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Message to Membership

William Papanikolas gave a very informative presentation on "Risk Assessment at the Audit Unit Level" during our October 19, 2005 meeting. Some of the items he addressed were:

1. Provide a workflow prior to performing a risk assessment;
2. Provide an understanding of the tools used to gather information during the risk assessment process;
3. Provide an example of how these tools are applied to the payroll process; and
4. Identify key considerations when performing each step of the process

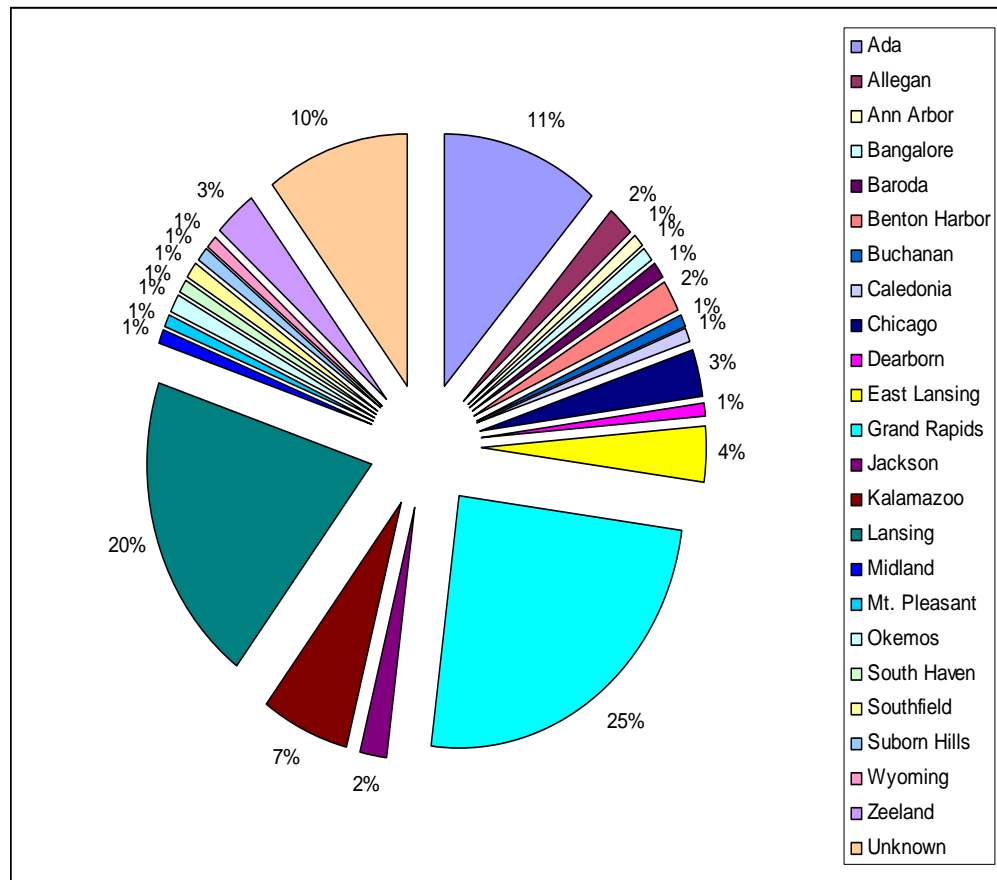
To view William's presentation, please visit our website at wmisaca.org. The presentation can be found by clicking the Events & Programs link.

As for our November meeting, there has been a topic presentation modification due to unforeseen circumstances. Initially, we were going to have a dinner meeting that included a presentation topic related to **Computer Forensics**. Now, we are going to have our first breakfast meeting that includes a presentation topic covering **An Examination of the ISACA Code of Professional Ethics**. Please join us if your schedule permits. See page 3 for more detail.

In addition to offering our first breakfast meeting, the Board of Directors are excited to inform you that we are also offering our first webinars during the winter months (i.e., December and January) free of charge to the membership! I will share more about the upcoming webinars in November's newsletter.

