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President's Corner



As I write this first President's letter of the 2008-2009 year, I am grateful for the many things we have accomplished as a chapter and yet am eager to get to work on the many things still left to do. This past year our attendance at meetings and training events has increased over previous years. However I am sure many of you are feeling the pinch of the belt-tightening going on in many organizations, especially with the credit crisis in banking and finance, property tax roll backs, and staff lay-offs. I believe that many people have been unable to attend the training because their employer would not reimburse the training fees or the workload has grown heavy in the wake of less staff members to perform the tasks at hand. It might help to think of the training fees as an investment in yourself and your future. Spend your dollars where they will make a difference – on education and networking.

In tight economic times it is especially important to network with your peers in an organization such as ISACA. Networking gives you a chance to assess your skills, find out which industries are booming and which industries are barely hanging on. It also provides insight into the local economic picture which is often different than the one you hear about on television. In many areas the demand for talented audit, security, risk management, and compliance professionals is increasing. Networking may provide just the right information at the right time to advance your position and secure the job. It may also provide information on what you can do to make yourself more valuable to your current employer. Recently a member told me of her own experience doing just that. In her role as an IT auditor, she had always used the documentation and network diagrams provided by IT as a starting point in the discovery process. After attending an ISACA training event, she learned some new tips and tricks on how to step back and verify that the documentation itself was accurate and correct before progressing any further in the process. It enhanced the results of the audit and impressed her boss too.

I hear stories like this all the time. It is one of the most satisfying aspects of having a leadership role in the local chapter. I look forward to seeing you at our September meeting on Thursday, September 11th, and at the future events this year.

Regards,
Bill Witbrod, Chapter President

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Chapter Meeting Information

WHEN: Thursday, September 11, 2008

WHERE: Nelson-Atkins Museum

4525 Oak Street
Kansas City, MO 64111
816.751.1ART

Bring a guest!



Make your reservation today at <http://www.isaca-kc.org>

September Monthly Meeting Details

DATA ANALYSIS

Save the date for future Monthly Meetings:

10/9/08	Mark Thomas - "COBIT and a short introduction to Val-IT"
11/13/08	Bill McSpadden - "IT Governance"
12/11/08	John Mallery - "Computer Forensics"
1/8/09	Special joint meeting with the IIA - Motivational speaker Mercedes Ramirez Johnson - "Get It Right Today, Not Tomorrow"
2/12/09	TBD
3/12/09	TBD
4/9/09	TBD
5/7/09	TBD

Please register on- line at www.isaca-kc.org.

If you prefer to pre-pay for the meeting, please mail your check or money order made payable to ISACA-KC to Greater Kansas City Chapter of ISACA, PO Box 26066, Kansas City MO 64196 . Please note you may pay the day of the meeting and pre-payment is not required.

Date: Thursday, September 11th, 2008

Time: 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM Registration | 12:00 - 1:00 PM Lunch | 1:00-3:00 PM Program

Place: Nelson-Atkins Museum | www.nelson-atkins.org

4525 Oak Street | Kansas City | MO | 64111 | 816.751.1ART

Parking: Parking validation will be provided at the meeting for the Nelson-Atkins parking garage

Price: \$35 members | \$40 guests

CPE: 2 Credits

Menu:

Choice of (pick one):

Lunch Choice 1: Goat cheese Gruyère tart with baby greens salad with maple bacon, sun-dried tomatoes, pine nuts, fresh herbs and raspberry port vinaigrette, and luncheon roll with butter.

Lunch Choice 2: Nelson chicken salad (poached chicken breast with water chestnuts, celery and olives in our special dressing) garnished with fresh seasonal fruit, and luncheon roll with butter.

And one desert:

Desert Choice 1: Flourless Chocolate Torte with Raspberry Sauce

Desert Choice 2: Old Fashioned Strawberry Shortcake on Nelson-Atkins Black Currant Scones

Meal and desert choices should be indicated in the "Comments" section when you register.

Speaker / Topic: Steven Haenchen, Haenchen Valuation Services, Inc

Steve has made many presentations on Computer Forensics which focus on the capturing of electronic evidence. But what do you do with that evidence once you have it?

This presentation, simply entitled "Data Analysis", will focus on:

- uses of the electronic evidence to respond to Orders to Produce
- identify current legal requirements and the direction of changes with the law in compliance of Orders to Produce
- evolution of usage of electronic evidence and acceptance by the Courts
- where we need to go with searching
- implementation of electronic search techniques both proactively and reactively including for proactive company policy non-compliance detection

Speaker Bio:

Steve Haenchen has extensive experience in Forensics, Computer Forensics, and Fraud Investigations. He specializes in analysis, verification and characterization of large masses of electronic data. Steve has had major projects in the telecommunications, international retail, manufacturing, wholesale distribution, utility, insurance, and finance industries. He has testified as a subject matter expert in numerous Federal and state cases. He is a Certified Public Accountant, Accredited in Business Valuation, a Certified Fraud Examiner, and holds several Microsoft certifications. He is in the process of completing his Masters in Information Technology degree and starting his Ph.D. in Computer Science at the University of Kansas.



