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A Message from Our Vice President

As current Vice President, I would like to introduce myself to our other chapter members. Throughout my 17-year professional career I have worked in the Accounting and Finance, IT, Audit and Fraud areas. I have been blessed to hold a wide range of positions and work with some great people.

I am also privileged to be associated with great people on the board and throughout our chapter. Being on the board and attending chapter meetings has provided an opportunity to network and learn a lot of valuable things. I am excited about the challenges and opportunities to help make our chapter better and provide more benefits to our members.

I encourage you to take advantage of the training and networking opportunities that each meeting and seminar offers. We have some great meetings planned for this year along with more in-depth training seminars.

I look forward to seeing you at future events this year.

Thanks - *Kevan Brewer, Chapter Vice-President*



November Meeting Details

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Program: IT Governance

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- 5 Domains
- Key findings from 2008 IT GOVERNANCE STATUS REPORT
- Obstacles with implementing (so far)
- Choosing a framework for IT Governance
- Getting Started
- Balanced Scorecards: What Can You Do as Auditor?
- Certification

Date: November 13, 2008

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

Location: Brio Tuscan Grille | 500 Nichols Road | Kansas City | MO | 64112 | www.brioitalian.com

Price: \$35 members | \$40 guests

Menu: Roasted Garlic, Spinach & Artichoke Dip | Brio Chopped Salad | Pasta Bolognese | Chicken Under the Brick | Roasted Vegetables | Tiramisu, Milk Chocolate Caramel Cake

Speaker: Bill McSpadden

Speaker Bio: Bill is a Technology Risk Manager in the Protiviti's Kansas City office. Bill has over 30 years of IT experience covering almost all facets of IT and management of IT resources including managing multi-million dollar projects from inception to implementation. In recent years his focus relates to IT project management and IT governance and has taken him around the world. Bill first obtained his CISA in 1980. He is also a Project Management Professional (PMP).

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CISA and CISM Exams Information

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.

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.

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 .

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.



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.

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!



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.

Economic downturn creates rough ride for IT on spending

Patrick Thibodeau, October 22, 2008 - Computerworld

With the economy struggling and financial markets in a state of chaos, this is becoming a hard time to be an IT manager. On every here's-how-to-survive-the-recession list that Gartner Inc. analysts presented at the consulting firm's Symposium/ITxpo 2008 conference in Orlando last week, the No. 1 cost-reduction option that IT execs should prepare for involved people — in the form of hiring freezes, job cuts or flattening organizations by eliminating layers of management.

Gartner still expects IT spending to grow by small amounts this quarter and during 2009. But IT projects with high price tags and lengthy returns on investment may be a hard sell internally. Caution, not expansion, will likely be the business direction at many companies, affecting IT as well as other departments. Storage projects may be an exception, however. And IT managers can try to push back, even in hard-hit sectors of the economy, by demonstrating that tech investments can make a difference for their organizations from a business or financial standpoint. For instance, state and local governments hurt by tax-revenue declines could expand their online self-service capabilities. That might be a good thing for IT managers and staffers, but a bad thing for, say, building department clerks.

There also is expected to be continued demand for business intelligence tools, to help users better evaluate every investment and every business risk. In addition, IT requirements may grow in ironic ways; for instance, if PC replacements scheduled for next year are put off because of economic concerns, help desk calls from users having problems with their systems likely will increase. New technologies that can help companies avoid hardware upgrades and other capital-equipment costs — for instance, cloud-based software-as-a-service offerings or server virtualization software — may also get serious attention even in these tough economic times.

Switching to the Microsoft service is attractive partly because it promises to deliver immediate financial benefits, Young said. He added that as far as other IT initiatives go, the school plans to proceed cautiously, watch what other universities do and see "what works and what doesn't work, what saves money and what doesn't." Blair Mandryk, global IT manager at Haworth Inc., a Holland, Mich.-based maker of office furniture, had been looking to cut his technology costs long before the recent economic events began unfolding. For instance, he reduced 450 physical servers down to 100 boxes through the use of VMware Inc.'s virtualization software.

But nowadays, Mandryk said, IT managers also have to find ways to expand services to end users without necessarily being able to increase their tech budgets. "The business is still expecting IT to deliver, so without having the money to do it, you have to find creative ways," he said. He predicted that SaaS "is going to be a huge trend," partly as a result of the economic downturn. A year ago, Mandryk himself wouldn't have considered SaaS. Six months ago, "probably yes," he said — and now, "absolutely." Since many companies are likely to put off IT upgrades until the economy improves, another strategy for coping with the downturn is to get the most out of what you already own. Chris Mincay, an IT procurement manager at a grocery chain that he asked not be identified, said he's looking at ways to make better use of the applications that he himself relies on as part of his job. "Sometimes, applications are so sophisticated that you only use a certain percentage of [their capabilities]," he said.

Scotty Bryan, CIO of the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority in Frankfort, said he's trying to trim IT costs wherever he can — a process that began earlier this year when the tightening of credit markets put a crimp in the student loan business. According to Bryan, the authority's IT department has been managing disks better to increase available storage capacity, getting rid of software modules that aren't being used and shifting users to electronic documents to cut down on paper consumption. Job vacancies in IT aren't being filled, and new purchases are being reviewed much more closely than before, he said.

Charles Everett, CIO of the Service Employees International Union in Washington, said he expects to be asked to help the union find ways to cut operating costs. SaaS is an option, Everett said, although he isn't sure that would cost less in the long term than continuing to run software in-house would. "I think [SaaS] is always going to be more pricey than doing it ourselves — but we will see," he said. Everett also views increased IT automation as a potential cost-savings option. Not everyone is cutting back. John Chambers, CEO of Cisco Systems Inc., said during a Q&A keynote session at the Gartner conference that he plans to increase IT spending by 10% at the networking vendor next year, no matter what happens to the economy. Economic slowdowns can be used to "gain huge competitive advantage" by companies that see IT as "the enabler of business strategy," Chambers said.

Opinions on the severity of the downturn's impact on IT do vary by industry. IT managers in the auto industry, which is being squeezed by slow sales and the rising cost of raw materials, are largely in hunker-down mode, according to symposium attendees. Companies in the oil and gas industry might have more money to spend, although new projects are being carefully evaluated even there. Harsh economic times may also make possible some IT actions that were off the table in flush times. For instance, John McLatchey, an enterprise architecture planner at a health care company that he asked not be identified, said the thinking in his group is to try to push through changes that may have been politically difficult before, such as getting rid of legacy systems that are expensive to maintain. "Let's use this as an opportunity," he said.

IT managers will likely try to get better pricing deals from their vendors. And Miguel Gascon, CIO at Panama-based Global Bank Corp., is taking an even more basic step. Gascon said he plans to make invoice verification a priority within his IT department, to make sure that bills from vendors are correct and meet the terms of contracts.



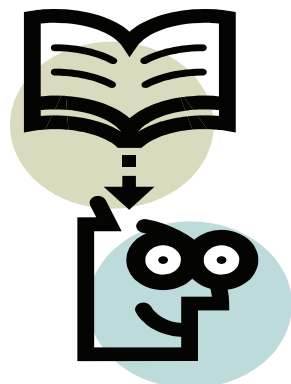
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- Word or text Document format.
- 500 or less words
- Relevant to ISACA, IT Governance, IT Audit, Security, etc.)
- References to all applicable sources.
- Include the title, author, and date written.

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Network Security Conference

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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.

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CPEs!!

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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>

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Save the date for future Monthly Meetings:

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

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