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PRESIDENT'S
MESSAGE



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CISA, CISSP,
PRESIDENT

Before I start in my first message as president of this auspicious ISACA chapter, may I say that it has been a privilege to work with Lisa Corpuz, our past president. Her commitment and dedication to this chapter is an inspiration to all of us that worked with her. During her tenure, the chapter grew in membership by well over 35%. She led us by example and provided the leadership that continued the tradition of excellence from past presidents. Thank you, Lisa. It is my desire to continue with the legacy that you handed over to me and our current board, directors and chairs.

The San Francisco Chapter of ISACA celebrates its 30th year anniversary during this term. Bill Davidson, our current secretary and honored historian can vouch for how far we have come. It is for this and many other reasons that I feel blessed to start this chapter year with the same continued passion.

This year we have a group of talented and dedicated individuals who, might I remind everyone, are all volunteers. We do not get paid for our services. We serve because it is a manner in which we are allowed to give back to the profession and its membership that has been good to us in our careers. The Executive Officers include Mike Nelson, Kevin Fried, Bill Davidson, Heidi Yu and Lisa Corpuz. Our Directors and Committee Chairs include Christina Cheng, Conny Cheng, Todd Weinman, Jimmy Yip and Colin Lau and Brian Alfaro. All have provided leadership to this chapter and continue in their current year's roles. I could not be happier to be associated with such a prestigious group of individuals.

A special thanks also goes to Dave McCandless, Director and Web Master, who although due to work commitments cannot serve this year, will always remain as a member of this chapter's leadership.

Thank you, Dave. You became a good colleague and friend to all of us.

If you have ever attended any of our monthly meetings or Fall Conference, you can readily see that the leadership and membership actually like working together. The camaraderie is evident in the manner in which our sessions are held. That sets this chapter apart from many. I believe that this is one of the driving forces that make us great.

Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA) got its start in 1967, when a small group of individuals with similar jobs — auditing controls in the computer systems — sat down to discuss the need for a centralized source of education, information and guidance in the world of technology. In 1969, the group formalized, incorporating as the EDP Auditors Association. In 1976 the association formed an education foundation to undertake large-scale research efforts to expand the knowledge and value of the IT governance and control field.

Today, ISACA's members — more than 47,000 strong worldwide— live and work in more than 140 countries. The San Francisco chapter's membership is 463 members strong who represent over 205 companies and 70 independents in the Bay Area. We cover a variety of professional IT-related positions —IS auditors, consultants, educators, IS security professionals, regulators, chief information officers and internal auditors, to name a few.

Our goals are to be recognized as:

- The leader of quality IS Audit, Information Security and Risk Management education in the Bay Area.
- The thought leader in information security governance.
- The recognized source for the globally,

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accepted IS Audit and information security manager position definitions.

- A highly reputable source of guidance, research and best practices for IS Audit and information security management professionals.

For these reasons, the Officers, Board, and Committee Chairs of the San Francisco Chapter of ISACA plan to provide the following services and events focused on the needs of our chapter members.

Education

- Our 2005 Fall Conference in September 26-28, 2005 offers four educational tracks with Information Security, IS Audit and Risk Management related topics. We anticipate over 170 participants, 24 vendor booths, 7 gold sponsors, 2 silver sponsors, 33 sessions, 2 luncheon speakers and one keynote. In celebration of our 30th year anniversary, our keynote is Everett C. Johnson, CPA, 2005-2006 International President of ISACA and the Information Technology Governance Institute.
- Our monthly educational events are geared to offer timely and relevant topics whose speakers are the best in the industry. Our first goal is, obviously, to provide excellent education but also to have fun doing so. For this reason, we plan raffle off door prizes to attendees. If our goal is to increase attendance to these monthly meetings, there is no better way than to offer quality educational opportunities.
- Our chapter through good stewardship is also planning on two full-day events that will be offered at no cost to a limited number of members on a first-come basis.

Certifications and examination training

- CISA – ISACA is approaching 40,000 CISAs certified since program inception. SF ISACA will provide CISA review courses for the December 2005 and June 2006 CISA examinations. The SF ISACA Chapter has 285 CISA's (62%) in its current membership. There were 69 new CISAs for our chapter in

June.

- CISM – ISACA has over 5,500 CISM's certified since program inception. SF ISACA has 13 CISM's (3%) in its current membership. SF ISACA will provide CISM review courses for the December 2005 and June 2006 CISM examinations. Increasing our chapter CISM certifiants is clearly a goal for our 2005-2006 year. There were 8 new CISM's for our chapter in June.

