

**CONTROL BITS****AND****AUDIT BYTES**

The Newsletter of the Western Michigan Chapter

*INFORMATION SYSTEMS AUDIT AND CONTROL ASSOCIATION*

★ Meeting Announcement ★

**IMAGING TECHNOLOGY**

Talk about your fast-growing technologies! And we're not just referring to some fancy type of photocopying anymore, either! Imaging Technology is taking on a whole new perspective in its abilities and use by business and industry. Fiche and photocopies stored in "banker's boxes" are out. Digitally capturing text, graphics, signatures, three-dimensional renderings, and just about anything else imaginable, and storing it on CD-ROMs is in! Yesterday's secure storage warehouse can be carted out the door on a couple of optical disks. Need we say more?

Tonight we examine the growing use of Imaging, from its beginnings to what lies ahead, and the impact imaging technology is having on business *and controls* as we know them. Mr. Booth Purkey, manager of the Imaging division of Capital Communications Systems in Lansing will be our speaker. Mr. Purkey has been with Capital Communications for six years. Prior to this, he worked for 3M Company as a key account representative for micro-graphics for twenty-two years. He has also been heavily involved with records management, including president of the local professional chapter.

**Topic: IMAGING TECHNOLOGY****When: Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 1998****Where: Duba's Restaurant, I-96 & East Beltline, Grand Rapids****Cost: Members, IIA, AITP: \$ 20.00 ..... Non-members: \$ 23.00****Times: 4:00 – 5:00 — CHAPTER BOARD MEETING!**

5:00 – 5:30 — Social Hour / Registration

5:30 – 6:30 — Program

6:30 – 7:30 — Dinner

**RSVP: John Blair, Steelcase, Inc., at (616) 246-4730 NO LATER THAN Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 1998.****REM: PLEASE give John your name, phone number, dinner selection AND membership affiliation!**

What a great couple of presentations we have received for starting this year's activity:

- The Y2K presentation in September was incredibly informative and action packed. I still am amazed Carolyn Fairbank was able to get through 98 pages of information. The statements made in the quarterly SEC filings are drawing increased inspection. Have you reviewed your company's statement with the reality of the situation? Many of us came away from Carolyn's presentation knowing more about the proper documentation that should exist for the Y2K testing and how to better phrase those critical questions that need to be asked.
- The November presentation by John Christensen on Frame Relay and ATM was very good in explaining the rational, configuration, differences and pricing structure of the two communication formats and the virtual private channels they use. Yes, another cloud. The means clouds four and five behind VAN's, LAN/WAN and the Internet clouds. Everyone attending these presentations came away satisfied with the experience and more knowledgeable of the issues facing their organizations.

Attendance has been a ongoing issue for our small chapter. John Arens supplied a thorough survey that many members returned. The Program Committee felt the surveys supplied a good basis for a more technical list of topics that would apply to banking, governmental and manufacturing environments. The turnout for our meetings has not been what I thought we are capable of generating. I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to contact me with comments on our meetings. If you are not attending, please let me know why. This will keep me from pulling my hair out trying to figure out the reason for your lack of participation.

Participation by the membership in coordinating the monthly meetings and planning for the seminar has been better than I could have hoped. A big Thank You to everyone that has assisted in bringing together our membership, speakers and facilities. The future meetings and seminar should provide excellent learning opportunities for members.

Anticipation over the future WMISACA web site is growing. We were not able to discuss the site before our November meeting. The site will be one of the agenda items for the Board meeting and we hope to announce the site before starting the presentation on Imaging on December 1.

Bernie Powers

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# INTERNATIONAL NEWS

A Recap of ISACA events from the *ExpressLine* Newsletter

**ISACA Membership Renewal and CISA CEU Accounting** — If you haven't seen yours already, the Membership office has mailed out the annual membership renewal and CISA CEU accounting forms as of October 15<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't received yours already, you are encouraged to contact Melanie Wohlwend at the Membership office at 847 / 253 - 1545, extension 405, or via e-mail at [membership@isaca.org](mailto:membership@isaca.org)

**North American CACS 1999** — Billed as the world's leading Computer Audit, Control and Security Conference, North American CACS is scheduled for May 2–6, 1999 at The Omni\* Rosen Hotel in Orlando Florida. The theme is "Exploring the Issues of Today to Meet the Challenges of Tomorrow", and topics will include IS Audit and Control issues, e-Business, Information Security, Enterprise Systems, Current Issues and Techniques, and Technology Risk Management. ISACA MEMBERS: Register by 31 January 1999 and receive U.S.\$100 off the U.S. \$1,195 conference registration fee. For more information, or on-line registration, please access the web site at <http://www.isaca.org/nacacs99.htm>.

Please note, North America ISACA members will receive the conference preliminary brochure along with the *Journal* (volume VI, 1998).

## 1998 – 1999 Chapter Meeting Schedule

- Tuesday, December 1, 1998 ..... Duba's Restaurant  
 Topic: Imaging Technology..... I-96 & East Beltline, Grand Rapids
- February 9 - 10, 1999 .....Location to be announced  
 Annual Spring Seminar: Windows NT..... Kalamazoo, MI
- Wednesday, March 10, 1999..... Location to be announced  
 Topic: Internet Issues ..... Lansing, MI
- Wednesday, April 21, 1999..... Duba's Restaurant  
 Topic: Penetration..... I-96 & East Beltline, Grand Rapids

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Materials submitted for publication in ***Control Bits and Audit Bytes*** must be received by the Newsletter Editor no later than the submission deadline published in the newsletter. If no submission deadline is published, the default deadline is approximately three weeks prior to the next scheduled meeting of the Western Michigan Chapter of the *Information Systems Audit and Control Association*.

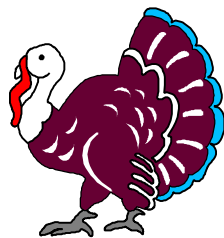
**The deadline for submissions for the next Newsletter is Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 1999!**



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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**



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