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As a local chapter that supports the vision of ISACA, we will continue make quality programs and seminars available to the membership; not only because it is what you asked for, but it is also what you deserve.

Earlier this month, Audit Command Language (ACL) training that was conducted at Steelcase Inc. February 1 – 2, 2006. It was a big success! Our trainer, Bob Makowski, did a fine job and was able to show all the attendees new concepts that could be taken back to their respective workplaces and immediately put to use. Thank you to all that attended, we appreciate your continued support of the chapter.

At The Next Meeting

Looking ahead to March; we have a 1-day seminar on “**Understanding Group Policy in Active Directory.**” Derek Melber, our presenter from last year, will be back to give us another dynamic presentation. See pages 5 – 7 more details.

Dr. David Cannon shared with members and non-members Techniques on How to Study for and How to Take the CIA and CISA Exams. I personally have been instructed by Dr. Cannon on these techniques and have improved my exam scores across the board. The techniques are valuable.

The Board would also like to give a special thanks to Dr. Cannon for his contributions to the chapter this year. Dr. Cannon has not only conducted 5 presentations for Western Michigan ISACA, Western Michigan and Lansing IIA combined, but has also assisted 4 Grand Valley State University students in becoming members of the Western Michigan ISACA chapter.

On behalf of the Western Michigan ISACA Board we would again like to thank you Dr. Cannon for assisting us with striving towards our membership goals.

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ISACA West Michigan Statement of Financial Position as of 1/31/2006

Account	7/1/2005	1/31/2006
ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 10,554.51	\$ 8,836.78
NC CD - 12 month	2,680.10	
NC CD - 6 month		5,053.77
	<u>\$ 13,234.61</u>	<u>\$ 13,890.55</u>
NET ASSETS		
Temporarily Restricted	2,680.10	5,053.77
Unrestricted	10,554.51	8,836.78
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 13,234.61</u>	<u>\$ 13,890.55</u>

ISACA West Michigan Statement of Cash Flow 07/01/2005 through 1/31/2006

Net Assets, Beginning (7/01/2004)	\$ 13,234.61
Change in Net Assets	\$ 655.94
Net Assets, Ending (1/31/2006)	<u>\$ 13,890.55</u>

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Seminar Synopsis – Understanding Group Policy in Active Directory

Active Directory is a large environment that must be understood from both an administrative and auditing standpoint. One of the most important areas within Active Directory that must be understood by security auditors is Group Policy. Group Policy is installed and used by default. Group Policy is also the only way to secure an environment using Active Directory. Therefore, understanding the finer points of Group Policy is very important. In this workshop, we will go over all that an auditor needs to know about Group Policy, including auditing it. Items that will be covered will include:

- Understanding Group Policy Processing
- Learning about the broad array of GP settings
- Seeing how GP protects servers and desktops
- Understanding how to baseline security using GP
- Working with security templates to audit GP and security settings

Speaker Biography

Derek Melber , MCSE, MVP, CISM

Derek is the Director of Education, Certification, and Compliance Solutions for DesktopStandard (www.desktopstandard.com). Derek has written the only books on auditing Windows security available at www.theiia.org. Derek also wrote the only book Microsoft has written on Group Policy, called The Group Policy Guide, which can be acquired at www.microsoft.com/mspress. If you have a question for Derek, contact him at derekm@desktopstandard.com.

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**Western Michigan
Information Systems Audit & Control Association
2005 – 2006 Program Year**

March 30, 2006

Topic: Understanding Group Policy in Active Directory

Location: Steelcase – 1111 44th Street, SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49508

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (registration at 8:00 a.m.)

Presenter: Derek Melber, Braincore

April 21, 2006

Topic: Fundamental Forensics for Auditors and Info Security Professionals

Location: Lansing (ISACA/ISSA/ASIS [1st Annual Joint Security Seminar](#))

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Presenter: Albert J. Marcella Jr., Ph.D., COAP, CQA, CCP, CDP, CFSA, CISA

May 17, 2006

Topic: IT's 2006 Oxymoron: Reduce IT Cost by Modernization IT Code, Privatize IT Data, and Testing it all Thoroughly

Location: Grand Rapids

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Presenter: Gary Deneszczuk, Compuware

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December 2005 Certification Exam Passers

Western Michigan Chapter (038) Members

Note: This list EXCLUDES individuals that have not paid their exam related fees or that have not signed the exam registration form

<u>Exam Type</u>	<u>Name</u>
CISA	Mr. Charles Robert Kern, II
CISA	Mr. John Walker Grady
CISA	Ms. Sandra Lynn Streb, CPA
CISA	Ms. Julie A. Jacobs
CISA	Mr. Adam Christopher Johnson

On behalf of the Western Michigan ISACA Board, we would like to congratulate you on your hard work and a job well done!

