



Greater Kansas City Chapter

December 2006 CISA Exam Update

The Kansas City ISACA Chapter had at least thirty members sit for the December exam. The chapter presented a nine-week review course led by Ed Gilliland. The course was presented on-site at Webster University, as well as presented remotely over the Internet and using an audio bridge. We had seven local participants in addition to ten others from both adjoining chapters and across the country, including Georgia and California. The remote presentation of the review course was considered a success.

This was the first web-based CISA review presented by an ISACA chapter. The use of remote access coincides with the e-Symposia developed and offered by ISACA International. In response to feedback, we are extending the Spring 2007 review course to ten weeks and adding an additional half-hour to each session to provide additional time to include greater participation for both the candidates and experienced professionals wishing to share their expertise in the exam concentration areas.

Spring 2007 CISA Review Course

The Kansas City ISACA Chapter will be holding a ten-week CISA Review Course for the June 2007 CISA Exam starting on March 28, 2007. Once again, we are excited to have one of our members, Ed Gilliland, facilitate the Spring review course. The review sessions will be held at the Webster University KC campus and offered remotely over the Internet with an audio bridge. The registration fee for this course is \$100 for Kansas City ISACA chapter members and \$125 for all others participants. Participants are also encouraged to purchase the CISA Review Manual available on ISACA's on-line bookstore.

If you have any interest in physically attending a review course at Webster University or participating remotely over the internet, please contact Jerry Wistrand at 816-760-7813 or g.wistrand@att.net. Additionally, please contact Jerry if you are an experienced CISA and are interested in sharing your experiences over one or more CISA topic areas at one of the Spring CISA review course sessions.

CISA and CISM Scoring Change

ISACA's CISA and CISM certification boards recently approved changing the way exams are scored. To alleviate confusion with the previous scoring method and provide greater clarity, ISACA will use a 200-800 point scale with a passing point of 450, beginning with the June 2007 exam. Using a 200-800 scale will increase the range of scores and also eliminate the perception that the score is a percentage. This scoring method is used by several testing organizations, including the well-respected SAT and GRE exams.

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Next Monthly Meeting

Date: Thursday, January 11th

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

Place: The Kauffman Foundation
4801 Rockhill Road
Kansas City, Missouri 64110

Price: Meeting— \$35 members, \$40 guests

CPE: 2 Credits

Speaker: Gordon Braun, Protiviti

Topic: Val IT

Val IT, as defined by the ITGI is, "The standard framework for organizations to select and manage IT-related business investments and IT assets by means of investment programs such that they deliver the optimal value to the organization." ITGI views Val IT (what we should be doing) and COBIT (how should we do it) as being complementary to deliver value to the organization and to shareholders. In the past year, three documents have been published by ITGI regarding Enterprise Value: Governance of IT Investments (Val IT): 1.) The Val IT Framework 2.) The Business Case and 3.) The ING Business Case. An overview of each of these publications will be covered during the program and an example IT audit over this area, including potential scope and landmines to consider.

Registration will be available soon @ www.isaca-kc.org

Job Board

No current job opportunities.

Visit our website for further details of each posting:
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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ISACA KC On-Line Member Survey

The Greater Kansas City Chapter wants to hear from you! Please visit <http://www.isaca-kc.org/survey.htm> to offer your thoughts on meeting locations, topics, certifications, and networking opportunities. Your input will be considered as we develop future meetings and programs for the chapter.

ISACA E-Symposia

ISACA is pleased to offer an e-symposium each month as a free benefit to members. The e-symposia are live, on-line events featuring industry leaders. All events are archived for future viewing. Each member may earn three continuing professional education (CPE) credits by participating in the live event or listening to the archive, and completing a short quiz. Recent symposia sessions have included Taking Control—The Challenges of Compliance, Security Metrics and IT Governance. Invitations for each event are sent via e-mail. Be sure to register early to secure your place in the event via chat and message boards.

Feedback Forum

If you have suggestions regarding presentation topics, speakers or locations, please contact our Programs Chair, Rex Johnson, at (816) 802-7733 or rejohnson@deloitte.com.

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