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Dear Members,

I hope that you've had an eventful summer! The Western Michigan ISACA's (WMISACA) chapter's board has planned a great program year.

WMISACA's September breakfast meeting will be held in Lansing on Wednesday, September 12, 2007, at Constitution Hall. Joel Weever, a Security Incident Response Coordinator, with the Michigan Department of Information Technology's Office of Enterprise Security, will discuss "Threats on the Internet". Joel will discuss common issues in managing the risk created by the internet to the corporate network and home users. In addition, Joel will discuss various tools and processes utilized that act as countermeasures to those risks, such as Antivirus, Intrusion Detection Systems, spam filters, internet/network monitoring programs, etc. Furthermore, Joel will delve into post-mortem analysis of a couple of intrusions he's experienced and the difficulties in investigating today's cyber-incidents.

WMISACA's October breakfast meeting will be held in Grand Rapids on Wednesday, October 10, 2007, at Steelcase University. Robert Soles, a partner with KPMG LLP's IT Advisory practice in will present, "SAS 70: Challenges in Today's Market".

Please refer to [page 4](#) of the newsletter for detailed information on our September meeting and other scheduled events in October, November and December. Please refer to the newsletter's email attachment for directions to the location of September's chapter meeting at Constitution Hall in Lansing.

In chapter news, I'd like to remind you that our 2006-2007 program year was very successful in many ways. The chapter successfully changed our monthly meeting format to breakfast meetings and we were recognized by ISACA International with an award. We also expanded the ways in which the chapter recognizes members and sponsoring organizations, and we grew our chapter membership.

During the May 2007 breakfast meeting, WMISACA recognized Richard Rosenthal (pictured on the right), the current "Past Chapter President" (President during 2005-2006), for his dedication and leadership to our chapter.



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During the May 2007 breakfast meeting, WMISACA recognized Steelcase Inc. with a Certificate of Appreciation for its continued support and commitment to our chapter. Julie Jacobs (pictured on the right) accepted the award on Steelcase Inc.'s behalf. As most of you know, WMISACA's monthly meetings and training sessions in Grand Rapids are held at Steelcase Inc., and Jamie Deputydt of Steelcase, is our Chapter Vice President and Program Chair.



WMISACA received the "Silver-level" award for an outstanding chapter web site. From year-to-year our chapter has consistently provided our members with an easy to use and innovative website. Don McNally's hard work is evident in the design, content and management of the chapter's web site [www.wmisaca.org](http://www.wmisaca.org).

WMISACA continues to grow! Welcome new members! We're starting the 2007-2008 program year with over 130 members, as of August 1, 2007. I encourage all of our members to meet and greet our newest members at our next meeting.

This will be my second year as Western Michigan ISACA (WMISACA) Chapter President and I am very thankful for the opportunity to serve you again. As we move forward, I'd like to challenge you this year to make the most of your ISACA membership by interacting with your peers at our chapter meetings, getting involved, and contributing to the chapter's continued success. Please contact any member of the Board of Directors with your suggestions or if you'd like to volunteer. See you at the September meeting!

Best regards,

John Juarez, CISA  
President

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## WMISACA 2007 – 2008 Program Year

### **Wednesday, September 12, 2007 in Lansing, Michigan**

#### **Topic: “Threats on the Internet.”**

**Presenter:** Joel Weever. Joel is the Security Incident Response Coordinator for the Michigan Department of Information Technology, Office of Enterprise Security. Since October of 2001, Joel has worked for the Office of Enterprise Security investigating security incidents. He’s is a self-described part-time Forensic Investigator, Fireman, and Security Evangelist. Joel spends his spare time “chasing his two year old son around the house.”

**Cost:** \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members. A continental breakfast will be provided.

**CPE: 1 Hr**

**Time:** 8 a.m. – 9 a.m. (registration at 7:30 a.m. and breakfast at 7:45 a.m.)

**Location:** Constitution Hall at Conference room (ConCon A & B), South Tower - 525 W Allegan, Lansing, MI 48901. Please see the email attachment for detailed directions to downtown Lansing.

**Parking:** Available on Michigan and Capitol avenues, and your parking fees will be reimbursed, up to a \$5 maximum, which is included in the meeting registration fee.

**Registration:** You can register for this meeting on-line at [www.wmisaca.org](http://www.wmisaca.org) or by contacting Dan Moyer at [secretary@wmisaca.org](mailto:secretary@wmisaca.org) or 517-323-7000 x3102.

