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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Kevin Fried
CISA,
PRESIDENT**

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CHAPTER MOVING FULL SPEED AHEAD IN 2008

Our San Francisco Chapter is in full swing and is having a terrific 2007/08 year. Our continued success has been built upon the volunteer efforts of our membership, our Board of Directors, and many others. Thanks for all the hard work and your continued support of our San Francisco Chapter.

I would also like to thank our Past President, and one of our Chapter's most dedicated leaders, Mike Nelson. Under Mike's tireless leadership, our Chapter expanded membership, executed a year of extremely beneficial monthly education sessions, and hosted the most successful SF ISACA Fall Conference to date. On behalf of the entire Chapter, I would again like to thank Mike for his tremendous efforts and continued support. Of course, behind every great leader there is a great team, and last year was no exception. I'd like to thank the entire 2006/07 Board of Director's, the Committee Chairs and volunteers, our membership, and everyone who participated in making the 2006/07 year a success!

Building on the momentum established last year, we are having a very successful 2007/08 year. Our Chapter continues to take advantage of opportunities to improve the value we deliver to our membership and promote our profession. As I mentioned at our Annual General Meeting, our primary goal this year is to increase membership participation and the value we deliver to our membership. Our BOD and Committee Chairs are working on a number of initiatives to achieve our goals. These initiatives include a membership survey, the build out of our annual calendar of educational events, improvements in the quality and content of our Fall Conference, among others. In addition, our BOD and volunteers are working on several projects to improve the Chapter's infrastructure. These projects

include the recent implementation of a new on-line event registration and payment system, the implementation of numerous improvements to our financial management and reporting processes and use of Quickbooks, and improvements in the process of managing and updating our Chapter website. Of course, these goals could not be achieved without the focus and dedication of a very talented team. I would like to thank this year's officers, directors, and committee chairs which include:

Conny Cheng – 1st Vice President
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Our 2007/08 Committee Chairs are:
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I am honored to take on the role as Chapter President and I'm looking forward to continuing to build on this year's growth and success. I look forward to seeing all of you at our monthly events and this year's Fall Conference. Take care!

Kevin Fried, CISA
PRESIDENT

FALL CONFERENCE INFO / FROM THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

SPRINGING TO THE FALL CONFERENCE

Every fall, our chapter hosts a three-day, four-track conference that represents the best value for your education dollar in Northern California. Now in its eighth year, the SF ISACA Fall Conference continues to grow every year. Our team of volunteers is already busy with the planning and execution tasks that are so challenging for a conference of this size and scope, and so important to its success.

Educational sessions suitable for IT Audit and Security Professionals of all levels of career progression are available along with a vendor exhibitor fair and demo session, a "hot issue" panel discussion, a fantastic keynote speaker, and of course, great prizes and ample opportunities for catching up with old acquaintances and making connections with new ones.

Be sure to block out September 22 – 24, 2008 for this year's conference, once again at the beautiful Hotel Nikko. Don't miss this premier local event.

And if your firm might see value in helping to underwrite the cost of the conference so that we can continue to keep the cost low for our members, and realize the many benefits of sponsorship, please contact Mike Nelson at FC08Sponsor@sfisaca.org. To reserve a booth at the Exhibitor luncheon on Tuesday, September 23, contact Ralph Taylor at FC08Exhibitor@sfisaca.org.

A MESSAGE FROM THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
By Mary T. Lee

The general feedback from the Monthly Education sessions for January and February held at the Hotel Nikko were: "interesting," "valuable" and "very informative."

Carey Carpenter and Melissa Bishop, Senior Managers from Deloitte & Touche, presented the topic "Leading Practices in IT Risk Assessment" to approximately 70 guests during our January luncheon event. Presentations are available for download at http://www.sfisaca.org/events.htm. In February, in a full-day event with approximately 40 guests, Mitchell Levine from AuditServe discussed the "Hidden Secrets of IS Auditors." Those interested in the results from the Case Study from that event will be published on our website soon. Stay tuned.