Provide outreach and joint meetings with other organization

- A global alliance was announced on February 16, 2005 between ISACA, ASIS International and the ISSA (Information Systems Security Association). A meeting was held in May 2005 to discuss the alliance. More will be shared during the year as it continues to evolve. The objectives included:
 - o Define the capability requirements of converged security manager role
 - o Enable more effective management of enterprise security risks
 - o Promote a common security management voice to legislators and government entities

Our goal is to have joint meetings with the SF Bay Area ISSA and SF Chapter of IIA, and other Bay Area chapters as schedules permit. We have common goals and interests. It makes sense that with critical mass, we can face strong challenges of today, such as Sarbanes-Oxley.

Each year, chapter leadership participates in the ISACA Western Coast Leadership Conference. This year it will be held in Phoenix, Arizona on October 1-2, 2005. The conference will cover the following:

- o How to conduct and promote Conferences / Seminars
- o CISA, CISM (promoting)
- o CISA, CISM (review courses)
- o Academic Relations (i.e. with faculty)
- o How to complete the chapter IT Governance Report
- o Student Members / Student Program
- o Scholarships
- o Best Paper Contests
- o Internships

- o How to find/use speakers (good ones)
- o Chapter monthly meetings – how are they conducted and what are some best practice ideas
- o Best chapter presentation(s) (i.e. from one or more chapters that have received this award.)
- o Chapter organization structures and management
- o Officer/director succession planning
- o Chapter long term planning initiatives

Increase student membership and relations with universities
Having been a member of ISACA since 1981, I have seen many members that have grown to become CIOs, Partners for Big 4 firms, IT Audit Directors and CISOs. It is a noble profession and it behooves us to foster those follow us. For this reason, we will continue to have:

- Chapter and Board members hold various presentations to ISACA student chapters on campus.
- The chapter participate in various student events to offer student awareness about the ISACA chapter and the services offered to students.
- Student participation increase in chapter events.
- Promotion of student internships in member companies in the Bay Area.

SF ISACA Web site

The newly planned Web site, started during Lisa Corpuz's term, will be completed this year by updating it to provide our chapter members with timely and relevant information related to the profession, educational opportunities, chapter events and projects that will help develop our skills and networking between its membership.

Needless to say, there is much to be done this year. We cannot accomplish any of these goals without the assistance from volunteers and its members. I would like to encourage all of you to join us and making this again a very successful year. I very much look forward to working for you.

2005 BEST PAPER CONTEST



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San Francisco Chapter presents:

2005 BEST PAPER CONTEST

FOR STUDENTS

You write papers on strategic and tactical IS audit issues, compliance concerns, audit methodologies and other topics for your course assignments. Why not consider writing one that can potentially get you some extra cash and valuable recognition?

Application Submission Deadline – October 15, 2005

Entry Submission Deadline – October 31, 2005

Topics – Any topics related to information systems auditing (contact bpc@sfisaca.org to see if a topic you have in mind is acceptable)

Awards:

1 st Place	\$500.00 + free pass to the CISA Review Course
2 nd Place	\$300.00
3 rd Place	\$100.00

Winning papers may be published in the IS Audit & Control Journal and in the ISACA SF Chapter website and newsletter.

Selection Criteria:

The best three papers will be selected to receive the awards. These papers must meet a certain minimum standards in order to be eligible. Please refer to the Review Criteria document for further details.

How to Participate:

- Download and fill out the application form
http://www.sfisaca.org/studentchapter/Student_BPC_Application.pdf)
- Download and read carefully the review criteria
http://www.sfisaca.org/studentchapter/Student_BPC_Criteria.pdf)
- Write your paper according to the Review Criteria guidelines
- Submit your paper and proof of student status before the deadline

Questions regarding the contest should be addressed to:

bpc@sfisaca.org

CISM WEEKEND WORKSHOP

"...another successful passer and I believe it was all due to the weekend we all spent together"
Attendee of the May 2005 CISM Weekend Workshop



San Francisco Chapter

"...I know without a doubt that the review session helped me immensely"
Attendee of the May 2005 CISM Weekend Workshop

CISM Weekend Workshop - Redux

You Asked For It – You Got It! CISM Exam Now Offered Twice a Year

Important Dates

August 17 – Early Registration Deadline for December 2005 Exam

October 5 – Final Registration Deadline for December 2005 Exam (New Deadline)

October 21 – SF ISACA CISM Review Workshop Registration Deadline

November 4, 5 and 6 – SF ISACA CISM Prep Weekend Workshop

December 10 – December 2005 CISM Exam

The San Francisco Chapter of the Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA) is pleased to announce that it is offering a unique opportunity to prepare for the Certified Information Security Manager exam. The CISM certification has been specifically developed for the informational security professional and defines the core competencies and international standards of performance that information security managers are expected to master.

