certification gives me a credible competitive edge.
Q. What advice would you give to those thinking pursuing the CISA?
A. CISA certification means an edge over many other professionals and companies. Many more private and public sector organizations appreciate the benefits the CISA certification provides. Whether you are starting your journey or a seasoned information systems and audit professional, this certification provides you globally recognized frameworks to use in your practical experiences.

Q. Do you have any outside interests you’d like to share?
A. My passion is cooking and sipping excellent wine. I cook without precise measurements and enjoy experimenting with various recipes. The wine can also soothe and rejuvenate the soul after a tough day at work.

Rami, you’ve done a fantastic job as our Programs Director!
Thank you for your involvement and support of our chapter.

Contact newsletter@isaca-sacramento.org if you’d like to recommend a member to spotlight.
Researchers Needed

ISACA’s Leadership in Research Needs SME’s to Review Drafts

ISACA actively promotes research that results in the development of products that IT governance, control, assurance, risk and security professionals can use to add value to their enterprises. ISACA research also informs information technology management and users about IS controls and the critical role they play in their organizations.

If you would like to be considered for the expert review team of a current project, please submit a brief biographical summary detailing your expertise and experience to research@isaca.org.

To see a list of current research projects underway or in the near future, go to www.isaca.org, click on the Knowledge Center tab, then on Research, then on Current Projects within the list on the left. Your volunteer hours as a reviewer can earn you CPEs and your name listed on the publication as a reviewer. While it may vary, Reviewers will be provided 2-3 weeks to review a full publication and 1 week to review a white paper.

From the Research webpage one can also see Recent Research Deliverables listed that can usually be downloaded by members for free.

~Karen Tinucci, ISACA Sacramento’s Co-Research Director

Affiliate Events

See the following for additional training opportunities in our area:

The Institute of Internal Auditors Sacramento Chapter
IIA Sacramento

Information Systems Security Association Sacramento Valley Chapter
ISSA Sacramento

California Association of State Auditors*
CASA

Project Management Institute Sacramento Valley Chapter
PMI Sacramento

California ISACA Chapters

San Francisco - http://www.sfisaca.org
Silicon Valley - http://www.isaca-sv.org
Los Angeles - http://isacala.org
Orange County - http://www.isacaoc.org

*Note:
CASA is offering Intermediate Information Systems Auditing, Mon. Dec. 8, 2014
and
A Hands-on Approach to Risk Assessment and Systems of Control, Mon. Feb. 9, 2015
Let ISACA Sacramento help you earn an ISACA certification and enhance your professional credibility. Our Chapter offers review courses – Local, Affordable, and Convenient.

The Chapter is offering CISA and CISM review courses in the Fall – in time for the December certification exams. Details will be posted on the ISACA Sacramento website shortly. If you have any questions, please contact certifications@isaca-sacramento.org.

DATES/ TIME: 3 Saturdays - October 11, 18 and 25 from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM
LOCATION: Sierra College Roseville Gateway Center at 333 Sunrise Ave., Roseville, CA 95661

1. Are you interested in taking a CISA or CISM certification review course this fall? Let us know!

2. Are you interested in volunteering either as an instructor or site volunteer? Contact us! This is a great opportunity to earn CPE units and give back to your profession.

How to Earn Your CISA

ISACA MEMBERSHIP
Save on certification exam registration fees, publications and programs. Join today!
Get Involved!

Consider Speaking at a Chapter Meeting

The Sacramento Chapter has over 300 members. Many of our members are knowledgeable in the areas of IT Audit, Information Security, Privacy, Compliance, and Assurance. **Please consider sharing your knowledge** with your fellow ISACA members and earning free CPEs at the same time. Presentations and courses of all types earn **five times** the presentation or course time for the first delivery. (See information below.)

For Chapter meetings, the presentation should be vendor-agnostic and 45 minutes in length (not including Q&A time). **Interested?** Contact our Programs Director, Rami Zreikat, at programs@isaca-sacramento.org for more information.

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**Benefits of Volunteering!**

**ISACA’s greatest asset is its members, and those members who step forward and volunteer gain exceptional rewards.**

**Volunteers:**
- Make valuable contacts
- Strengthen leadership skills
- Learn more about the organization
- Influence the direction of the Chapter
- Enhance career opportunities
- Contribute to the profession’s knowledge base, and
- Help fellow members develop professionally.

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**Join the Volunteer List**

Volunteers!

**We need your help! Earn CPEs for volunteering**

Before each chapter event (programs, seminars, socials, etc.), we will contact you for help. If you can volunteer, great! If not, then we’ll ask you next time. It’s that easy! Give back to the chapter when you can. By working together, we can make this chapter the best it’s ever been!

**To be added to the Volunteer List, contact Howard Duck at: volunteers@isaca-sacramento.org**.

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About ISACA Sacramento
The ISACA Sacramento Chapter is the seventy-sixth chartered of the more than 190 chapters worldwide. The Chapter offers an opportunity to share a broad range of professional expertise from diverse business and government communities. ISACA Sacramento sponsors local educational seminars and workshops, engages in IT research projects, and conducts regular chapter meetings. Our mission is to promote and elevate the value and visibility of the IT audit, risk, governance, and security professional.

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