Upcoming Education events:

April 24 – CobIT Convention: Joint Education Event w/Silicon Valley Chapter one-day   (Location TBD), presented by Debra Mallette, Kaiser Permanente
May 22 – "Information Protection through Identity Management," presented by Mark Lundin and Vijay Jajoo of KPMG, luncheon at the Hotel Nikko
June 26 – "Wireless Security," presented by Harshul Joshi of CBIZ, luncheon at the Hotel Nikko

Online Registration Update:

Registration for the monthly events should be easier and more efficient with the new Cvent application. Cancellations with full refunds can now be obtained 24-hours prior to the day of the event. Use your confirmation number to login and cancel. If you must cancel on the day of the event, please send an email to the Education Committee at education@sfisaca.org.

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The SF ISACA Fall Conference is the premier education event for Information Systems Audit and Information Security professionals in Northern California. Last year's event drew nearly 200 IS Audit and Security professionals and we are expecting higher levels of attendance this year.

Priced at $500 (member early-registration rate), roughly 1/3 what many similar conferences charge, the SF ISACA Fall Conference represents Northern California's best educational value for IS Audit and Security professionals.

The 2008 SF ISACA Fall Conference features four tracks:

1 **Core Competencies:** Focused on teaching the IT Audit basics. Target audience: IT Auditors in the first several years of their career, Financial/Operational Auditors wanting to know about IT Audit, and Non-Auditors (e.g., IT Operations & Security Personnel) wanting to know about IT Audit.

2 **Strategies & Techniques:** Builds on the basics. Target Audience: Anyone wanting to know more about the strategies, techniques, and tools used in IT Auditing.

3 **Compliance & Governance:** Various topics regarding compliance and governance that will range from intro courses to in-depth thoughts and guidance. Target Audience: Anyone wanting to know more about how compliance and governance impact their organizations and their audits.

4 **In-Depth Technical:** Longer courses (typically day-long) that dive deep into technical topics, usually involving demonstrations. Target Audience: Intermediate to Advanced IT Auditors.

In addition to the educational sessions, the 2008 SF ISACA Fall Conference will also feature an **Exhibitors Hall** and **Exhibitors Lunch** on Tuesday, September 23 where you can learn more about the products and services of the firms that help sponsor the conference. This will allow attendees to visit with vendors serving the industry. Look for updates on our web site at: **www.sfisaca.org**. The registration and payment system will be open in June. **Make your plans to attend today!**

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SPEAK UP!

SPEAK UP AT THE 2008 FALL CONFERENCE

The Speaker Selection Committee is looking for quality presenters for the 2008 SF ISACA Fall Conference in San Francisco September 22 - 24.

Do you know someone who inspires you or whose IT audit or security wisdom you respect? Perhaps you've wanted to make an impact in the IT audit world yourself? Either way, we would appreciate your suggestions for dynamic speakers. If you know of anyone, please send their name and contact information to FC08speaker@sfisaca.org. We will respectfully follow up with them to determine their interest and review topics, ideas and timelines.

This is our chapter's 33rd year, and our eighth annual Fall Conference, so we expect it to be a very special event! If that wasn't enticement enough, we offer the following Top 10 Reasons to Present:

10.   **Demonstrate your superior knowledge of a given subject.**
9.   **Add presentation skills to your resume.**
8.   **All the cool kids are doing it.**
7.   **Always wanted to see the conference rooms at the Nikko Hotel.**
6.   **Looking for a good reason to spend a day or two in San Francisco.**
5.   **Have the love and adoration of hundreds, maybe thousands, of your peers.**
4.   **Always wondered what it would be like to stage-dive into a mosh-pit of IT audit and security professionals.**
3.   **It's better than draining the swamp.**
2.   **The fabulous thank-you gifts from the SF ISACA Chapter, and <drum roll…>**
1.   **Free Lunch!**