This weekend workshop provides an excellent opportunity to clarify the thought processes when working under pressure and ensure that candidates have the required experience and knowledge in information security management to take the examination. **Therefore attendees are expected to have knowledge of all the CISM domains.** The format is primarily a reminder of the tasks and knowledge requirements for each CISM domain, followed by a mock examination. Some time is also allocated for examining the structure of a CISM question and discussing a generic approach to help identify the appropriate answer. This not only hones the candidates' examination technique, but also provides for lively discussion.

The workshop will begin at 12:30 PM on Friday, November 4. There will be a four hour session that Friday afternoon followed by an eight hour session on Saturday, November 5 and a four hour session on the morning of Sunday, November 6. The location will be the Deloitte office in San Francisco at 50 Fremont Street. We are limiting the number of attendees at the class in order to provide a high-quality learning experience. Food and refreshments will be provided.

ISACA Member	\$100
Non-ISACA Member	\$300 (include one year ISACA membership)

Name _____ E-mail _____

Address _____

Company _____ Title _____

Telephone _____ ISACA Membership # _____ Chapter _____

Please return registration form with payment (checks payable to **ISACA, San Francisco Chapter**) **before October 21, 2005** to: P. O. Box 26675, San Francisco, CA 94126 or email registration form to chricheng@deloitte.com followed by mail-in payment. Please note there will be no refunds unless the class is cancelled by the San Francisco Chapter of ISACA. Enrollment in class is not guaranteed until the applicable payment is received by the seminar registrar and will be processed on a first-come-first-served basis.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING CISM PASSERS:

*Ms. Sinha Sonal Rajiv, CISA
KPMG LLP*

*Vijay Jajoo
KPMG LLP*

*Ms. Andrea K. Anderson
Resources Global Professionals*

*Mr. Michael E. Smith
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CISSP, ISSAP, ISSMP
Unisys*

*Mr. Steven Loyd, CISSP, GSEC
Intraware, Inc.*

*Mr. Thomas Allyn Ray, CISSP
Providian Financial*

DECEMBER 2005 CISM EXAMINATION FAQS

1. What is the final registration deadline and what is the fee?

Final Deadline:October 5, 2005
Member Fee: US \$385
Nonmember Fee:..... US \$505

This email has a subject line of 'ISACA.ORG Purchase Confirmation' and an Item Line stating 2005 CISA or CISM exam. If you have not received this email, please check your Spam folder.

2. Can I register online?

Yes, registration is available and encouraged online at www.isaca.org/examreg, and you will receive a savings of US \$35 by choosing this method.

7. Will I receive a receipt for my registration payment?

Yes, a receipt for the payment is mailed to you automatically once the registration form has been processed.

3. How do I register if I've deferred from the June exam?

For directions regarding a deferral registration, please visit www.isaca.org/cisadeferral or www.isaca.org/cismdeferral.

8. Where can I find CISA/CISM applications for certification?

CISA applications are located at www.isaca.org/cisaapp

CISM applications are located at www.isaca.org/cismapp

4. Where can I get a copy of the registration form?

The registration form can be found in the Bulletin of Information (BOI) which can be downloaded from the web site. Select between the two exams: CISA BOI (www.isaca.org/cisaboi), or CISM BOI (www.isaca.org/cismboi).

9. What are the requirements for CISA/CISM certification?

For CISA see the Requirements for Certification at www.isaca.org/cisa

For CISM see the Requirements for Certification at www.isaca.org/cism

5. Can I fax my registration form?

Yes, but it must be received by our offices no later than September 30, for the final deadline.

10. What specific experience is required for certification?

To determine if your experience is applicable to the CISA/CISM certification, please visit either www.isaca.org/cisacontentareas or www.isaca.org/cismcontentareas for a complete breakdown of the task and knowledge requirements.