Geographical Analysis

Previous and current Board of Directors has battled with the ongoing issue of finding meeting locations that are convenient for our members to attend. This is an ongoing issue because our membership base covers a wide geographical area. Because of this ongoing issue, the Board of Directors performed a geographical analysis of our membership base to determine where the majority of our membership resides. After further review, we believe it was more beneficial to perform the analysis from members work location rather than the home location. The primary purpose of the analysis is to get more members involved by making meetings more convenient to attend. See the results below of the analysis on page 2:



As illustrated in the graph, the highest percentage of our membership base works in Grand Rapids (25%), Lansing/East Lansing (24%), and Ada (11%). Based on the results, the Board has made the decision to begin offering a few breakfast meetings in the Grand Rapids area.

Because of our membership base proximity issue, the Board has to schedule meetings in the areas where the potential of membership involvement is the greatest. Currently, as shown in the graph, those areas are Grand Rapids, Lansing, and Ada. We are confident that the Grand Rapids, Ada, and surrounding area members will make our breakfast meetings well attended and worthwhile.

As always, if you have any suggestions for the Board of Directors to consider that relates to presentations, meeting locations, or quality service enhancements, please contact John Juarez, Vice President, or Richard Rosenthal, President.

Again, we have an exciting meeting scheduled for November. David Cannon will be giving us a presentation on **An Examination of the ISACA Code of Professional Ethics**. See details of meeting on page 3.

Thank you and we hope to see you at our November meeting!

Richard Rosenthal, President



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November Monthly Meeting

Topic

An Examination of the ISACA Code of Professional Ethics

Location: Crowne Plaza
5700 28th Street S.E.
Salon A
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49546

Date: November 18, 2005

Time: 8:00 Breakfast/Social Hour
8:30 Presentation
9:30 Meeting Wrap-up

Breakfast Buffet:

Cost: West Michigan ISACA/IIA Members: \$16
Non-Members: \$19

Presenter: David M. Cannon, Ph.D, CPA, CIA, CISA, CCP
Assistant Professor of Accounting
Grand Valley State University

Registration: You can register for this meeting on-line at wmisaca.org or by contacting Joe Campbell at cobit@nextel.blackberry.net or 269-695-4949.

David M. Cannon, Ph.D, CPA, CIA, CISA, CCP
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David M. Cannon, Ph.D., CISA, CIA, CPA, CCP is an Assistant Professor of Accounting at Grand Valley State University. He received his PhD in Accounting from Kent State University, earned an undergraduate degree in Accounting from the University of the State of New York, and an MS in Taxation from the State University of New York at Albany. Dr. Cannon's teaching interests are in accounting information systems, internal auditing, and management information systems. His research areas include accounting information systems, IT-based internal controls, and issues relating to Sections 302 and 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

Dr. Cannon has an extensive background in financial information systems that include consulting to organizations such as NASA, Key Bank, Sherwin-Williams, and Alcoa. He is published in the Journal of Systems and Software, and the Journal of Corporate Accounting and Finance and has consulted in the area of financial information systems for several major corporations. His professional memberships include the Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA), the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA), the American Accounting Association, and the Michigan Association of CPAs.

Dr. Cannon received the CISA Worldwide Achievement Award from ISACA for achieving the second highest score in the world on the June, 2004 Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA) exam. He also has been designated to receive the Institute of Internal Auditors' William S. Smith Certificate of Honor award for outstanding performance on the May, 2005 Certified Internal Auditor exam.



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2005 – 2006 Program Year

December 14, 2005

Topic: The Hacker Evolves: New Trends in Vulnerabilities and Exploits

Location: Webinar (can be viewed at your computer)

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Presenter: Clint Hatton, S.P.I. Dynamics Incorporated

January 25, 2006

Topic: TBD

Location: Webinar (can be viewed at your computer)

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Presenter: Clint Hatton, S.P.I. Dynamics Incorporated

February 2006

Topic: TBD

Location: TBD

Time: TBD

Presenter: TBD

March 30, 2006

Topic: Understanding Group Policy in Active Directory

Location: Grand Rapids

Time: TBD

Presenter: Derek Melber, Braincore

April 12, 2006

Topic: Auditing Windows 2000

Location: Grand Rapids, Crowne Plaza

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Presenter: Clayton Snyder, Deloitte