Okay, maybe the bit about the mosh-pit is a little over the top. But seriously, this is a great opportunity that has historically been rewarding for both the presenters and the participants, and we hope you would consider sharing your knowledge.
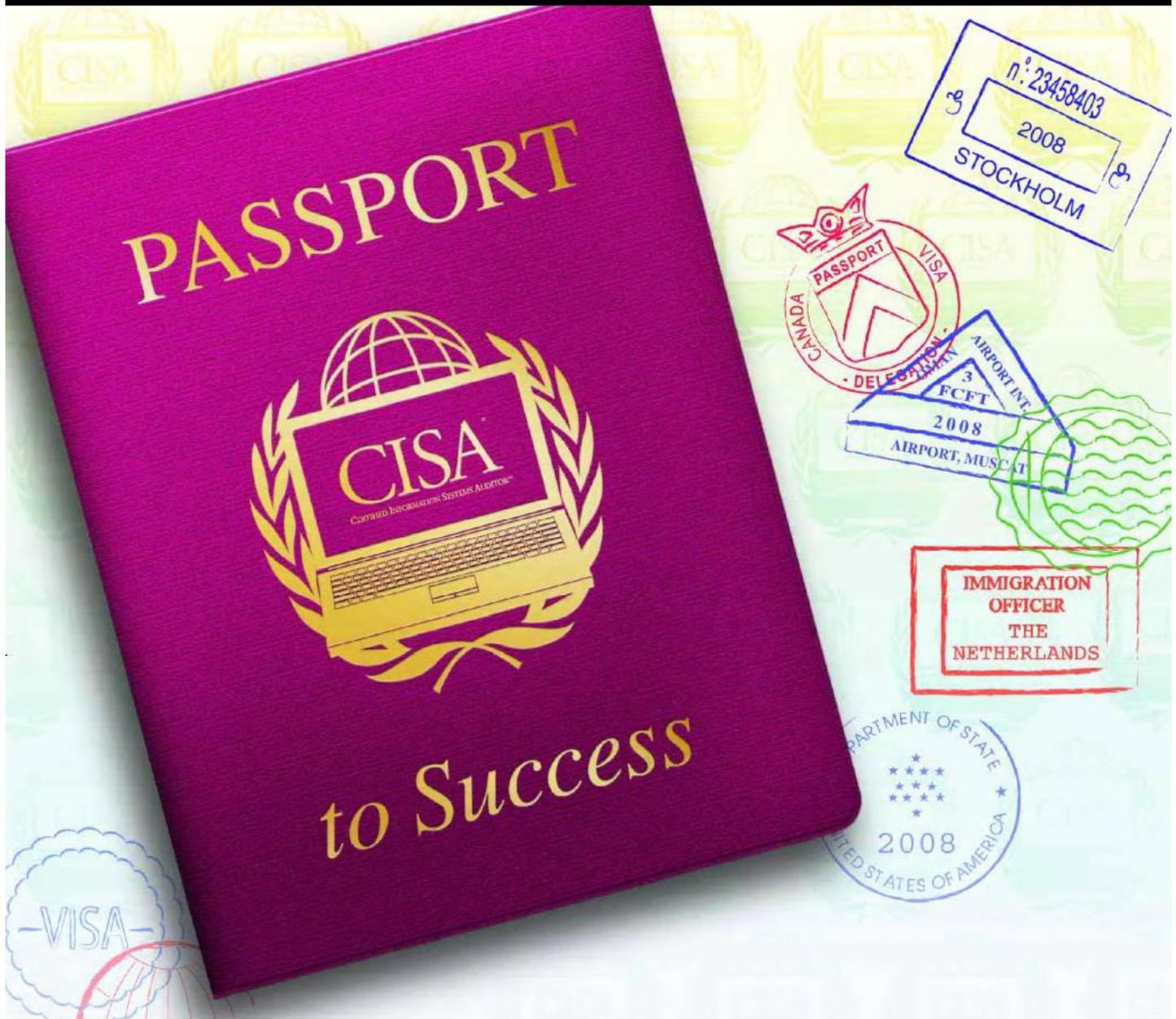
This year, we will offer four tracks (below). Please let us know if you or someone you know has a topic that would fit in one of these categories. If you have a different and relevant topic, we would be interested in discussing that as well.

* Core Competencies (IT audit basics)
* Strategies & Techniques (Intermediate IT audit topics, management skills, etc.)
* Compliance & Governance (The name says it all)
* In Depth Technical (Typically day-long courses that dive deep into technical topics, often involving demonstrations)

We expect speaking slots to fill up quickly, so please take a moment and reply with your suggestions now!