6. How do I know if my online registration has been confirmed?

An online acknowledgement appears directly after finishing the checkout process. An email confirmation is sent immediately after completing your registration.



San Francisco Chapter CISA Review Course

Become a CISA
Enroll Now!

Early registration deadline: October 10, 2005

Final registration deadline: November 2, 2005

Time/date: 8:30 am – 5 pm

November 5, 12 & 19, 2005

Location: Wells Fargo Services

155 5th Street, 1st Floor

San Francisco, CA 94110

Member Early Bird	\$250
Member	\$280
Non-member Early Bird (including 1 year ISACA membership)	\$400
Non-member (including 1 year ISACA membership)	\$440
Full-Time Student Early Bird	\$150
Full-Time Student	\$180
Part-Time Student Early Bird	\$180
Part-Time Student	\$200
Partial enrollment for non-members (per class)	\$60
Partial enrollment for Members (per class)	\$40

Got questions? Send email to cisareviewcourse@sfisaca.org.

For more information, visit <http://www.sfisaca.org/cisa/review.htm>.

INTERNATIONALIZATION AND STANDARDIZATION OF INFORMATION SECURITY MANAGEMENT BY TED HUMPHREYS

INTRODUCTION

In today's diverse range of business environments, with markets being globally inter-connected across mobile, wireless and broadband networks, information security is playing an even more important role than ever before. Protection of important organisational asset information is critical, and the risks to this information are to be managed whilst enabling business to benefit from market opportunities to develop and grow its business. ISO/IEC JTC1/SC 27 is an international centre of expertise in the field of information and IT security standards and has been at the forefront of this work for over a decade. This article provides an overview of the current and future programme of work of SC 27 in the area of information security management.

Code of Practice for Information Security Management (ISO/IEC 17799)

The standard ISO/IEC 17799 code of practice for information security management was first published in December 2000; previously this was the British Standard BS 7799 Part 1 which was first published in 1995. Over the last ten years business has been gaining experience in using and road-testing this standard, and the growing number of diverse industries and markets adopting ISO/IEC 17799 is a clear indication of the increasing importance of managing and protecting information – one of the most important of business commodities. Many organizations around the world that have taken up ISO/IEC 17799 have benefited from deploying the best practice given in this standard to support the economic well-being for their business. This year sees a revised edition of this best practice standard being released. There are several trends, business drivers and developments that have been important to this revised edition of ISO/IEC 17799:

- changes to business environments and new ways of doing business,
- the growing dependence on the use of external services and the management of service delivery,
- changes to the risks and threats facing

businesses,

- new and emerging technologies and greater connectivity, and the impact on protecting information,
- growing security requirements for regulatory compliance. The revised edition introduces a number of improvements, updates and additional best practice provisions to the existing best practice, including the following.

EXTERNAL SERVICES

The business world is more dependent today than ever before on the use of external services for their outsourcing, off-shoring, networking and internet hosting needs, and other service provisions. In addition, more business is being carried out with clients, business partners and supply chains using various on-line and networking arrangements. The new edition of ISO/IEC 17799 has extended the best practice in this area to address the business demands of today for external services. In addition to protecting the confidentiality and integrity of their sensitive and critical information, businesses also need to address the availability and accessibility to external services they are deploying. The more reliant businesses are on service providers for the delivery of services to support their operations, the higher the risks and impact when things go wrong – such as when service availability is interrupted or service levels do not meet operational demands. Again, the revised version has introduced some new controls aimed at securing service management.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Another area of revision is the critical area of information security related to human resources. Irrespective of how good the security technology, it is the people aspect of achieving security that is often most susceptible to being exploited. The new edition has included more coverage of best practice relating to the following three key areas:

- prior to employment,
- during employment,
- at termination of employment.

ADDRESSING VULNERABILITIES

The 2005 version of ISO/IEC 17799 has also responded to various threats and vulnerabilities that have emerged over

recent years such as the:

- management of software patches,
- potential problems of mobile code,
- pervasive use of mobile devices and wireless networks.

MANAGING RISK AND INCIDENTS

Successful identification and treatment of risks are key aspects to doing well in any effective business, and dealing with information security risks should be an integral part of this process. The revised standard emphasizes the importance of risk management in achieving effective information security. Also, the handling of incidents has been highlighted as another decisive area of attention that organizations should focus on, to ensure the effective recovery from disasters, system failures and serious attacks, as well as ensuring future business well-being, survival and availability of their information systems.

