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Message to Membership

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As mentioned in our September Newsletter, the Western Michigan ISACA’s Board would be identifying and implementing strategic initiatives throughout the program year. We anticipated March 31, 2006 as the completion date of the development stages. We are happy to

announce that most of the initiatives have been identified. Some of our primary initiatives are to:

1. Build stronger relationships with other local and non-local professional chapters such as the IIA, ISSA, and ASIS;
2. Offer higher quality programs and activities for our members; and
3. Increase membership by 50%

We are happy to announce that initiative 1 and 2 mentioned above have been accomplished. Although initiative 3 has not yet been accomplished, work is still in progress. The goal is to increase membership from 97 to 146 (i.e., 49 or 50%). Currently, our membership has grown by 15 or 15.4%.

We will continue to be forward thinking and in directing the chapter’s activities. As always, we value your opinions and suggestions in helping us provide programs and seminars that are beneficial to your professional growth.

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ISACA West Michigan Statement of Financial Position as of 2/28/2006

Account	7/1/2005	2/28/2006
ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 10,554.51	\$ 10,593.04
NC CD - 12 month (2265612875)	2,680.10	
NC CD - 6 month (7365231096)		5,066.63
	<u>\$ 13,234.61</u>	<u>\$ 15,659.67</u>
NET ASSETS		
Temporarily Restricted	2,680.10	5,066.63
Unrestricted	10,554.51	10,593.04
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 13,234.61</u>	<u>\$ 15,659.67</u>

ISACA West Michigan Statement of Cash Flow 07/01/2005 through 2/28/2006

Net Assets, Beginning (7/01/2004)	\$ 13,234.61
Change in Net Assets	<u>\$ 2,425.06</u>
Net Assets, Ending (1/31/2006)	<u>\$ 15,659.67</u>

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FUNDAMENTAL FORENSICS FOR AUDITORS AND INFORMATION SECURITY SPECIALISTS

Registration: 7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.
Conference: 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Receptions: 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY

Al Marcella, Ph.D. CISA

Albert Marcella is the President of Business Automation Consultants, LLC a global information technology and management consulting firm providing information technology (IT) management consulting, IT audit and security reviews, and training for an international clientele. Mr. Marcella's additional professional experiences include providing internal systems consulting services, the design and execution of operational, financial, and information technology audits in the United States and abroad.

Jarrett Kolthoff, Partner, Speartip Technologies

Jarrett Kolthoff will guide participants through an actual digital forensics examination. Strict adherence to established methodologies insures the proper response and preservation of the integrity of the information gathered. Detailed technical and strategic analysis is essential in developing a thorough and accurate analytical product, and presenting it in a format applicable to legal standard.

SEMINAR TOPICS

System Discovery
Electronic Media Examination
Features of Forensic Software
Essential Terminology and Jargon
Rules of Evidence
Chain of Custody
Investigation Methodology
Preparing and Conducting an Investigation

Forensic Start-up Disks
Preparing the Evidence
The Forensic Process
Minimizing Risk and Exposure
Uncovering Digital Evidence
Presenting Evidence
Audit Trails and Evidence Preservation

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

April 21, 2006

Topic: Fundamental Forensics for Auditors and Info Security Professionals

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

Location: Lansing Center, 333 E. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, MI 48933

Registration: 7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

Conference: 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Receptions: 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Presenters: Albert J. Marcella, Ph.D., COAP, CQA, CCP, CDP, CFSA, CISA
Jarrett Kolthoff, Principle, Speartip Technologies

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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A growing number of organizations are recommending employees become certified and, in many cases, requiring it. Organizations employing a CISA or CISM can be assured they are getting a professional who has earned a credential that is known and respected around the world.

CISA

In this new era of corporate governance and accountability, the need to link sound corporate governance with effective internal control has never been greater. With the continual increase in system complexity, organizations are looking to individuals who have the proven experience and knowledge to ensure that an organization's information technology and business systems are adequately assessed, controlled and protected. As a result, IT has worked its way onto the agenda of boards and executives as an item of interest and concern within the broader scope of corporate governance.

Earning the CISA designation helps assure a positive reputation as a qualified IS audit, control and/or security professional. Since 1978, the Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA) program, sponsored by ISACA, has been the globally accepted standard of achievement among IS audit, control and security professionals.