Thanks.
The SF ISACA Fall Conference Speaker Selection Committee

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MEMBERS SOUND OFF IN MEMBERSHIP SURVEY
RAFFLE WINNER AND GIFT-CARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

A huge thanks goes out to all the chapter members who responded to the 2008 Membership Survey, which was conducted in February. With nearly 30 percent of the chapter membership responding, the feedback will help chapter leadership work on improving offerings and experiences to our members. As incentive and reward to members for participating, the chapter offered a $10 Starbucks gift card to the first 10 respondents, plus a grand prize of a free registration to the 2008 Fall Conference to one lucky raffle winner. Without further adieu, the winners are:
Free registration to the 2008 Fall Conference
James Fralin

Starbucks gift cards
Jae An
James Ausman
Arvin Lee
Edmund Lam
Jessica Hannerdumath
David Lindsay
Justin Bovee
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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

- JIM COLLINS, author of "Good to Great" and "Built to Last," on how internal auditors can promote organizational greatness.

- PAUL SARBANES, former U.S. Senator, on the history of and likely follow-up to Sarbanes-Oxley.

- DAVID WALKER, Comptroller General of the U.S., on the latest developments in internal audit standards.

- LINDA BARDO NICHOLLS, President, Australian Institute of Company Directors, on risk management from a global perspective.

- SHARON ALLEN, CEO, Deloitte & Touche, on building value today and the talent to lead enterprises tomorrow.

- KEVIN CARROLL, motivational speaker, author, and "Katalyst" for helping people pursue and achieve their dreams.

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- Audit Management
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- Information Technology (App & Network Control)
- Information Technology (Security)
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- Enterprise Risk Management
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2007 FALL CONFERENCE REMEMBERED

SAN FRANCISCO ISACA CHAPTER DOES IT AGAIN! MEMORIES, SUCCESSES OF THE 2007 FALL CONFERENCE

By Douglas Feil, CISA, CISM, CDRP, CFE

Background: Here is the SF Chapter's advertising for last year's fall technical conference from September 17-19, 2007: "The 2007 SF ISACA FALL CONFERENCE is the premiere education event for Information Systems Audit and Information Security professionals in the Northern California area. Last year's event drew nearly 200 IS Audit and Security professionals and we expected even higher levels of attendance this year. Priced at $500 (member early-registration rate), roughly 1/3 of what many similar conferences charge, the SF ISACA Fall Conference represents Northern California's best educational value for IS Audit and Security professionals. With educational sessions covering a wide spectrum of the audit, security and governance issues, an exhibitor fair to learn about emerging trends in product and service offerings (and great prizes) and extensive opportunities to network with your Bay Area professional peers".

Well here it is, six months after the San Francisco ISACA Chapter's Fall Technical Conference - themed "Bridging The Gap between theory and real world experiences." The following is my view of this annual educational opportunity for the IS professional.

Monday - Day One
The conference covered the areas of: IT Audit, Information Security, IT Governance, Risk Management, and Compliance. The event was again held at the Hotel Nikko - as always, the accommodations were first-rate. Upon arriving at the registration desk in the Hotel Nikko's third floor meeting room area, I waited briefly to get my conference packet. The registration was efficient and very well-organized. I had inside my new canvas conference bag: an instruction packet and exhibitor fair lunch meal ticket, my conference badge, session CD, and room maps. After a quick review of my upcoming sessions, I headed for the breakfast buffet's great selection of fruit, juices, coffee, and pastries. With coffee and conference bag in hand, I headed for the opening keynote speaker session in the Grand Ballroom. Before I settled into my seat in the almost full Ballroom, I had greeted and spoken with many chapter members and business associates.

The conference started with Opening Remarks from our outgoing Chapter President and long-term chapter volunteer Mike Nelson. Mike was everything you would want as your Chapter President; good leader, hard worker, and always friendly. Then Chapter Director Todd Weinman took the podium and guided us through the logistics of the conference - he covered all the bases. Kevin Fried, our current President was next to speak. He introduced our past chapter presidents in the audience, and then discussed conference events and the completion of the conference evaluation forms. Kevin then closed with the upcoming chapter events and introduced our Keynote Speaker.

Our Keynote Speaker, Rena Mears, Partner, Security Services - Deloitte-Touche LLP, was everything you would want for an opening conference topic (Overview of Privacy) - delivered by a dynamic professional. Rena has more than 20 years of experience in security strategy and program design, enterprise security architecture and secure infrastructure implementation. She has authored articles on wireless technology, customer and employee privacy and security in the enterprise. The number of current topics that Rena addressed was amazing, from Enterprise Risk, ID Theft, Privacy Risk, Data Protection Directives, to Mitigating Risk. In closing, Rena's presentation included methods and solutions to protect enterprise data. We look forward to future appearances from Rena at our Chapter events.