### **Wednesday, October 10, 2007 in Grand Rapids, Michigan**

#### **Topic: “SAS 70: Challenges in Today's Market”**

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

**Time:** 8 a.m. – 9 a.m. (registration at 7:30 a.m. and breakfast at 7:45 a.m.)

**Presenter:** Robert Soles, KPMG LLP

**CPE: 1 Hr**

### **Thursday, November 1, 2007 in Grand Rapids, Michigan**

#### **Topic: “Business Continuity Planning (BCP) and Disaster Recovery Planning (DRP) or How to Complete a Risk Assessment in 5 Days or less”**

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

**Time:** 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. (registration at 7:30 a.m. and breakfast at 7:45 a.m.)

**Presenter:** Thomas R. Peltier, Thomas R. Peltier Associates, LLC

**Food:** Breakfast and Lunch will be provided.

**Cost:** \$30 for chapter members. Non-members please contact us.

**CPE: 8 Hrs**

### **Thursday, November 8, 2007 in Grand Rapids, Michigan**

#### **Topic: “Spreadsheet Compliance: Discovery, Validation and Controls”**

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

**Time:** 8 a.m. – 9 a.m. (registration at 7:30 a.m. and breakfast at 7:45 a.m.)

**Presenter:** Kevin Kaide, Compasssoft.com

**CPE: 1 Hr**

### **December 2007 - Topic: Webinar (TBD)**

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## Research Update

### ISACA Supports Academic Research

Academic research is the foundation of many of the breakthroughs and new theories supporting the IT assurance, information security and IT governance professional space. ISACA is pleased to announce a new area of its web site, [www.isaca.org/academicresearch](http://www.isaca.org/academicresearch), to support academic research projects. The purpose of this latest area of the web site is to provide a way in which ISACA can support pertinent academic research projects by raising their visibility and encouraging participation in them.

The benefit to ISACA and its members is support of potentially groundbreaking research, and the addition of professional content to the site, via the resulting white papers.

ISACA encourages its members and chapters to participate in those projects they find of special interest or pertinence. To learn more, please visit the web site at [www.isaca.org/academicresearch](http://www.isaca.org/academicresearch). For more information on the program, contact Tom Lamm ([tlamm@isaca.org](mailto:tlamm@isaca.org)), director of research, standards and academic relations.

### IT Control Objectives for Basel II

*IT Control Objectives for Basel II: The Importance of Governance and Risk Management for Compliance* focuses on providing guidance to information risk managers, IT practitioners, and banking experts with tasks and responsibilities in IT. It provides clear and unambiguous guidance with regard to information risk management and its application to the requirements and provisions of Basel II as a framework. In the third quarter a complimentary PDF download will be posted for ISACA members at [www.isaca.org](http://www.isaca.org), and print copies will be available from the ISACA Bookstore at [www.isaca.org/bookstore](http://www.isaca.org/bookstore).

### IT Governance Using COBIT and Val IT

*IT Governance Using COBIT<sup>®</sup> and Val IT<sup>™</sup>* updates the previous *COBIT in Academia* material to COBIT 4.1. It is posted for complimentary download by academics (registration required) at [www.isaca.org/itgovernanceusingcobit](http://www.isaca.org/itgovernanceusingcobit). The components are:

- *IT Governance Using COBIT<sup>®</sup> and Val IT<sup>™</sup>: Student Book, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*
- *IT Governance Using COBIT<sup>®</sup> and Val IT<sup>™</sup>: Presentation, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*
- *IT Governance Using COBIT<sup>®</sup> and Val IT<sup>™</sup>: TIBO Case Study, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*
- *IT Governance Using COBIT<sup>®</sup> and Val IT<sup>™</sup>: TIBO Case Study, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition—Teaching Notes*
- *IT Governance Using COBIT<sup>®</sup> and Val IT<sup>™</sup>: Caselets, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*
- *IT Governance Using COBIT<sup>®</sup> and Val IT<sup>™</sup>: Caselets, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition—Teaching Notes*

### Stepping Through the InfoSec Program

The information security professional has evolved from computer operator to chief information security officer; from controlling punched cards to negotiating strategic plans, defining policies, documenting processes, managing technology, measuring performance, controlling costs, supporting business recovery and demonstrating regulatory compliance. This publication includes a case study and steps to:

- Compose an information security program
- Cement a relationship between an information security program and IT governance
- Design roles and responsibilities to ensure accountability
- Identify and allocate resources to achieve information security program objectives
- Determine if an information security program is achieving objectives

It will be available in the ISACA Bookstore at [www.isaca.org/bookstore](http://www.isaca.org/bookstore) in the fourth quarter of this year.