Regards,

Western Michigan ISACA Board

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International Conference
30 July - 2 August 2006
Adelaide Convention Centre
North Terrace, Adelaide, South
Australia 5000



International Conference and Annual Meeting of the Membership

ISACA® is pleased to present its 34th annual International Conference and Meeting of the Membership, which will be held in Adelaide, South Australia. The International Conference has long been recognized throughout the world for providing in-depth coverage of the leading-edge technical and managerial issues facing IT audit, control, security, assurance and governance professionals. The International Conference gathers a cadre of international industry experts. These world-class presenters bring together a wealth of experience and knowledge on best practices, system security, audit tools and processes, and other topics that impact not only those in a given geographic area, but all IT professionals worldwide.

This is an extraordinary opportunity to network with peers and discover the differing ways in which similar problems are solved around the globe.

Conference Information

Session Information

- ▶ [Streams & Sessions](#)
- ▶ [Workshops](#)

Additional Information

- ▶ [Download Brochure](#) (PDF, 302K)
- ▶ [Special Events](#)
- ▶ [Sponsors & Exhibitors](#)
- ▶ [Earn up to 19 CPE Credits](#)

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Registration Fees

US \$ Pricing	ISACA Member	Nonmember
Conference on or before 17 May 2006 (Not a Member?)	US \$1210*	US \$1540*
Conference after 17 May 2006	US \$1320*	US \$1540*
Workshop 1	US \$715*	US \$935*
Workshop 2	US \$715*	US \$935*
Workshop 3	US \$440*	US \$660*
Workshop 4	US \$440*	US \$660*
Workshop 5	US \$440*	US \$660*
Workshop 6	US \$440*	US \$660*
AU \$ Pricing	ISACA Member	Nonmember
Conference on or before 17 May 2006 (Not a Member?)	AU \$1620*	AU \$2060*
Conference after 17 May 2006	AU \$1770*	AU \$2060*
Workshop 1	AU \$960*	AU \$1250*
Workshop 2	AU \$960*	AU \$1250*
Workshop 3	AU \$590*	AU \$880*
Workshop 4	AU \$590*	AU \$880*
Workshop 5	AU \$590*	AU \$880*
Workshop 6	AU \$590*	AU \$880*

Cancellation Deadline: 5 July 2006 ([Cancellation Policy](#))

The entire registration fee indicated above must be received by ISACA before your registration will be considered paid in full.

* GST Information: ISACA is required to collect Goods & Services Tax (GST) from all participants for this event; therefore, the fees above **include** GST.

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Security Management Resources, Inc.®

An SMR Group Company

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT



Security Management Resources, Inc.® an international executive search firm whose global practice is focused exclusively on professional and executive level corporate security positions, is seeking candidates for the following opportunity.

TITLE: Manager, Information Protection
LOCATION: Chicago Metro Area, IL
SALARY: \$90K-\$110K
RELOCATION: Yes

SUMMARY

An excellent opportunity for a Manager, Information Protection at our client's corporate headquarters in Lincolnshire, IL.

You will perform the following functions in this key role:

- In cooperation with senior management at TPNA, TGRD and TPC, responsible for the company's information asset protection program.
- Design and implement programs for mitigating identified risks and protecting the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of the company's information assets.
- Serve as the champion of information protection by working to ensure business information owners are held accountable for each of their respective areas as it relates to business continuity, compliance and securing proprietary information assets.
- Lead the company's efforts in pursuing best practices such as adopting or modeling the ISO17799/BS 7799 framework.
- Lead the overall development and implementation of information protection policies in concert with other functional areas such as Legal, HR and IT.

Will address all aspects of information protection programs across the company, including those related to statutory requirements such as California Senate Bill No. 1386 that protects the confidentiality of personally identifiable customer information, as well as other local, state, federal or international regulatory bodies.

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RESPONSIBILITIES **COMPETENCIES/ABILITIES**

You must possess the following requirements and experience to succeed in this position:

- Bachelor's degree in Information Systems, Business, or Criminal Justice, Master's degree or law degree preferred.
- Minimum of 7 years related experience.
- Experience with Corporate Security, IT Information Security, Internal Auditing, preferably in a leadership role.
- Understanding and working knowledge of current information security and protection trends and best practices (GASSP/ISO17799/BS7799).
- Knowledge of U.S. privacy regulations and European privacy standards.
- Wide range of technical skills (MS, Unix, SAP, and Oracle would be a plus).
- 10% travel is required

RESUME SUBMITTAL

Interested candidates should submit their resumes via the position posting on the SMR website at:

<http://www.smrgroup.com>