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President's Message

Based on our chapter's bylaws, officers can only serve two consecutive terms in a Board position. Therefore, this will not only be the last President's message for the 2006 - 2007 chapter year, but also my last message as the President of the Middle Tennessee Chapter. I would like to thank everyone who has served on the Board over the past two years for their support in growing the chapter. More importantly I would like to thank our members for their continued support of the chapter and its activities.

We have made great strides in growing the chapter since I became President in June 2005. Our headcount has grown from 147 to 229 (56%). This is the 15th highest growth rate out of 69 US chapters over the two year period. For the one year period 2006 – 2007, we are tied for the 4th best growth rate. Certainly the relocation of companies to the Middle Tennessee area has helped our growth. However, another metric of our success is the renewal rate of our members which is tied for 5th best.

The Board attributes our success in growing the chapter to the quality of our programs. Our quarterly chapter meetings are typically attended by about 50 – 60 people. Based on feedback from attending last year's ISACA International Leadership Conference, there are very few chapters of any size with that level of attendance. We have also begun a tradition of holding a joint meeting with the local ISSA and InfraGard chapters. In doing so, we have the ability to expose our members to a wider range of speakers. Finally, we have offered several multi-day technical training events covering RACF, AS/400 and most recently UNIX. All of these events were offered at a fraction of the cost of other CPE providers.

The Middle Tennessee chapter has also begun receiving recognition throughout ISACA. Our website was one of 24 chapters worldwide awarded the Website Gold Award. The chapter was featured in the February 2007 edition of ISACA Global Communiqué. Finally, I have been asked and will be leading one of the sessions at the upcoming International Leadership Conference.

We have just begun the nomination process for the 2007-2008 slate of officers. The nomination process will run through the end of April. At that point the slate will be finalized and ballots will be distributed for the election to take place at the May 11th luncheon at the Palm Restaurant. I hope you can tell from my messages over the years that serving on the Board has been

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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.

Best Regards,
Craig Zimberg
President, Middle Tennessee ISACA Chapter
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Recent Chapter Meeting Highlights

The Middle Tennessee ISACA chapter hosted a lunch meeting at HCA on Friday January 12, 2007 at the HCA campus. The topic was Current Trends and Successful Techniques for Conducting Penetration Testing. Thomas Lewis presented this topic.

Mr. Lewis has over 13 years experience assisting Fortune 500 clients and government entities with the development of security solutions for complex environments. His areas of expertise are security architecture design, risk assessment, network security, attack and penetration assessments and intrusion detection solutions.



(left) Craig Zimberg (right) Thomas Lewis

There were 49 attendees. The Nashville Chapter ISACA Board wishes to thank all members who attended, as well as, Thomas Lewis with LBMC.

Next Chapter Meeting

Please mark your calendars for the Annual Chapter Meeting to be held on Friday, May 11, 2007.

Lunch will be provided for members. MEMBERS ONLY

Topic: Annual Chapter Meeting

Location: The Palm Restaurant (valet parking available)

Time: 11:30AM – 1PM (meeting begins promptly at 11:30AM)

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

- Chapter members only (must be on chapter rolls as a member of the Nashville chapter). An RSVP is a commitment to attend.

Test your knowledge:

Which of the following disaster recovery – continuity plan components provides the GREATEST assurance of recovery after a disaster?

- A. The alternate facility will be available until the original information processing facility is restored.
- B. User mgmt is involved in the identification of critical systems and associated recovery times.
- C. Copies of the plan are kept at the homes of key decision making personnel.
- D. Feedback is provided to management assuring them that the business continuity plans are indeed workable and the procedures are current.

The correct answer is on the last page.

Highlights of the UNIX training presented in March at HCA

On March 5-7, the Nashville ISACA Chapter sponsored a three day Unix class that was held at the HCA campus. On behalf of the Nashville ISACA Chapter, we express our thanks for the use of the HCA training facilities, to the HCA security staff who served as instructors for the workshops, and to the HCA employees who are also ISACA chapter members who helped facilitate the training.

The class covered the basics of Unix security with “hands-on” activities to work through the class materials. Attendees used their own laptop computers and booted to a Linux operating system and connected to one of two servers established for the class.

After class each day, HCA Security staff facilitated a session where attendees had the opportunity to learn more about unix tools to enumerate security opportunities on unix systems. The class lasted approximately an hour and was free to attendees. Attendees earned CPE for the Unix training class, as well as, the optional workshops held each day.

Comments from attendees:

"The workshops clearly took time and thought to develop. The presenters were excellent. Thanks."

"Added value--Instructors were very knowledgeable. Good Job!!"

"Bart, Doug, and Hook did a fine job with the class. There were very helpful and added extra value to the class."



The *Information Systems Control Journal* is a bimonthly publication of ISACA. The Journal provides professional development information to those spearheading IT governance and those involved with information systems audit, control and security. This leading industry publication is read by more than 50,000 professionals in over 140 countries around the world.

Other news:

The Nashville Chapter was recently acknowledged the ISACA Global Communiqué (Volume 2 2007). Below is the text from the article.

Chapter Spotlight: Middle Tennessee Chapter Continues to Move Forward

Varying in size from small to very large, ISACA chapters the world over are each unique. The Middle Tennessee (Nashville, Tennessee, USA) Chapter is no exception. Formed in 1986, this chapter of 211 members has seen its share of ups and downs.

"I am very proud of where the current board has taken the chapter over the last two years," chapter President Craig Zimberg said. "A few years ago, the chapter was on the verge of closing its doors. Since the current board took over in February 2004, the chapter has doubled its membership."