CISA and CISM Exams Information

December 2008 Registration and Fall 2008 CISA Review Course

The Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA) is ISACA's cornerstone certification. The CISA certification has been earned by more than 60,000 professionals since inception and is for the IS audit, control, assurance and/or security professionals who wish to set themselves apart from their peers. Since 1978, the CISA certification has been renowned as the globally recognized achievement for those who control, monitor and assess an organization's information technology and business systems.

December 13th, 2008 CISA/CISM/CGEIT Exams Registration:

Early registration deadline for the December 13th, 2008 CISA exam is August 20, 2008. September 24th is the final registration deadline for both the December 13th CISA, CISM and CGEIT exams. Candidates are encouraged to register online through the ISACA web site (<http://www.isaca.org>) by saving \$50 off of the registration fee.

Fall 2008 CISA Review Course:

The Kansas City ISACA Chapter is holding a CISA Review Course for the December 2008 CISA Exam. The course will be based on ISACA's CISA Review Manual for 2008. We recommend that CISA candidates purchase the CISA Review Manual from ISACA International (the web link for the manual is: http://www.isaca.org/Template.cfm?Section=Browse_By_Category&Template=/Ecommerce/ProductDisplay.cfm&Productid=821).



The sessions will be held on the Webster University – Kansas City campus (near I-435 and Holmes) and as well as being presented remotely at the same time in a webinar-type format over the Internet along with a separate audio bridge. Course materials provided include a hand-out of the review presentation slides and practice quizzes with answers. Again, we recommend the purchase of the CISA Review Manual, separately since it is not included with our course.

The Certified Information Security Manager (CISM) certification is a unique management focused certification that has been earned by over 9,000 professionals since its introduction in 2003. Unlike other security certifications, CISM is for the individual who manages, designs, oversees and assesses an enterprise's information security program. CISM defines the core competencies and international performance standards that those who have information security management responsibilities must master.

Additionally, the session audio will be recorded and available subsequently for download by review participants. Along with the handouts, this would allow for self-paced study and/or review of the individual lecture presentations.

The 9-week course will meet on Wednesday nights from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM **Central time** from October 1st through December 3rd (skipping the week of Thanksgiving, November 26th). The registration fee for this course is \$100 for Kansas City ISACA and other regional cooperative chapters' (currently Des Moines, Oklahoma City and Minnesota) members and \$125 for all others. Additionally, there is a mailing fee of \$10 for the course materials for those not attending locally.



The Review Course registration form can be downloaded, completed and either Emailed or ground mailed to Jerry Wistrand (http://www.isaca-kc.org/doc/Registration_Form_F08.doc) The return address is noted on the form. Please register in advance of the review course start date (October 1, 2008). The course materials will need to be ground mailed to you. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jerry Wistrand at 816-760-7813 or email at g.wistrand@att.net.

The IT Governance certification is intended to recognize a wide range of professionals for their knowledge and application of IT governance principles and practices. More than 200 CGEIT certificates have been awarded. It is designed for professionals who have management, advisory, or assurance responsibilities as defined by a "job practice" consisting of IT governance related tasks and knowledge. Earning this designation will enable professionals to respond to the growing business demand for a comprehensive IT governance program that defines responsibility and accountability across the entire enterprise.

Specific instructions for the GoToWebinar and audio-bridge will be forwarded closer to the review start date (April 2, 2008) along with the course schedule. The CISA Coordinator will confirm your Email address and send you an invitation for each webinar session. You will need to complete each webinar session registration prior to each weekly session. Additionally, please check your Email spam filters to make sure that the notices do not get stuck there. The instructions will also be available for download from the KC ISACA review course web page.

Dates and Topics for CISA Review Course

10/01/08	Intro to Review Course & IS Audit Process - #1
10/08/08	IS Audit Process – Part 2
10/15/08	IT Governance
10/22/08	Systems and Infrastructure Life Cycle – Part 1
10/29/08	Systems and Infrastructure Life Cycle – Part 2
11/05/08	IT Service Delivery & Support
11/12/08	Protection of Information Assets - Part 1
11/19/08	Protection of Information Assets - Part 2
12/03/08	Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery
12/13/08	EXAM DAY!

Organizing IT Chaos through Email Authentication

By Ray Everett-Church, March 25, 2008

Authentication provides email senders and receivers some additional ways of differentiating legitimate email from spam, phishing and other forms of fraudulent email that threaten the safety of consumer and damage the reputation of the brands whose domain names are abused.

But wait, there's more!

Undertaking the sometimes daunting task of deploying authentication also provides a great excuse for IT managers to begin tackling the unruly and sprawling beast that is today's modern corporate email infrastructure.

If your company is like most, it can sometimes be challenging to find the time, money and resources for "spring cleaning." Major initiatives and infrastructure overhauls do sometimes provide the perfect excuse to sweep out the cobwebs and send old stuff to the scrap heap.