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## **Distance Learning**

The August ISACA e-Symposium is scheduled for 28 August 2007 and is titled Managing IT Risk for Compliance. To register for the August e-Symposium and take the first step toward earning three free continuing professional education (CPE) credits, please visit [www.isaca.e-symposium.com](http://www.isaca.e-symposium.com). All e-symposia are recorded and archived for viewing on demand. The ISACA e-Learning Library now contains 12 e-Symposium events. For more information, please visit [www.isaca.org/webcasts](http://www.isaca.org/webcasts).

## **Certification/Exam Updates**

### ***June 2007 Exam Result Notifications***

The pass/fail letters for the June 2007 Certified Information Systems Auditor™ (CISA<sup>®</sup>) and Certified Information Security Manager<sup>®</sup> (CISM<sup>®</sup>) exams, including a breakdown by content area, are being mailed during the first week of August. To ensure the confidentiality of scores, exam results are not reported by telephone or fax. For candidates who consented to item 25 on the registration form, a one-time pass/fail status and score notification is also being sent during the first week of August by e-mail. Candidates may also view their exam score at [www.isaca.org](http://www.isaca.org) using their login credentials and password. Please advise candidates that the result letters may not arrive for several weeks in some locations.

### ***December 2007 Exam Registration and BOI***

Registration for the 8 December 2007 CISA and CISM exams is underway. To view additional details, including exam costs and a list of test sites, please visit [www.isaca.org/cisaboi](http://www.isaca.org/cisaboi) or [www.isaca.org/cismboi](http://www.isaca.org/cismboi). Registration is available online at [www.isaca.org/examreg](http://www.isaca.org/examreg). Early registration deadline: 15 August 2007. Final registration deadline: 26 September 2007

### ***CISA and CISM Exam Recruitment and Training***

ISACA would like to thank its chapters for their continued support in promoting and offering CISA and CISM review courses for exam candidates. For those who participated in the complimentary review manual program, ISACA would appreciate any feedback regarding the content of the manual and the course material. Please send comments to Michele Luckman at [mluckman@isaca.org](mailto:mluckman@isaca.org)

### ***CISA and CISM Rank High, According to Foote Partners***

ISACA's CISA and CISM designations are among a select few IT certifications earning premiums of 10 percent to 14 percent of base pay, according to independent consultancy Foote Partners LLC. The certifications were the highest performing, according to the firm's study of 149 certified IT skills, an achievement especially notable since, overall, pay performance for certified skills fell 2.1 percent over the past year.

### ***CISA and CISM Exam Training Course***

ISACA continues to provide materials for chapters that provide preparatory training for the CISA and CISM exams. Complimentary copies of the ISACA-published review manuals are available for chapters conducting training courses and agreeing to meet certain requirements. Please contact Lynn Congdon at +1.847.590.7493 or [lcongdon@isaca.org](mailto:lcongdon@isaca.org) for more details.

### ***CISA and CISM Certification Renewals***

Please renew and report continuing professional education (CPE) hours as soon as possible. Third invoices have been mailed. The CPE policy is available at [www.isaca.org/cisacpepolicy](http://www.isaca.org/cisacpepolicy) or [www.isaca.org/cismcpepolicy](http://www.isaca.org/cismcpepolicy). The renewal process can be completed online by logging on to [www.isaca.org](http://www.isaca.org) and going to My Renewals.

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## **Bookstore Update**

New ISACA/ITGI research and peer-reviewed books offered in the ISACA Bookstore include:

- COBIT<sup>®</sup> 4.1\*
- *IT Governance Implementation Guide: Using COBIT<sup>®</sup> and Val IT<sup>™</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition\**
- *IT Assurance Guide: Using COBIT<sup>®</sup>\**
- *COBIT<sup>®</sup> Control Practices, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition\**
- *Handbook of Fraud Detection*
- *Information Technology Audits 2007*
- *Hacking Wireless Exposed: Wireless Security and Solutions*
- *Cybercrime: The Investigation, Prosecution and Defense of a Computer-Related Crime*
- *Information Development: Managing Documentation Projects, Portfolio and People*
- *7 Steps to Better Written Policies and Procedures*

\*Published by ISACA or ITGI

Visit the ISACA Bookstore online at [www.isaca.org/bookstore](http://www.isaca.org/bookstore) for complete descriptions. Contact the ISACA Bookstore at [bookstore@isaca.org](mailto:bookstore@isaca.org) or +1.847.253.1545, ext. 401 or 478.

## **Journal Update**

The Information Systems Control Journal is seeking articles for volume 1, 2008—themed **Dysfunctional Operations in IT**. The copy deadline for drafts for volume 1 is 24 September 2007. For more information, please view the 2008 editorial calendar at [www.isaca.org/journal](http://www.isaca.org/journal) or e-mail [jhajigeorgiou@isaca.org](mailto:jhajigeorgiou@isaca.org), to be issued in September 2007.