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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CISA/CISM

Congratulations to **Ronald Reamer** who also passed the CISA exam with the 13 others mentioned in the September Newsletter:

ISACA offers two certification programs, Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA) and Certified Information Security Manager (CISM). More than 35000 professionals world wide have obtained their CISA since its introduction in 1978. Along with the CISA, the CISM has grown considerably with over 5000 certifications issued in the past 3 years. ISACA recently expanded their examination dates for the CISA/CISM certifications to include an exam in December to accommodate the large volume of testing candidates. Although early registration has passed, you can still sign up for the December Exam in Detroit. A \$35 dollar savings can be redeemed by registering online at ISACA.org.

For more information on the CISA/CISM certifications, follow the link below.

www.isaca.org/Template.cfm?Section=Certification1&CONTENTID=19934&TEMPLATE=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm



Worldwide Recognition

Although certification may not be mandatory for you at this time, a growing number of organizations are recommending that employees become certified. To help ensure success in the global marketplace, it is vital to select a certification program based on universally accepted technical practices. CISA delivers such a program. CISA is recognized worldwide, by all industries, as the preferred designation for IS audit, control and security professionals.

More than 40,000 professionals have earned the CISA since inception, so clearly many people agree: earning the CISA is a good career move.



[CISM Receives ANSI Accreditation](#)

The Certified Information Security Manager® (CISM®) certification program is developed specifically for experienced information security managers and those who have information security management responsibilities. The CISM certification is for the individual, who manages, designs, oversees and/or assesses an enterprise's information security (IS). 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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ANSI Accreditation Awarded to CISA and CISM Certifications

Rolling Meadows, IL, USA (19 September 2005)—The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) has awarded accreditation under ISO/IEC 17024 to the Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA) and Certified Information Security Manager (CISM) certification programs offered by the Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA).

Accreditation by ANSI signifies that ISACA's procedures meet ANSI's essential requirements for openness, balance, consensus and due process. To maintain ANSI accreditation, certification bodies such as ISACA are required to consistently adhere to a set of requirements or procedures related to quality, openness and due process.

"Achieving ANSI accreditation is a major undertaking and maintaining it requires annual reports and onsite assessment," said Roy A. Swift, Ph.D., program director, ANSI. "Professionals holding or planning to achieve CISA and CISM can be sure these certifications meet ANSI's requirements for openness, balance, consensus and other due process safeguards. ISACA can be very proud of this accomplishment."

The CISA designation has been a globally accepted standard of achievement in the information systems (IS) audit, control and security field since 1978, and has been recognized by many governments and major business groups around the world. More than 40,000 people have attained the CISA certification since inception. The CISA exam achieved record-breaking registration for the 12th consecutive year in 2005—creating the first-ever need for two exams to be administered in one year. Worldwide, more than 19,000 professionals registered for the June 2005 CISA exam, a 40 percent increase from 2004. The next CISA exam is scheduled for 10 December 2005.

Designed for experienced information security managers, the CISM designation is a groundbreaking credential earned by more than 5,200 professionals in its first two years. More than 1,500 professionals registered for the June 2005 CISM exam, a 125 percent increase from 2004. A recent study by the Foote Partners LLC named CISM one of the "hot" certifications to watch over the next 12 months.

"We look at what's important to firms, and [CISM] matches perfectly," said David Foote, president and chief research officer, in the 9 November 2004 edition of SC Magazine.

About ANSI

The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) is a private, nonprofit organization that administers and coordinates the US voluntary standardization and conformity assessment system. Its mission is to enhance both the global competitiveness of US business and the US quality of life by promoting and facilitating voluntary consensus standards and conformity assessment systems, and safeguarding their integrity.



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The 2006 European Conference on Computer Audit, Control and Security (EuroCACS) is where IT assurance, security and governance professionals meet to discuss and debate today's most important issues and challenges.

