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Nashville Chapter Newsletter – April 2006  
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## President's Message

For the final President's message of the 2005-2006 chapter year I would like to reflect on what the chapter has been able to achieve this year.

### Chapter Programs

We have held three chapter meetings thus far. The topics included Sarbanes-Oxley, CobiT, and continuous monitoring using data analytics. As a Board we hope to continue presenting topics of interest to our members. As evidenced by all time high attendance at chapter meetings and CPE events, we are confident that we are hitting the mark with regards to your education interests. There were almost 60 attendees at our February chapter meeting. We will be holding a fourth chapter meeting later this month. The topic may be more technical in nature but still applicable for the vast majority of our members. In addition, the training will be appropriate for our members holding the CISM designation.

### Training Opportunities

We held a RACF security class just a couple of weeks ago. The response to the training event exceeded our expectations and the class sold out quickly. Based on the course evaluations, the class was informative and well worth the price we were able to negotiate for our members. Many of the respondents had expressed interest in extending the training an additional day. This type of feedback is critical for the Board as we plan future training events. Please let us know the types of training you are interested in, the length of training you can attend, and if there is a cost range we should stay between.

An email was sent out last week soliciting interest in a CISA review course. The initial feedback has been favorable and the Board is in the process of working out the details for locking down the instructor and streamlining the registration process, which would include the ability to accept credit card payments.

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## Membership

As I noted in the previous President's message, our chapter is experiencing an exceptional rate of growth. We have expanded our membership from 144 in June 2005 to 182 in February 2006, a growth rate of 26%. Our renewal rate is 73%, which is the 16<sup>th</sup> best renewal rate out of 80 US chapters. We held a second member social back in March. Despite torrential rains and the SEC basketball championship the turnout was pretty good. Our annual meeting/end of year social is scheduled for May 12<sup>th</sup> at Maggiano's restaurant during the lunch hour. If you haven't responded for the luncheon please do so to [membership@isacanashville.org](mailto:membership@isacanashville.org).

## 2006-2007 Officer Elections

We are in the middle of the nomination process for the 2006-2007 slate of officers. The nomination process will run through the chapter meeting scheduled for April 27<sup>th</sup>. At that point the slate will be finalized and ballots will be distributed for the election to take place at the May 12<sup>th</sup> luncheon at Maggiano's. I can tell you from first hand experience that serving on the Board has been a very rewarding experience. If you have had any interest in serving on the Board of Directors for a professional organization, please send Clint Jennings an email at [vp@isacanashville.org](mailto:vp@isacanashville.org).

Best Regards,  
Craig Zimberg  
President, Middle Tennessee ISACA Chapter  
[president@isacanashville.org](mailto:president@isacanashville.org)

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## **Your Next ISACA Chapter Meeting:**

Our next chapter meeting has been set. CPE will be granted for those members who want them. Lunch is FREE to our members. Please RSVP to Brian Lucy at [training@isacanashville.org](mailto:training@isacanashville.org) as soon as you can so we can plan for catering! Please RSVP your guests as well.

**Session Topic:** **Mobile Technology Risks to Organizations**

**Speaker:** Bryant Tow, Unisys

*Bryant has over 15 years of experience in the IT industry both as an entrepreneur and corporate executive and has successfully built 3 high tech companies. As the current Director of Managed Security Services - North America for Unisys Corp. Bryant is responsible for all aspect of growing the security business including: thought leadership in the area of security strategy and planning, development of the security solutions, go to market strategies and the quality of delivery. Prior to joining the Unisys team Bryant's most recent venture was co-founder and Executive Vice President of Olympus Security Group, Inc. Under Bryant's leadership, Olympus won awards from the IDC for their security consulting methodology and security project management.*

**Date & Time:** Thursday, April 27, 2006 11:30AM – 1:00PM

**Location:** HCA, One Park Plaza, Nashville, Bldg #3, Conference Room 110

<http://www.hcahealthcare.com/cpm/CorporateCampusMap.pdf>

**CPE:** 1 credit hour *RSVP to: Brian Lucy at [training@isacanashville.org](mailto:training@isacanashville.org) ASAP!*

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## Chapter Elections Update:

Just a reminder, the election of your 2006-2007 board members will occur at our annual meeting at Maggiano's Little Italy on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Our chapter is growing and participation at chapter events has been outstanding. To ensure the continued growth and success of our chapter, we hope you will get involved and become active in the leadership of our chapter. We are developing an organization that we can all be proud of. The nomination process is underway and will be closed during our April Chapter meeting on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Please send your nominations to Clint Jennings ([vp@isacanashville.org](mailto:vp@isacanashville.org)) no later than April 27<sup>th</sup>. Below are the officer and board positions that are available.

Officers	Board Positions
President	Programs Director
Vice-President	Membership Director
Treasurer	Webmaster
Secretary	

You can email your nominations to Clint Jennings. We will also provide the nomination forms to the members present at the April Chapter meeting.

## “RACF—Audit For Results” Event Summary

Our chapter successfully hosted our first CPE training event for the year on March 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. The training was on RACF Security led by RSH Consulting and hosted by HCA. HCA was able to provide workstations and access to their mainframe to allow for hands on training. The facilities were fantastic. Our appreciation goes out to Bart Hubbs and Jessica Thomas at HCA for making this event possible.

Based on the feedback from the attendees, the training was just what our members needed and at an unbelievable price. The board feels strongly that providing subsidized training is an effective way to provide value to your membership in our chapter. For those members who were waitlisted or could not attend the training, RSH has arranged to provide a discount to its next public RACF training course. Please contact Craig Zimberg ([president@isacanashville.org](mailto:president@isacanashville.org)) for details.

## AS/400 Audit and Security

Due to our overwhelming response to the RACF training, your board has decided to host another subsidized CPE training event. Our next event will focus on AS/400 Audit and Security and will be hosted at HCA during the week of June 26<sup>th</sup>. Many of the comments from the RACF training were that our members felt that training wasn't long enough. Because of this, the board has decided to make the AS/400 training a three-day course. The course will be in a classroom setting with the instructor having access to an AS/400 in order to provide live demonstration on various auditing techniques. The board

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is currently in the process of selecting the training provider and will be opening registration in the next couple of weeks. There will be a 40-person limit to this course.

The board is currently seeking alternatives to the registration process. We hope to provide online registration for our next course as well as the ability to pay with a credit card to speed up the registration process.

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## Annual Meeting Event:

We are planning our annual meeting at Maggiano's Little Italy Restaurant. [\(link to Citysearch review\)](#) The chapter will be providing lunch. There will be **no cost** to chapter members; however, this luncheon will be available to chapter members only. We will finalize elections and address other chapter business.

**Date & Time:** May 12, 2006 at 11:30pm – 1pm  
**Location:** Maggiano's Little Italy  
**Invitees:** Chapter membership only

*RSVP to: Jeremy White at [membership@isacanashville.org](mailto:membership@isacanashville.org)*

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## Get certified!! CISA/CISM Certification Deadlines:

### June Exam Dates:

Registration Deadline has passed.  
June 10, 2006 CISA Exam

### December Exam Dates:

Aug 16, 2006 – Early Registration Deadline  
Sept 29, 2006 – Final Registration Deadline  
Dec 9, 2006 – CISA Exam

For more information about CISA and the exam requirements [click here!](#) For information on CISM, [click here!](#)

Visit [ISACA.org](http://ISACA.org) for more information regarding IT Audit.

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## Feedback.

We're always open to hearing your thoughts and ideas for improving the chapter, the lunch meetings, topics of interest, and training. Send an email to [president@isacanashville.org](mailto:president@isacanashville.org). Thanks!!

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