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Message to Membership

Rob Parsons gave a very informative presentation on Wireless Security during our September 28, 2005 meeting. Some of the items he addressed were:

1. Why use wireless;
2. How can you deploy it;
3. What are the different encryption standards; and
4. How to secure a wireless network

To view Rob's presentation, please visit our website at wmisaca.org after October 2, 2005.

Last month I talked about our strategic initiatives and the key role members play in helping the chapter attain its membership growth goals. See update below:

Strategic Initiatives

1. Aligning local chapter initiatives with ISACA's global strategy
 - a. The Board is still in the development stage. During the development stage, we will be identifying the initiatives that will achieve the desired result. We anticipate a completion date of March 31, 2006 for the development stage.
 - b. The implementation stage will begin shortly after and will be monitored and adjusted to fit the current global strategy ongoing or until the global strategy changes.
2. Membership Growth
 - a. As stated in the August newsletter, we are trying to grow our membership from 97 members to 146 members by June 30, 2006. This equates to a 50% growth. As of August 31, 2005 we have 102 members. Currently we have grown by 5 members or 5.1%. We need to average 5 new members per month from September 2005 – June 2006 in order to achieve our growth goal.
 - b. Also stated in August's newsletter, the Board is asking members for their support of assisting our chapter in attaining its growth goals by simply promoting ISACA and getting at least 1 person to join. I will keep you informed on our membership growth count as we progress through the program year.

If you have any suggestions on how our chapter can attain our 2005 – 2006 growth goals, please contact one of the following members of the Membership Committee: Joseph Campbell, Secretary, John Juarez, Vice President, or Richard Rosenthal, President.

Lastly, we have an exciting meeting scheduled for October. William Papanikolas will be giving a presentation on Risk Assessment Practices. See details of meeting on page 2.

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

Richard Rosenthal, President



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October Monthly Meeting
Topic
Risk Assessment Practices

Location: Holiday Inn Lansing Conference Center
7501 W. Saginaw Hwy
Lansing, MI 48917

Date: October 19, 2005

Time: 5:00 Social Hour
5:30 Presentation
6:30 Dinner

Dinner Choices: Grilled Chicken or Baked Whitefish Bonne Femme

Cost: West Michigan ISACA/IIA Members: \$24
Non-Members: \$27

Presenter: William Papanikolas, Internal Audit Manager
Sparrow Health System

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.

William Papanikolas, CFSA, CISA
Internal Audit Manager
Sparrow Health System
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Bill has more than 31 years of audit experience. He has a strong understanding of accounting, compliance, data processing, and system risk solutions. Bill has participated on several system implementation project teams, implementing state-of-art systems.

Bill is currently serving as the Internal Audit Manager for Sparrow Health System. In this position he is responsible for managing all activities related to financial, operational, and information systems internal auditing.

Prior to joining Sparrow in 2002, Bill served 4 years as a the Central Territory Director for Jefferson Wells International, where he was responsible for directing all audit, accounting, and information system engagements for Jefferson Well's Western and Mid-Michigan practice areas. Bill also served on the faculty of Jefferson Wells University.

Before Jefferson Wells, Bill directed the Information Technology audit process at First Security Corporation (Salt Lake City, Utah) for 25 years, Security Capital Group (El Paso, Texas) for six months, and Michigan National Corporation (Southfield, Michigan) for 2 years.

Bill has a BS degree in Finance from the University of Utah. His professional affiliations include membership in the Institute of Internal Auditors, where he served as past president of the Lansing Chapter. Membership in the Information Systems Audit and Control Association, serving as past president of the Salt Lake City Chapter and member of the Western Michigan Chapter. He is also a member of the Association of Healthcare Internal Auditors.

Bill is a Certified Financial Services Auditor (CFSA) and Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA)



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

November 17, 2005

Topic: Computer Forensics

Location: Grand Rapids

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Presenter: Ben Gonzalez, Michigan State Police

December 2005 – May 2006

December 2005 – May 2006 meeting locations, dates, and times will be provided when confirmed.

CISA/CISM

Congratulations to the following 13 members for passing the CISA exam:

Mathew Beaverson	Shelly Fanson
Kurt Fanning	Reid Mindemann
Laura Stevens	Robert Wallis
Humphrey Robert Blakeley Jr.	Min Hu
Rahul Kallampunathil	Catherine Falsetta
Paul Bement	John Weller
Glen Spoolstra	

Don't forget the following dates:

September 30, 2005 – Final Registration Deadline

December 10, 2005 – December CISA/CISM Exams

Whether you're involved in Information Systems Auditing or Security Management, this is a date to remember. 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. Registration ends September 30th so don't delay.

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



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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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Academic Relations Committee Seeks Your Input

The Academic Relations Committee is dedicated to interfacing with colleges and universities to encourage the adoption of ISACA's standards and Code of Professional Ethics by future IS auditors, to encourage the use of COBIT in the curriculum, to make students and faculty aware of the requirements that prospective employers find most desirable, and to encourage practical research and study of IT audit and control security on the academic level. The curriculum, the Certified IS Auditor designation (CISA) and the *Information Systems Control Journal* are actively promoted. The committee is looking into new ways of providing information and/or services to students and faculty. If you have any input or ideas you wish to share, please e-mail research@isaca.org.

Senior IT Auditor [Crowe Chizek](#)

Salary: Open
Location: Oakbrook, Illinois
Type: Full Time – Experienced

Crowe Chizek's National Business Risk Consulting and Internal Audit Services provide corporate governance consulting, enterprise wide risk management services, internal audit consulting, and partnering and outsourcing services throughout the U.S. Skilled professionals within this group provide their expertise to specific client needs in a wide variety of corporate governance, risk management and internal audit disciplines. The Risk Management/Internal Audit practice develops solutions that demonstrate an impact on organizations that add value and improve performance.

The Senior IT Audit Consultant will participate on a wide variety of technology auditing and related consulting projects across the entire risk management and internal audit processes. As an integral member of an integrated internal audit team our seniors serve clients in a variety of ways; execute workprograms to evaluate various technology related controls, review technology architecture and application systems, prepare workpapers and reports. We expect all of our professionals to make a significant contribution to the overall development of our business including methodology development, training, proposals and toolsets.

Requirements:

A minimum of two years experience as an IT auditor or related experience is required. Experience in performing in-depth IT general control assessments or application reviews in large complex IT organizations. Candidates must also have experience in developing workprograms for evaluating specific controls/configurations of technologies or application systems and experience in creating workpapers and writing audit observations and recommendations for IT audits. Specific information technology experience/expertise desired include supply chain systems, ERP applications, SAP, Oracle Financials, Peoplesoft, JD Edwards, e-commerce systems, Windows 2000, OS/390, RACF, CA-ACF2, TCP/IP and Novell NetWare. Bachelor's degree in Computer Science, Information Systems, and/or Accounting required. CISA certification is a plus.

Required Education: 4 Year Degree/Bachelor Degree

Preferred Certification: CISA

NOTES: *Relocation expenses are negotiable.*