CISM

Information is arguably among an enterprise's most valuable assets, so its protection from predators from both within and outside takes center stage as an IT priority. The Certified Information Security Manager (CISM) certification is for the individual who manages, designs, oversees and assesses an enterprise's information security. While its central focus is security management, all those in the IS profession with security experience will find value in CISM.

The CISM certification promotes international practices and provides executive management with assurance that those earning the designation have the required experience and knowledge to provide effective security management and consulting services. Individuals earning the CISM certification become part of an elite peer network, attaining a one-of-a-kind credential. The CISM job practice also defines a global job description for the information security manager and a method to measure existing staff or compare prospective new hires.

CISA and CISM Final Exam Registration – April 5, 2006

**Register on-line now for the June 10, 2006 CISA or CISM exam:
www.isaca.org/examreg**

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18-20 September 2006
Caesars Palace Las Vegas
Las Vegas, Nevada, USA

Providing the Essentials to Secure Your Network
Join Us For a Variety of Sessions That Will Provide a Complete and Balanced
Perspective of Both the Program and Technical Sides of Information Security

ISACA's eighth annual 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.

The conference will offer 90-minute and half-day sessions on today's hottest security topics and provide the technical knowledge IT professionals need to perform information security reviews and assure the proper protection of enterprise information. The sessions will address designing, deploying, operating and auditing technologies.

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Job Detail

IT Auditor

Job Code: AC622/SC/2953

POSTED: Feb 28

Salary:	Open	Location:	Birmingham, Alabama
Employer:	Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama	Type:	Full Time - Experienced
Categories:	Audit, IT Operations, Security	Preferred Education:	4 Year Degree/Bachelor Degree

Description

This position is responsible for planning and implementing audits and projects related to Information Technology for the purpose of reviewing and evaluating the system of internal controls in place for the company's Medicare and Private Business operations. Also, for providing management and customers with assurance about the integrity of the control environment. This person will provide guidance and direct the work of others assisting with projects and evaluate third party consultants as needed for specific projects.

NOTES: Employer will assist with relocation costs.

Requirements

Required Qualifications:

- B.S. degree with emphasis in Computer Science, MIS, or other related tech field
- Organizational skills necessary to manage multiple projects with various priorities
- Interpersonal skills to be able to work with tech & non-tech mgmt & staff
- Understanding of LAN networks, mainframes, databases, file structures etc
- Minimum one year of directly related experience
- PC proficiency with word-processing and spreadsheet applications
- Experience working independently to resolve problems without direct supervision
- Ability to document projects in a concise and thorough manner

Preferred Qualifications: • CISA certification • Experience w/ACL, Crystal, Auto-Audit, or other programming • Knowledge of Medicare or insurance

Please e-mail, fax or mail your resume to the attention of: AC622/SC/2953

E-mail: careers@bcbsal.org

Fax:(205) 220-2902

Mailing Address: Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama Corporate Staffing 450 Riverchase Parkway Birmingham, Alabama 35244

Employer Information

About [Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama](#)

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama is the largest provider of health care benefits in Alabama. Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama is proud to provide coverage to more than 3 million people. Most of these members are Alabama residents enrolled through local programs.

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However, a significant portion are residents of other states enrolled through various national programs established in conjunction with other Blue Cross and Blue Shield organizations in other states. We pay billions of dollars in benefits each year. Of every dollar we receive in premiums, we pay an average of almost \$.94 on claims received. That means our administrative costs are very low, a plus for our customers. Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama processes millions of Medicare claims each year and administers both Medicare Part A and Part B programs for Alabama. Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama also serves as the Medicare Part B carrier for the states of Georgia and Mississippi and administers Part A Medicare for the states of Iowa and South Dakota. In addition, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama serves as the Regional Home Health administrator for 15 states and the District of Columbia. The Alabama Plan also serves as a data center for Puerto Rico Medicare Part B and the Program Safeguard Contract for the state of North Carolina.

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Audit Analyst

Michigan's largest writer of workers compensation insurance is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Audit Analyst.

This position is responsible for performing audit procedures such as testing of internal controls and business transactions as well as assisting Audit Consultants in completing other aspects of audit assignments. Bachelor's degree in accounting, finance, information systems or related field required. One year experience in insurance preferred. Accident Fund Insurance Company of America is a team-oriented environment and offers an excellent compensation and benefits package for you and your immediate family. Interested and applicants submit resume and application at:

www.accidentfund.com