Networking Break: This was just what it was supposed to be - a chance to reunite with friends in the same business. The conference was composed of four tracks, and I had selected sessions in each track, to get a good overall subject tperspective. I headed for my first session in the information systems security track. Good to see so many attendees enjoying the conference.

Morning Session: The Information Security track features sessions on the most current security topics to enhance the skills of IS audit and security professionals. My first session was on "Web Application Security: Finding Vulnerabilities in Dynamic Applications," sponsored by Qualysis. This was a great choice because the speaker was most knowledgeable and comfortable with his presentation. This is a must-understand area for security professionals because more commerce is via an enterprise's web-sites. Details on the various vulnerabilities and the many solutions available from this presentation were most valuable.

Luncheon and Presentation: Our Gold sponsor, PricewaterhouseCoopers, had Daniel Morrison present a most timely topic, "Vendor Security Risk Management." An important topic, especially for those in the financial services industry. Outsourcing (on and off-shore) has many data security risk ramifications for all organizations and if the right contract and information security safeguards are not in effect, the risk is difficult to control. Vendor security risk has been an active subject for us, it has an impact on any organization, and it is a major risk management factor of outsourcing. As usual, the Hotel Nikko had a first-rate lunch for us. From the salad to the dessert, it was all good and well-served.

Afternoon Session: Still in the Information Security track, my next session "Information Leak Prevention: How to Tame the Insider Threat" was sponsored by Protiviti. Another dynamic speaker and most topical subject. With the majority of hacking coming from inside the enterprise, the hacking issues become more complex. Several techniques and tools on how to protect against this type of security

risk were discussed. Our speaker also provided his experience and opinion with Information Leak Products to reduce risk. This was quite the interactive session with excellent questions from the audience.

Networking Break: I didn't take notes on the many conversations I had during the networking breaks every day with my fellow professionals. Too much to record. Although only the first day, the feed-back on the conference sessions was all positive.

Afternoon session: I jumped tracks here to Core Competencies since I wanted to learn more about ITIL and its use as a control framework. Protiviti sponsored this session titled "Leveraging ITIL Foundational Controls to Achieve SOX Compliance." It all started with an overview of ITIL, which embraces enterprise level service design, delivery, and operation. Time was then devoted to a CobiT overview as a control framework. Majority of the discussion centered around business and technology alignment and positioning IT service management. The concept of merging the SOX/CobiT objectives in the ITIL framework looks to be a successful approach for the enterprise. Then the IT Process Institute was discussed and its value to support IT audit, security, and operations professionals. Good handout, professional speakers and the audience was active with their questions, even though this was the last session of the day.

Monday night was the SF ISACA Fall Conference Speaker Appreciation Dinner. I was invited to dine with our speakers and volunteers at Buca de Beppo - what a great experience. So many familiar faces with much to catch up on, and new folks to meet. The family style Italian dishes were a treat, and there was plenty of fun and food for all!

Tuesday - Day Two.
The breakfast buffet was another good start to the day. It was good to hear of the many new opportunities and achievements from my peers. Two hot topics mentioned were technology

risk management and IT governance. Luckily, both would be covered in my upcoming sessions today. A few quick conversations and then off to the first session.

Morning Session One: The IT Governance track covers a variety of topics for IS auditors, as well as IT and Compliance professionals. My first session was on "IT Risk Assessments." A crowded room and another dynamic speaker from Protiviti. There was a lot covered in this session from defining risk to distinguishing between assessments for internal audit vs. the CIO. The speaker managed the early morning session with ease and authority, while constantly responding to questions from the audience. I picked up much more information than I expected. This session was a good start to the day for me.
Networking Break: More friends whom I had not seen in years were here and lots to discuss. I noted that many of our more senior professionals were now working as independent consultants. I joined with several of these folks to discuss the growth and specialized opportunities for these independent entrepreneurs.

Morning Session Two: "Overview of ERM Risk Management Framework," was sponsored by Slalom Consulting. Both speakers were well-versed with the subject, and fielded a variety of good questions from the audience. The presentation issues covered governance, risk, and compliance. We started with risk definitions and finished with the advantages of control frameworks. A lot was covered here, and these two professionals did a fine job and provided a thorough hand-out of all the presentation areas. The session volunteers did a great job of making sure everyone had signed-in and each attendee received an easy to use speaker evaluation form. Can't talk enough about the value of these evaluation forms to help the chapter fine-tune future conference sessions and speakers.