Perhaps even more impressive, however, is the percentage of chapter members who attend the chapter meetings.

"We might not have the most members," said Zimberg, "but we do have a very active membership."

Last year, the Middle Tennessee Chapter board restructured its chapter events to align more closely with ISACA's international strategy. Holding one governance-focused session, two IT audit-focused sessions and one security-related session in the past year brought more members out to chapter meetings.

"We had to change meeting locations and close registration before the meetings because interest was so high," Zimberg said. "We also saw a lot of new faces at each of the events, and we think this is due in large part to expanding the scope of our sessions."

The goal of the chapter is to provide members with excellent value at minimum cost. Each quarterly meeting is free to chapter members, and the chapter also offers deeply discounted multiday technical training for its members.

"We had a two-day, hands-on RACF training for (US) \$200 and a three-day AS400 training for (US) \$400, and we are preparing to hold a three-day MIS Training Institute-led UNIX class for (US) \$649," said Zimberg. "It would normally cost someone (US) \$600 per day to participate in this type of training; we are really providing an added value to our members at the local level."

In mid-September 2006, the chapter held a joint meeting with the Information Systems Security Association (ISSA) and InfraGard. The meeting was extremely well attended by members of all three organizations, and everyone expressed how much they enjoyed the opportunity for all three

organizations to meet as one.

"We plan on holding a similar event annually," said Zimberg.

The chapter provides members with the opportunity to earn up to 40 CPE hours each year. "For about (US) \$1,000 per year, members can earn 40 CPE hours," Zimberg said.

The chapter is NASBA-accredited and received exemption from the state to grant an unlimited number of CPEs every year. With 95 CISAs and 12 CISM in

the chapter, providing so many opportunities is essential for these certification holders.

As one would suspect, the chapter board members work very well together. "Our board is too small to have support committees," Zimberg said. "All of the board members come up with ideas for event topics and meeting locations, and we have one person who then handles the logistics."

The chapter informs its members about upcoming events via its quarterly chapter newsletter.

"Our newsletter content is provided by everyone on the chapter board," said Zimberg. "The newsletter editor is responsible for putting all of the information together."

The chapter also utilizes its award-winning web site (the chapter was awarded a gold seal for its site in 2006), keeping all information up to date and ensuring that past event information is archived. The chapter sends reminder messages via e-mail for quarterly events and has found that a personal touch makes a significant difference when it comes time for members to renew.

The current board has been the same for two years, and it is committed to providing the most valuable benefits to the chapter's members. "Our membership is a very manageable size right now," said Zimberg.

"We hope to be able to continue to deliver even more benefits as our membership continues to grow."

For more information on the Middle Tennessee Chapter, visit its web site at www.isacanashville.org.

Member Benefit of the Month...

K-NET:

1: An online knowledge base consisting of more than 6,000 peer-reviewed electronic resources, organized by professional topic category and accessible by members only. Push technology allows members to be advised via e-mail when new content is added to their selected areas of professional interest.

2: Available at www.isaca.org/knet

ISACA Member Benefits:

Working together, more than 170 local chapters and the International association have developed an exceptional package of products and services for members.

Specific features include (also see [membership benefits page](#)):

- Complimentary download of [COBIT 4.0](#) and related products.
- Discounted subscription and complimentary baseline functionality of [COBIT Online](#)
- Discounts on [CISA](#) and [CISM](#) examination fees and study materials
- Discounts on leading-edge technical and managerial [conferences](#) and workshops
- Subscription to the bimonthly [Information Systems Control Journal](#),

which features articles on current and future practices and technology, and *Global Communiqué*, a member publication

- Full access to [K-NET](#), a global IT governance knowledge resource
- Discounts on [research publications](#) and convenient access to peer-reviewed [Bookstore](#) publications
- Documents and presentations from the [IT Governance Institute](#) on various aspects of IT governance
- [Standards, statements and guidelines](#) for information systems audit and control professionals
- Online access to member-only material, which includes a variety of professional resources, such as internal control questionnaires (ICQs) and audit programs
- Discount on annual subscriptions for Protiviti's KnowledgeLeader site.
- Leadership and networking opportunities through participation on [ISACA boards/committees](#) that are making a positive impact on the IT profession

Benefits from Local Chapters include:

- Access to affordable continuing education programs, research and publications
- Information exchange opportunities through regular chapter meetings
- Opportunities to participate in local events, publications or research projects
- Subscriptions to chapter communications (in most areas) that inform of local events and opportunities
- Leadership experience on local boards and committees and the opportunity to make a positive impact on the local business community

The correct answer to the CISA exam question is:

A. The alternate facility should be made available until the original site is restored to provide the greatest assurance of recovery after a disaster. Without this assurance, the plan will not be successful. All other choices ensure prioritization or the execution of the plan.

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

Certification Update:

June 2007 Exam Registration

Registration for the June 2007 Certified Information Systems Auditor™ (CISA®) and Certified Information Security Manager® (CISM®) exams continues. The final registration deadline is 11 April 2007. Candidates will find additional exam details in the CISA or CISM Bulletin of Information for the June 2007 exams, which are available at www.isaca.org/cisaboi and www.isaca.org/cismboi.

June 2007 Exam Cancellations

The last day to request an exam cancellation for the June 2007 exam and receive a refund is 20 April. The request form is available online at www.isaca.org/examdefer. Any questions should be directed to the certification department by e-mail at certification@isaca.org or by phone at +1.847.253.1545, ext. 772.



Craig Zimberg presents Everett C. Johnson, International President of ISACA and the IT Governance Institute, with a \$500 donation to the IT Governance Institute for continued thought leadership.

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