The Information Systems Audit and Control Association® (ISACA®) announces its European conference on Computer Audit, Control and Security (EuroCACS). This unique event focuses on the latest strategies to address business, managerial, operational, audit and security challenges associated with information technology and information systems.



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Orlando, Florida USA

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The Information Systems Audit and Control Association® (ISACA®) is pleased to offer this unique educational event exclusively designed for users of Control Objectives for Information and related Technology (COBIT®). The two-day event will feature case studies and facilitated discussion groups that will address how COBIT is being used to identify, quantify and mitigate business risks; implement IT service improvements; satisfy control and regulatory needs; and establish performance measurement requirements.

Experienced COBIT users and representatives from the COBIT Steering Committee will present implementation strategies, lead discussions, answer questions and provide COBIT updates.

IT executives, assurance and control practitioners, and others who are currently using COBIT will benefit from attending this event. Participants will experience how organizations are implementing and using COBIT.



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Location: Vienna or Baltimore
Type: Full Time - Experienced

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POSITION SUMMARY

Organizations need to create and implement internal controls that safeguard business assets and processes, including those that protect your data and information technology (IT) systems. Grant Thornton's Business Advisory Services (BAS) practice addresses these controls and security issues. BAS offers an opportunity for you to leverage your accounting, auditing, and IT experience to broaden your business and project management skills in a rewarding and challenging environment. BAS focuses on reviewing operational, financial, and technology processes to provide management with an independent assessment of business risk, internal control, and the overall effectiveness and efficiency of the process.

The BAS Internal Audit Associate works closely with staff on all phases of project and engagement management for multiple clients. The BAS Internal Audit Associate will learn to conduct internal audits, business process control reviews, activities related to Sarbanes-Oxley 404 internal control projects, and external audit support within a team atmosphere while working on a variety of client engagements.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES -Adhere to the highest degree of professional standards and strict client confidentiality. -Assist in the planning, execution, and completion of internal audits, business process control reviews, and other service offerings in a variety of industries. -Assist in the review of operational, financial, and technology processes to provide management with an individual assessment of business risk, internal control, and the overall effectiveness and efficiency of the process as well as the risks associated with Sarbanes-Oxley as it pertains to internal controls. -Assist clients and staff to develop client and project risk assessments, implement opportunities, and recommendations regarding business and IT process optimization, profit improvement, internal control, and compliance. -Work with audit and assurance teams and the client to help plan engagement strategy, help define objectives, and help address controls risks. -Assist with the evaluation and testing of business processes and business controls and identify areas of risk. -Assist in SOX engagements and the preparation of Service Auditor Reports (SAR) in compliance with SAS70. -Assist with the development and implementation of Business Recovery and Continuity Plans. -Assist with the performance of security and penetration studies. -Work with audit team to identify and resolve client issues discovered during audit process. -Work with BAS team to identify and resolve client issues discovered during audit and review process. -Use automated tools to help clients assess risk exposure and document internal controls. -Maintain a good working relationship with clients and work effectively with client management and staff at all levels to gather information and to perform BAS services. -Work closely with senior associates and managers to promptly resolve problems. -Gain understanding of client operations, processes, and business objectives, and utilize that knowledge on engagements. -Participate in recruiting efforts as needed. -Attend professional development and training sessions on a regular basis. -Perform other job-related duties as necessary.

Requirements:

QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS -Bachelors degree in Accounting or related discipline with a strong emphasis on internal auditing. A minimum of a 3.0 GPA on 4.0 scale is required and 150 hours of education is preferred. Desire to pursue CPA. -Fresh grad to one year of experience in public accounting delivering internal audit services. -Excellent verbal and written communication skills. -Ability to think independently and be a thought leader, professional demeanor, a can-do attitude and other qualities that include decisiveness, self-initiative, and high energy. -Strong teamwork and analytical skills. -Detail-oriented, able to work according to schedules and workplans, able to ask good questions and request help as needed. -Strong computer skills including proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite. -Ability to work additional hours as needed and travel on a



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regular basis to clients as required

Required Education: 4 Year Degree/Bachelor Degree

Preferred Certification: CISA

Preferred Certification: CISM

Other Certification: CPA