Exhibition Fair & Luncheon: And the winner is … the entire ISACA Chapter and the conference attendees. If you have not been to this special conference luncheon, you have missed

a great opportunity to network and learn the breadth and depth of the profession from our sponsors and related professional organizations. Many had excellent free reference guides and white papers. The intent here was to visit each exhibitor and get your passport stamped to be eligible for the Chapter's grand prize - a GPS. Nope, I was not a winner this year for a prize, but this afternoon event was a lively and fun time for everyone.

Afternoon Session One: Back into the Information Security track - my next session was on "Wireless Systems Vulnerabilities, Threats, and Auditing." This was a very interactive session sponsored by Jefferson Wells and presented by two solid technology risk professionals. This was an interesting and informative discussion of the risk, vulnerabilities, and attacks to enterprise wireless networks. Good stories of events, methods for conducting wireless audits, and how to identify security leaks. Many references were provided including tools to conduct your audit and what to do if you find a rogue wireless access point. Out of an audience of more than 50, less than a handful had ever conducted a wireless audit; something to consider for our audit planning.

Networking Break: I found myself with a former co-worker and a new IT auditor discussing regulations and guidelines on data security and control. I quickly realized that this was what the conference is all about: discussing issues of our profession with the old and new members to develop opinions and insights. This was also a good opportunity to talk with many of the session speakers.

Afternoon Session: Still in the Information Security track since this topic is dear to me - "Endpoint Security." The speaker and author was a member of the Security Consortium and he handled this subject well. Good stories of security vulnerabilities for all types of mobile devices we use today. He pointed out how important this risk needs to be controlled for our critical systems. A different approach known as Closed

Loop Process Control was presented. CLPC is a method of applying feedback such that a system (or process) becomes self-regulating. We went through an example of how the process manages to a set point using proportional, integral, and derivative controls. We were provided a list of vendors that supply software and compliant devices for a successful CLPC. Many good questions from the audience, and another useful reference handout.

Wednesday Day Three
Getting spoiled with the breakfast buffet - good quality pastries and there was always plenty of coffee and tea. A few moments of meet-and-greet and then off to my first technical session.

Morning Session One: The In-Depth Technical track will offer three full-day sessions on key topics. This will allow the attendees to drill down into a greater level of detail and depth of these critical topics than is possible in the shorter sessions. Today I am in the technical track made up of three 90-minute sessions. "Hacking 101: Understanding the Top Web Application Vulnerabilities and How to Protect Against the Next Level of Attack." Our speaker was Armando Bioc from IBM. Usually a tough topic to cover, but this was presented so seamlessly and in "down to the code" detail by Armando. Without the right controls, our organizations most critical applications and data are wide-open to attack - without any triggers or alarms going off. The good news is there are new security solutions out there for detecting and preventing both internal and external hacking threats. The handouts were very good, and this was a most audience inter-active presentation - for all three sessions.

Networking Break: Spoke with a co-worker from the past and we started discussing the Hacking 101 session and the impact of these vulnerabilities to the financial services sector. Is the IS Auditor responsible for detecting these events - or is the responsibility to report the level of risk? More to debate since internal hacking moves this topic to forensic auditing.

Morning Session Two: More of my hacking session. This technical presentation was segregated into five modules: Security Landscape, Top Attacks Overview, Hands-on Workshop, Demo of Automated Techniques and An Enterprise Vision. Fortunately, the presentation and handout materials went well together and it was easy to understand the principles in each module. I find the cross-site scripting and the SQL injection attacks to be major threats to our active web-applications. Some of the implications bode loudly for the need to design and test these applications to the max, and use a correctly configured application fire-wall. Quality Assurance has a big job here to ensure pre-implementation integrity. My interest in the session was increasing with each type of vulnerability detailed.

Luncheon and Presentation: Todd Weinman, from Lander International LLC, was our luncheon speaker. Another timely topic "Strategies for Sustained Career Growth, Marketability, and Success!" Todd is such a lively and informative speaker. He doesn't miss a beat, and he had the audience waiting to hear more on this subject of importance to each of us. Todd's presentation centered on current research on our profession he is conducting, known as the "Lander/Weinman Success Survey." In brief, he states, "I took a poll of a variety of Managers and Directors in the field to probe what they felt contributed to their success, and to determine what traits/attributes they feel are important when hiring/promoting someone into a management position." Excellent presentation and comprehensive hand-out. Yes, this last lunch by the Hotel Nikko was delicious from the salad to the desert, and our table service was again excellent.

