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President's Message

It's hard to believe the 2006-2007 chapter year is already halfway complete. Over the last six months, the Board of Directors has been working diligently to ensure we are delivering the right programs in the format our membership has requested. Here is a quick recap of what we have accomplished so far this year.

Programs

We have held two chapter meetings thus far. The first meeting of the year was truly a first. We held a joint meeting between ISACA, the Information System Security Association (ISSA) and InfraGard. Over sixty people were in attendance to hear a panel discussion and ask questions about the convergence of IT Audit, Information Security, and Physical Security. We plan on making these joint sessions an annual event. Our second meeting about IT effectiveness was equally successful and had almost 50 members in attendance. In addition to our two chapter meetings, we held a locally led CISA review course for the December exam. I would like to personally thank everyone that volunteered their time to instruct a section and wish everyone taking the December exam good luck.

Socials

At last year's annual meeting the members expressed an interest in continuing to have chapter socials. It would appear that if you need it to rain, ask our chapter to schedule a social. For the second time in a row, we had a downpour during our chapter social. Despite the weather about 20 members braved the elements to drink, shoot pool, and network at the Flying Saucer.

Other Accomplishments

One of the goals for this year was to receive recognition from ISACA International for all of our chapter's hard work and accomplishments. That goal was realized early in the 2006-2007 year when we were notified the Middle Tennessee chapter had earned the Website Gold Award. Only 24 chapters worldwide received this award.

The Board has already planned a number of events for the last half of the year. We will have two lunch meetings, one with an information security focus for our CISM and another program with an IT audit emphasis. There is a multi-day UNIX event in March that you should have been notified about. The class is almost half full already so don't wait to take advantage of three days of MITS training for a heavily discounted price. We will be having another social and I'll be checking the Farmers Almanac to find a date with the least chance for rain. Finally, in May we will be having our annual meeting to wrap up the year, elect a new Board, and try to beat the great

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Chapter Website:
www.isacanashville.org

Upcoming ISACA Events

January 18, 2007

COBIT User Convention
Pasadena CA

February 26, 2007

Training Week –
Washington DC

April 22, 2007

North American CACS –
Grapevine, TX

meal we had last year at Maggiano's.

I hope you are as excited about the direction of your chapter as I am. Have a happy and safe holiday season.

Best Regards,
Craig Zimberg
Middle Tennessee Chapter President

Recent Chapter Meeting Highlights

The Middle Tennessee ISACA chapter hosted a lunch meeting at HCA on November 10, 2006. Matt Podowitz, Executive Director with Ernst & Young, discussed the new mandate for information technology and how organizations meet this mandate through increasing IT effectiveness.

The presentation was very informative and provoked discussion on performing IT effectiveness reviews as possible future audit projects.

There were 50 attendees. The Nashville Chapter ISACA Board wishes to thank all members who attended and supported the meeting, as well as, Matt Podowitz from E&Y.

Next Chapter Meeting

Please mark your calendars for the next Chapter Meeting to be held on Friday, January 12, 2007.

Note: the chapter meeting was originally scheduled for Wednesday, January 10 but has been moved to the Friday, January 12. Lunch will be provided for members.

Speaker: Thomas Lewis ([speaker bio](#))

Topic: Current Trends and Success Techniques for Conducting Penetration Testing

Location: HCA, Bldg 2, Cumberland Room ([Directions to HCA Healthcare](#))

Time: 11:30AM – 1PM

Please RSVP to training@isacanashville.org ←- Click now!

Upcoming Chapter Lunch Meeting Dates:

- Friday, April 13, 2007 (Database Auditing)

Test your knowledge:

Is it appropriate for an IS auditor from a company that is considering outsourcing its IS processing to request and review a copy of each vendor's business continuity plan?

- A. Yes, because the IS Auditor will evaluate the adequacy of the service bureau's plan and assist his/her company in implementing a complimentary plan.
- B. Yes, because based on the plan, the IS Auditor will evaluate the financial stability of the service bureau and its ability to fulfill the contract.
- C. No, because the backup to be provided should be specified adequately in the contract.
- D. No, because the service bureau's business continuity plan is proprietary information.