Information Security Management System – Requirements (ISO/IEC 27001)

This year will also see further developments in ISO standardization being finalized – in particular the standard ISO/IEC 27001 'Information security management systems – Requirements' is scheduled to be published in late autumn. ISO/IEC 27001 is the revised version of BS 7799 Part 2:2002; it defines a set of security management processes which includes the assessment of risk and the selection of controls to manage the identified risks. ISO/IEC 27001 uses the Plan/Do/Check/Act continual improvement process model and provides the basis for third party accredited certification in the same way that ISO/IEC 9001 quality management system (QMS) does for quality management systems and ISO 14001 for environmental management system (EMS). ISO/IEC 17799 supports the application and use of ISO/IEC 27001, since it defines the controls that the selection process specified in ISO/IEC 27001 could deploy. Hence both standards are both complementary and supportive of each other.

The PDCA process model in ISO/IEC 27001 has a set of risk management processes for identifying and assessing risks and impacts, and for treating these risks with various management options, one of which is to reduce the

risks by the appropriate selection of controls. Annex A of the standard contains the set of controls from ISO/IEC 17799:20053, which can be selected for implementation according to which risks need to be reduced. The certification process used for this is exactly the same as that used for ISO 9001 for and ISO 14001 assessments. When ISO/IEC 27001 is published then this will take over as the certification standard for ISMS certifications in place of BS 7799 Part 2.

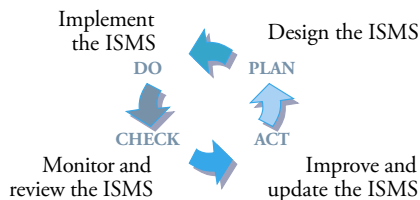


Figure 1: The PDCA Process Model

The 27000 Family of ISMS Standards

ISO/IEC JTC1/SC 27/WG1 has embarked on a programme of work relating to the development of a family of information security management system (ISMS) standards referred to as the 27000 series of standards. The first of these standards, ISO/IEC 27001, is expected to be published in November 2005. ISO/IEC 17799:2005 Code of practice for information security management is clearly related to the ISMS family of standards. However ISO/IEC 17799 will not change its number in the short term, but in April 2007 the proposal is to allocate the number ISO/IEC 27002 to the ISO/IEC 17799 standard. Given the existing success, uptake and market penetration of ISO/IEC 17799 this will enable the market to become familiar with this new series of numbers. In addition, there is also a standard ISO/IEC 27004 'Information security management metrics and measurement' being developed. This development is aimed at addressing how to measure the effectiveness of ISMS implementations (processes and controls). The standard will provide a valuable tool for those wanting advice and methods for checking the effectiveness of implemented controls from ISO/IEC 17799, and also the effectiveness of the processes and procedures defined in ISO/IEC 27001. Some of these measurements could provide business with a range of effectiveness indicators for benchmarking, setting performance targets and for the measurement of the 'Do' components of an ISMS. This

provides the input to the 'Check' components of an ISMS, with the goal of providing a means for taking decisions at the 'Act' stage, leading to continuous improvement of the ISMS cycle. Finally, there are proposals being discussed within SC27 for other standards and guidelines being developed to support the use and implementation of ISO/IEC 27001. For example:

- development of an 'ISMS Implementation guidance' standard with the intention of providing more help and guidance on implementing the processes and controls in ISO/IEC 27001,
- a Principles and Vocabulary part (ISO/IEC 27000), similar to ISO 9000,
- development of an 'ISMS Risk Assessment/Management' standard to help with implementing the risk management processes in ISO/IEC 27001; this is expected to include the work of ISO/IEC 13335 MICTS (Management of ICT Security) Part 2 which is on information security risks.

BUSINESS BENEFITS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Over the years, many organizations have already experienced the business benefits of adopting the Code of Practice ISO/IEC 17799 and applying BS 7799 Part 2 for certification. It is expected that the business world will realize the even greater utility and opportunities in applying the additional best practice that has been incorporated in the 2005 versions of these standards ISO/IEC 17799 and ISO/IEC 27001 (revised BS 7799 Part 2:2002). In summary, the publication of these revised standards and the future in the 27000 family will provide organizations around the world will many new best practice improvements and enhancements. This will give them better opportunities to:

- provide greater customer confidence that their systems and services are 'fit for purpose',
- make more profitable use of their investment in information security as a business enabler,
- enhance governance of businesses information assets and management of information security risks,
- make improvements to internal

policies and procedures to support their internal operations and their security arrangements with suppliers and service providers,

- achieve compliance with security requirements in national and international applicable laws and regulations.