Afternoon Session: Back to Hacking 101. The room was even more crowded than before, the word must have gotten out at lunch about this first-rate presentation. Our speaker was eloquent in his delivery, and in a unique way, this session was bringing together all the topics of

the past three days. From the issues of data privacy, the vulnerabilities of active applications, the need for in-depth control testing, and finally the security and control products available to assist the auditor/security professional. I believe that IS audit must continue being pro-active in helping management to secure the enterprise with their reporting on this type of risk. This was a good wrap-up session for me and it was now the end of the conference.

Conclusion: The SF ISACA Chapter lived up to every claim for its 2007 Fall Technical Conference. This event did offer "three days of training, four tracks, keynote speaker, two luncheon speakers, subject matter experts as speakers, an exhibitors fair with approximately 20+ vendors booths, vendor giveaways, full-day training sessions and networking opportunities with professional participants and speakers - all at the lowest price anywhere in Northern California!" Did I mention that this whole complex and task filled education event was done entirely by volunteers and the excellent support and services from our sponsors? This was a fun conference that was very well organized, and provided excellent and well qualified speakers. Make your plans now to attend the fall conference in 2008! Congratulations to Mike Villegas and the chapter conference volunteers for such a successful conference.

GROUPS TO LOOK OUT FOR!

NEW BAY AREA PROFESSIONAL GROUP DRUMMING UP INTEREST

Near the end of 2007, local interest in forming a user-interest group around data analysis and ACL evolved to an initial group meeting in December. At that time, representatives joined from PwC, CSAA, The Federal Reserve Bank of SF and Wells Fargo. This group continues to expand, and we have seen new interest, including representatives from East Side Union High School District, Food and Nutrition Services (USDA), Pay Pal, City and County of San Francisco and State Fund.

In our February meeting, we heard from Pete Schraeder (PwC) on his approach to planning for automation in client audits. In our March meeting, we heard how Wells Fargo approaches data analysis, and from Marius Bosman on how he simplified a tedious and manual data preparation effort. In upcoming meetings, we will hear from others about their successes in using data analysis as part of audits and business reviews. Along the way, we will also talk about tips and tricks in using ACL and other analytic tools. Our April meeting will be a roundtable discussion on techniques. We are also looking for writers to contribute papers on using ACL. We will be publishing articles on the successful use of ACL in future editions of the newsletter.

We continue with forming this group, and our current emphasis is on stories and experiences about using data analysis while we define the boundaries and environment for an open exchange. Future meetings will continue success stories and sharing tips, but we will soon be looking for formal luncheon speakers.

If you are interested in participating in the ACL BAUG, please contact any of the following:

> Tim Stapleton (tim.stapleton@wellsfargo.com)
> Cliff Nalls (clifford_nalls@csaa.com)
> Pete Schraeder (peter.p.schraeder@us.pwc.com)

We meet on the first Thursday of each month. Our April meeting will be at Gilead Sciences Inc. in Foster City. The May meeting will be back in San Francisco. We are investigating other Bay Area locations as interest grows. The meetings begin at 11:30 AM and last one hour. If the venue permits, you can enjoy no-host lunch prior to the meeting. Corporate hosting for our meetings is much appreciated.

We look forward to hearing from you. Don't delay – contact the ACL BAUG today! We will add your name to our roster and e-mail distribution list.

SEE YOUR NAME, SHARE YOUR TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE IN CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

Do you feel like you're on top of your game?
Are you someone who knows your area of technical expertise like the back of your hand?
Do you think you've got enough prose and versatility to weave technical jargon into a flow of comprehensible and useful information for others?
Do you really?!?!

If you've answered yes to all of the above, then the Communications Committee wants your contribution. Each quarter, the committee looks for a technical article to publish in the chapter's quarterly newsletter, and welcomes the SF ISACA community at large to submit works for publication.

So show us what you've got. Send submissions to Steve Owyoung at sowyoung@kpmg.com. All submissions are subject to editing and fact checking. Not all submissions are guaranteed to be published.

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