## **Have you reviewed K-NET<sup>®</sup> recently?**

K-NET<sup>®</sup> is an Internet-based database of knowledge specifically developed to provide ISACA<sup>®</sup> members with direct access to educational opportunities, books and CDs, articles and papers, and web resources relevant to information systems governance, control, security and assurance. For K-NET, pertinent knowledge has been sought, identified and peer-reviewed by volunteers who are practicing IT professionals. The references have then been organized into logical categories of interest to ISACA members and other constituents.

K-NET includes:

- \* Full access for ISACA members
- \* 13 subject areas
- \* More than 180 topic areas
- \* More than 6,000 knowledge references
- \* Weekly updates
- \* Search engines
- \* Personalization features



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Member Benefit of the Month...	ISACA's Career Centre
<p><b>1:</b> The Career Centre is dedicated exclusively to information systems audit, control, security and assurance professionals, and it is free for job seekers. Job seekers can look for jobs online and specify criteria to limit each search. The search can be by geography, professional certification, experience level and a number of other factors. The résumé posting and e-mail notification services are reserved for ISACA members only.</p> <p><b>2:</b> Available at <a href="http://www.isaca.org/careercentre">www.isaca.org/careercentre</a></p>	

**Conferences:**

New 2007 ISACA conference and educational event dates have been released. Please update chapter web sites and inform constituents about the available programs. For the latest information, please visit [www.isaca.org/conferences](http://www.isaca.org/conferences).

### 2007 Conference/Training Week Calendar

	ISACA® Training Week	Sarbanes- Oxley Symposium	Oceania CACSSM	CoBIT® User Convention	Information Security Management Conference	Network Security Conference	Sarbanes- Oxley Symposium	ISACA Training Week	ISACA Training Week	Latin America CACSSM
<b>Dates</b>	20-24 August 2007	23-24 August 2007	9-12 September 2007	10-11 September 2007	10-12 September 2007	10-12 September 2007	27-28 September 2007	8-12 October 2007	15-19 October 2007	21-24 October 2007
<b>Location</b>	Charlotte, North Carolina, USA	Rosemont (Chicago), Illinois, USA	Auckland, New Zealand	Johannesburg, South Africa	Las Vegas, Nevada, USA	Las Vegas, Nevada, USA	Washington DC, USA	Athens, Greece	Montreal, Quebec, Canada	Monterrey, Mexico
<b>CPE Hours</b>	38	14	TBA	13	32	32	14	38	38	40



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## ***IT Audit Management Forum***

*10-11 December 2007*

*Scottsdale, Arizona, USA*

The third annual

IT Audit

Management

Forum is all new

with sessions

focusing on the

important issues facing the IT audit executive.

The forum will provide an environment where IT audit executives can exchange ideas, discuss critical issues and network with peers. This unique two-day event will offer a keynote address from a respected industry leader, subject matter expert panel discussions and a series of networking events crafted to deliver maximum value in a less formal setting, while surrounded by the beauty of the Sonoran Desert and the amenities of a world-class resort and spa. For more information and to register, please visit [www.isaca.org/auditforum](http://www.isaca.org/auditforum).

## ***IT Governance and Compliance Conference***

*14-16 November 2007*

*Boston, Massachusetts, USA*

The IT Governance

and Compliance

Conference is

ISACA's newest

event. ISACA is

pleased to announce that the first day

of this conference will be presented at

Boston's landmark Opera House.

For more information and to register, please visit

[www.isaca.org/itgovcompliance](http://www.isaca.org/itgovcompliance).

## ***Information Security Management Forum***

*10-11 December 2007*

*Scottsdale, Arizona, USA*

The second annual Information Security Management Forum is all new with sessions focusing on the important issues facing the information security management executive. The forum will provide an environment where information security management executives can exchange ideas, discuss critical issues and network with peers. For more information and to register, please visit [www.isaca.org/securityforum](http://www.isaca.org/securityforum)

## ***ISACA Training Week***

*20-24 August 2007*

*Charlotte, North*

*Carolina, USA*

*8-12 October 2007*

*Athens, Greece*

*15-19 October 2007*

*Montreal, Quebec, Canada*

*5-9 November 2007*

*San Antonio, Texas, USA*

*3-7 December 2007*

*Scottsdale, Arizona, USA*

Presented by ISACA, Training Week courses use a combination of lecture, case study, class discussion and group exercises to explore all the nuances and subtleties of the named topics. The Fundamentals of IT Auditing course and the IT Audit Practices course are aligned with the CISA job practice areas, and the Information Security Management course is aligned with the CISM job practice areas. For additional information about ISACA Training Week dates, locations and course offerings, please visit [www.isaca.org/training week](http://www.isaca.org/training week).

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