But it can sometimes be hard to justify a project like bringing order to an otherwise functioning yet sub-optimally organized email infrastructure without being able to tie it to some sort of larger project. A project whose urgent need and/or ROI calculations have won broad executive support.

One of the benefits of deploying authentication is that it necessarily requires you to survey – and perhaps rein in – all of the ways the organization uses email. Thus this process provides IT managers with an excellent opportunity to bring some order, or at least some understanding, to what can sometimes be a chaotic mess.

As it turns out, many of the early adopters of advanced email authentication techniques, especially Domain Keys Identified Mail (DKIM), have discovered that the process of implementing DKIM turned out to be an excellent rationale for finally addressing some of the confusion and legacy weirdness in their email systems.

In order to implement authoritative authentication statements about an organization's outbound email, it is necessary to have a firm grasp on the full scope of how that organization uses email. You can't authenticate email sources that you don't know about, so the process of deploying authentication gives IT managers a reason to crawl through the infrastructure and scrutinize everything.

In more than a few circumstances, the need to deploy and manage authentication provides excellent justification for upgrading legacy email architecture and consolidating services into a more unified structure. It has reinforced the vital nature of having centralized oversight of email services.

Unlike trying to justify a needed, but not necessarily profitable, "spring cleaning" job, the process of implementing email authentication often carries with it a quickly measurable return on those investments in time and effort.

As I have seen countless times with clients of my company, the process of implementing various reputation-enhancing practices pays bottom-line dividends by resulting in better deliverability and increased effectiveness of email marketing campaigns.

Authentication is already helping some email marketers improve the reliability of their email deliverability, given that a number of major ISPs are weighing the use of authentication in their decisions about filtering and sending mail to "spam" folders.

As time goes on we can expect ISPs to require authentication as a prerequisite to "white-listing," viewing images in email, and more, making the investment in authentication all the more valuable.

Being able to use the deployment of authentication as a reason for organizing email chaos is a powerful thing, especially when tied to measurable benefits – like tangible bottom-line results for sales through the email channel. Do yourself a favor and take advantage of this excellent opportunity.

Ray Everett-Church is Director of Email Policy for [Habeas Inc.](#), a provider of reputation services for email senders and receivers. He is a founder of CAUCE, an anti-spam advocacy group, and co-author of [Internet Privacy for Dummies](#).



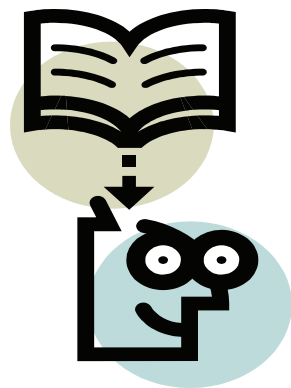
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We are always looking to add new and interesting content to the newsletter. As such, we are accepting article submissions from our members for consideration!

To be considered for publication, articles must meet the following criteria:

- Word or text Document format.
- 500 or less words
- Relevant to ISACA, IT Governance, IT Audit, Security, etc.)
- References to all applicable sources.
- Include the title, author, and date written.

To submit or for more information, please contact our Newsletter Editor: Email: urvi.biyala@ey.com .



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Upcoming Events from ISACA—International



ISACA Training Week
Presented by ISACA®, Training Week provides a unique educational experience.

The Training Week courses use a combination of lecture, case study, class discussion and group exercises to explore all the nuances and subtleties of the named topics. Training Week participants will learn about proven strategies and techniques based upon best practices and lessons learned from the ISACA community.



Network Security Conference

ISACA's Network Security Conference is uniquely designed to meet the education and training needs of the seasoned IT practitioner as well as the newcomer. Whether you are an experienced information security professional keeping pace with complex network environments, an IS auditor looking to gain detailed knowledge and competencies on specific topics, an IS control professional seeking information on guarding one of your organization's most important assets or otherwise involved with information security, this year's Network Security Conference will benefit you.



Information Security Management Conference

Strategic vision for information security managers

ISACA® is pleased to announce its fourth annual Information Security Management Conference, designed for experienced information security managers and those who have information security management responsibilities. The event will feature a variety of sessions dealing with information security managerial issues and information security programme issues. The combination of management focus and highly detailed content will provide the attendee with an opportunity to customize the conference experience to his/her specific interests and professional needs. Experienced professionals as well as new or aspiring Certified Information Security Manager® (CISM®) holders will find great value in the conference.

Visit <http://www.isaca.org> for more details on each event.



CPEs!!

Continue your education with ISACA by visiting the International ISACA website at <http://www.isaca.org> or the location website at <http://www.isaca-kc.org>

More information to come in the future newsletter with CPE options.



Job Postings

Company	Job Title	Post Date
Grant Thornton	IT Audit—Advisory Services Manager	August 19, 2008
Cerner	Security Analyst	August 19, 2008
Cerner	Sr. Security Analyst	August 19, 2008

Visit our website for further details of each posting: <http://www.isaca-kc.org/job.htm>

NOTE: All job postings will be removed from the website after 90 days. For more information, please contact Julie Govaker at (816) 823-1484 or julie.govaker@kcc.usda.gov.

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