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Although we have not quite reached our membership growth goal of increasing our membership by 49 members (i.e., from 97 to 146) or 50%; our membership growth has consistently increased throughout the program year. As of March 31, 2006 our membership has grown to 117 members. The growth equates to 20 members or 20.6%.

Again, this has been a great year for the chapter and it has been my pleasure to serve you. On behalf of the Board, we would like to once again thank you for your continued support. In June 2006, the Board will begin nominations for the 2006 – 2007 Board members. If you are interested, we will be forwarding related information to you shortly.

Thank you, Richard Rosenthal,
WMISACA President

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ISACA West Michigan Statement of Financial Position as of 4/30/2006

Account	7/1/2005	4/30/2006
ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 10,554.51	\$ 15,309.59
NC CD - 12 month	2,680.10	
NC CD - 6 month		5,094.88
	<u>\$ 13,234.61</u>	<u>\$ 20,404.47</u>
NET ASSETS		
Temporarily Restricted	2,680.10	5,094.88
Unrestricted	10,554.51	15,309.59
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 13,234.61</u>	<u>\$ 20,404.47</u>

ISACA West Michigan Statement of Cash Flow 07/01/2005 through 4/30/2006

Net Assets, Beginning (7/01/2004)	\$ 13,234.61
Change in Net Assets	<u>\$ 7,169.86</u>
Net Assets, Ending (1/31/2006)	<u>\$ 20,404.47</u>

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Every year, ISACA International presents best newsletter awards to Small, Medium, Large and Very Large ISACA Chapters at area Leadership Conferences. The ISACA International Membership Board evaluated entries in each size category based on criteria that included:

- Timeliness of information
- Readability and ease of finding information
- Chapter contact information and logo
- Information on chapter activities and members
- Materials from ISACA International (i.e. membership form, bookstore and CISA/CISM updates)
- Reader/member request for submissions or responses
- Use of technical articles
- Overall image, layout and design
- Use of technology (i.e. delivery available via web site and/or e-mail)

The Western Michigan ISACA Board of Directors is happy to announce that our chapter received the best newsletter award for Medium sized chapters for the 2005 – 2006 program year! The award was presented to the President of the chapter on May 6, 2006 in Orlando, Florida. See picture below.



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**Western Michigan
Information Systems Audit & Control Association
2006 – 2007 Program Year**

Programs and seminars for the 2006 – 2007 program year are being coordinated. An updated schedule will be provided to you upon completion.

Thank you,

Richard Rosenthal, Western Michigan ISACA, President

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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.

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European CACS
18-21 March 2007
Vienna, Austria



The world's leading conference for IT assurance, security and governance professionals.

ISACA announces the 2007 EuroCACS conference. This unique event focuses on the latest strategies to address business, managerial, operational, auditing and security challenges associated with information technology and information systems.

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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

The History of Accident Fund

Since its founding in 1912, Accident Fund Insurance Company of America has been the number one provider of workers compensation insurance for Michigan business and we're quickly making our presence felt throughout the nation. We've earned an A.M. Best rating of A (Excellent). We're more than 90 years old and we're not about to rest.

We are visionaries. Accident Fund Insurance Company of America was born in the early century tradition of a nose-to-the-grindstone work ethic and an infinitely optimistic view of the future. Throughout the years, we've grown steadily through wars, depression, law changes, and endless business cycles. With such a rich history in workers compensation insurance, we're now taking that expertise and expanding into new states and entering a new era of connectivity.

With headquarters in Lansing, Michigan, Accident Fund is a wholly-owned subsidiary of **Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan**, and offers traditional workers compensation, third party administration, and group dividend programs. Since its privatization in December 1994, Accident Fund Insurance Company of America has reinvented itself and the way it does business.