ISO/IEC 17799:2005 is the new and improved international common language for information security management – it can be seen as an ideal business partner for an organization's overall governance for minimizing risks and delivering on strategy for maximizing opportunities and investments, cost reductions and greater customer and market reach.

Ted Humphreys (Chartered Fellow of the BCS – FBCS CITP, CISM) is Director of XiSEC Consultants Ltd, a UK company providing Information Security Management consultancy services around the world. He has been an expert in the field of information security and risk management for more than 35 years. During this time he has worked for major international companies (in Europe, North America and Asia), as well organisations such as the European Commission and the OECD. Ted Humphreys, the internationally acknowledged father and management guru of the ISO/IEC 17799 and ISMS (BS 7799) standards and the global BS 7799 certification movement, has been the editor of: BS 7799 Part 1:1999, ISO/IEC 17799:2000, the 1999 and 2002 editions of BS 7799 Part 2, the ISMS standard and the EA 7/03 ISMS accreditation guidelines. He is the founder and director of the ISMS International User Group and is responsible for the International Register of BS 7799/ISMS Certificates. In 2002 he was honoured with the Secure Computing Lifetime Achievement Award. This international award recognises his noteworthy achievements in shaping and promoting the development and standardization of information security management BS 7799 best practice standards.

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Looking for an opportunity to volunteer your experience to help the members of our student chapter?

The San Francisco State student chapter of ISACA is interested in finding someone who can speak on the ERP packages and security topics.

They're really looking for a "technical" session.

Since students generally haven't had exposure to any of the ERP applications, "technical" here refers to introductory materials from a seasoned expert's standpoint. In other words, instead of talking about what ERP is, they want to hear about how things work within ERP software.

They would also love to hear from someone that can do live demonstration in the area of information security and controls.

They'd like to see how people test security in real life.

If you think you can help, please contact our chapter Academic Relations Chair, Colin Lau, at colin.lau@protiviti.com.



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A "grandfathering" process is open to qualified individuals for a limited time.



BUY A SAVER PASS AND SAVE ON TRAINING \$\$\$

We would like to encourage members and non-members to participate in all Chapter Events and Seminars. As a way of encouraging participation, we are offering discounted rates for the advanced purchase of multiple education sessions. Saver Passes can be purchased in lots of ten for \$300 and can be shared and are transfer able. Please check our Web site for more details.

REFER A NEW MEMBER – RECEIVE A FREE GIFT

Take advantage of the Chapter's New Member Referral Program. Chapter members who refer an individual who joins ISACA-San Francisco Chapter will receive a free gift (gift will be delivered to the referring member after payment for the new membership has been received and processed by ISACA International). Don't miss an opportunity to help your colleagues keep abreast of developments in IS audit, security and control. Encourage your colleagues and friends to join ISACA today! For more information or to submit your referral to the New Member Referral Program, please send our Membership Committee Chairperson, William Davidson (wdavids@bart.gov), the name, address, phone number, and e-mail address for the individual being referred.

YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS

If you have not sent your current e-mail address to ISACA International, then please send your address to chricheng@deloitte.com to ensure that you receive important information electronically. You may also access our Web site at www.sfisaca.org to update your contact information.

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CISA ITEM WRITING PROGRAM

In order to continue to offer an examination that measures a candidate's knowledge of current audit, security and control practices, new questions are regularly required for the CISA Examination. Questions are sought from experienced practitioners who can develop items that relate to the application of sound audit principles and practices. Continuing education hours and cash payments are offered as participating in the CISA Item Writing Program, please request information about the program from ISACA International, Certification Department (certification@isaca.org).

CONTRIBUTE TO THIS NEWSLETTER

To submit an article or to contribute other items of interest for inclusion in future newsletters, please contact our Communications Committee Chair, Mike Nelson at (925) 833-0286, or mnelson@securenet-technologies.com.