The correct answer is on the last page.

Unix training scheduled for March

Topic: Security and Audit of Unix - A Three-Day, **Hands-On** Crash Course on Controlling and Securing Unix

Speaker: Stan Fromhold, CISSP. CISA - Stan Fromhold is an Information Security and IT Audit Consultant specializing in network vulnerability assessments. Mr. Fromhold has more than 20 years of managerial and hands-on technical experience with various computer environments [more...](#)

Date: Monday – Wednesday; March 5 – 7, 2007; 8am-5pm

Location: Parthenon II Room, HCA, Inc. Nashville, TN - - once on campus proceed to Building II and ask the security guards for directions to the meeting location.

Cost: ISACA Middle TN Chapter Members: \$649, others \$849

CPE: 22

Meals: Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Registration: Registration begins for Middle TN Chapter Members on Friday, November 10, 2006

ISACA members may complete a registration [form](#) and fax it to (866) 480-0690 or email it to training@isacanashville.org. Once registration reaches 30 students a waiting list will be created. Registration fees will only be refunded for cancellations made via email to training@isacanashville.org by the close of business on February 17, 2007. Late cancellations and no shows are liable for payment in full. Substitutions are welcome. [more...](#)

Registration for non-members will begin on Monday, January 1, 2007.

As of December 21, there are 15 seats left for the class, please act now to secure your spot!

Payment Options:

Fees must be payable to ISACA – Middle TN Chapter. Registrants may pay via Pay-Pal on the Nashville Chapter Website and send in the registration form.

Mail to:

ISACA - Middle TN Chapter
PO Box 330443
Nashville, TN 37203

[Directions to HCA Healthcare](#)



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Certification Update



CISA and CISM Exam Highlights

Registration for the December exam administrations closed with more than 13,300 Certified Information Systems Auditor™ (CISA®) and 2,000 Certified Information Security Manager® (CISM®) exam registrants. Approximately eight weeks after the test date, the official exam results will be mailed to candidates.

CobIT Mappings:

1: ITGI has released a number of mappings between CobIT and various standards. The CobIT Mappings are available exclusively to ISACA members. Most recently, ITGI has released mappings to PRINCE2, ISO 17799:2005 and ITIL.

2: Available at www.isaca.org/deliverables

Additionally, with the candidate's consent to item 25 on the registration form and payment in full, an e-mail containing the candidate's pass/fail status and score will be sent to the address listed in the candidate's profile at the time of the initial release of the results. To ensure the confidentiality of scores, exam results will not be reported by telephone or fax. Candidates should add certification@isaca.org to their address book, white list or safe-senders list.

Registration for the June 2007 CISA and CISM exams began the second week of November. Candidates may view or print a copy of the CISA or CISM Bulletin of Information for the June 2007 exams at www.isaca.org/cisaboi and www.isaca.org/cismboi.

The correct answer to the CISA exam question is:

A. The primary responsibility of the IS Auditor is to assure that the company assets are being safeguarded. This is true even if the assets do not reside on the immediate premises. Reputable service bureaus will have a well-designed and tested business continuity plan.

Sample question obtained from the 2006 CISA Review Questions, Answers & Explanations Manual.

The Middle Tennessee Chapter of the Information Systems Audit and Control Association was founded in 1986 and exists to promote the education of individual members for the improvement and development of capabilities relating to the auditing of and/or management consulting in the field of Information Systems Audit and Control.

Middle Tennessee ISACA Chapter Objectives

- Promote education of, and help expand the knowledge and skills of our members in the related fields of auditing and information systems audit and control.
- Encourage a free exchange of information systems audit and control techniques, approaches, and problem solving by our members.
- Provide adequate communication to keep members abreast of current events in information systems audit and control that can be beneficial to them and their employers.
- Communicate to management, auditors, and information systems professionals the importance of establishing controls necessary to ensure effective organization and utilization of information systems resources.

End of Newsletter – Thanks for your continued support of the Nashville ISACA Chapter