Learn about the San Francisco Chapter

Learn about the CISA certification

Learn about the CISM certification

Complete our member survey

Access information regarding ISACA international

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Register for monthly meetings

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Register for the CISA & CISM review course

Access our Chapter newsletters and monthly bulletins

Update your membership information (address, phone, E-mail)

Access IS audit, control and security resources

Join a Chapter committee

Learn how you can join ISACA – understand the benefits

Contact Chapter Officers and Directors

Date	Tentative Location	Event
October 20th, 2005	Hotel Nikko	IT and Security Standards – A Practical Approach to Implementation
November 17th, 2005	Hotel Nikko	Luncheon
December 15th, 2005	Hotel Nikko	Luncheon and CISA/CISM recognition
January 10th, 2006	Palace	Joint IIA Luncheon
February 16th, 2006	Hotel Nikko	Full-Day
March 23rd, 2006	Hotel Nikko	Luncheon
April 20th, 2006	Hotel Nikko	Luncheon
May 18th, 2006	Hotel Nikko	Full-Day
June 22nd, 2006	Hotel Nikko	Luncheon
July 20th, 2006	Hotel Nikko	Wine and Cheese Networking Session

Update:

The San Francisco ISACA Chapter is currently finalizing the education calendar year, with at least two full day events in 2006 and six luncheon events kicking off in October. Events will include joint sessions such as one with the local IIA chapter, and touch upon such hot topics as Sarbanes-Oxley. This is a great opportunity to network with other enthusiastic professionals and enhance your knowledge in our growing and ever-changing profession. As always, the education committee welcomes all suggestions for event topics, interested presenters, and volunteers.

**Regards,
Jimmy Yip**

Education Committee

A JOINT CONFERENCE OF THE ISACA SILICON VALLEY CHAPTER AND IIA SAN JOSE CHAPTER

Friday

October 21, 2005

8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

NETWORK MEETING CENTER AT TECHMART

San Jose, California

Join us for a one day interactive conference focusing on IT, Security and Internal Audit.

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In addition, experienced panelists will discuss common pitfalls and success techniques for integrated auditing. Please plan on joining us at the Network Meeting Center in Silicon Valley's Techmart. An invitation will soon follow that will include the registration process and venue details. Meanwhile we hope you will save this date on your calendar, and we look forward to your participation.

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- ▶ **Dec. 10 2005**
December CISA/CISM Exam

More than 20,000 candidates worldwide have registered for the June 2005 CISA and CISM exams. These unprecedented registration numbers demonstrate the vast demand and interest in the achievement of each credential. ISACA will add a second annual administration of each exam in order to accommodate more CISA and CISM candidates, beginning this December.

The December exam will be offered in select locations and languages, based upon demand. For those candidates interested in gaining their CISA credential, the December 2005 exam will be the last exam covering the current CISA job practice areas. CISA exams offered in 2006 will cover new CISA job practice areas as defined in a recent job practice analysis.

A MESSAGE FROM COLIN LAU, SF ISACA ACADEMIC RELATIONS CHAIR

Time went by so quickly that before I even had a chance to think, the 2004-2005 fiscal year had already come to an end. Thinking back of the year that has just passed, I feel that the year was short. Being a committee chair for the first time was both challenging and exciting. Reviewing the effort I put into the chapter, I realize it was insignificant, compared to other officers and board members. A number of other board members and committee chairs have helped by volunteering their time in one or more of the student events. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their generosity in giving their precious time. This coming year I will continue to work closely with the incoming student chapter presidents to ensure they get the support necessary for them to succeed.

To kick-off the Fall semester, our current chapter First Vice President Mike Nelson spoke at the ISACA student chapter's Welcome Night on September 7, 2005 at the SFSU campus. In the same night, we also recruited student volunteers to help as session proctors in our 2005 SF ISACA Fall Conference. This opportunity benefited the students in several ways: (a) they attend the entire conference free of charge if they proctor for a day - this represents substantial savings over the member-only rate; (b) they got exposure to professionals and were able to get information on first-hand experience from those who have walked a similar path before; and (c) they learned from listening to the presentations, regardless of whether proctoring the session or not. In almost all cases, topics covered in the Conference are not taught in school and this additional training opportunity will augment the classroom instruction one can get from attending lectures in universities.

Another exciting news is that the SF Chapter is planning to roll out a scholarship program. It is our hope to draw attention from students in the Bay Area universities and make them aware of ISACA as a professional association in IS auditing. The scholarship program is aimed to reward those who perform outstanding academically in a field of study pertaining to the IS audit profession. Details and eligibility of the scholarship program will be announced at a later time.

PICTURES FROM THE AUGUST AWARDS CEREMONY



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