

December 2006

NEWSLETTER



President's Message

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a Happy New Year, and all the very best for 2007!

On December 14th we will hold our annual membership drive. The presentation is on Uncovering Network Security Vulnerabilities: Audit, Controls and Techniques by Barry Lewis, CISM, CISSP. Barry is President of Cerberus ISC, Inc. This will be a very informative session, and I encourage you to bring along any of your colleagues who are thinking about joining ISACA. As an incentive to attend (as if we needed one!!!), there is free admission for all attendees.

I'd like to thank each and every Board member for their many and varied contributions over the past year; our Chapter had a banner year in 2006, thanks to the hard work of your board members. Examples of some of the successes we've enjoyed over the last year - we now have an award-winning, and well designed and informative Chapter Website, the Chapter presented a strong, balanced program of breakfast seminars and training sessions throughout the year, the success rate of the Chapter-led CISA review sessions is excellent, and the list goes on and on ...

Thank you for your continued support as well, and I look forward to seeing you at the membership drive. As always, please feel free to contact me directly regarding any Chapter-related suggestions or concerns you may have.

Merry Christmas!!!

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December's Breakfast Presentation

Uncovering Network Security Vulnerabilities: Audit, Controls and Techniques

Speaker: Barry Lewis, CISM, CISSP
President, Cerberus ISC, Inc.
Date: Thursday, December 14, 2006
Place: Royal Glenora Club, 11160 River Valley Road, Edmonton
Time: Breakfast available from 8:00 am; Presentation from 8:30 am – 10:00 am
Cost: Free

Speaker Profile

Barry has over 35 years of experience in the computer field and has spent the last 25 years specializing in information security. He began work in the consulting field in 1987 and worked for two major audit firms before starting his own company in 1991 and joining Cerberus in 1993. He is co-author of several books, including Computer Security for Dummies, Teach Yourself NT Server in 21 Days and Teach Yourself Windows 2000 Server in 21 Days. His newest book, Wireless Networks for Dummies, was released in September 2004. Barry lectures and consults worldwide on numerous security topics, including Windows, network penetration and firewalls.

Presentation Overview

IT audit and security professionals are often required to perform detailed network security reviews. This entails a solid understanding of security controls and weaknesses at various network levels. This session will explore such topics as TCP/IP fundamentals and the control issues of IP Version 6 (IPv6), examine encryption and how it is used within networks, and provide an overview of various network controls and related technologies. If you are in the business of reviewing or ensuring that network controls are well managed and secure, this session is for you!

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We look forward to seeing you at our December breakfast session. Feel free to pass this invitation along to co-workers, associates, and any other interested parties. Please register no later than Friday, December 8th at noon with programs@isaca-edmonton.ca.

Please note that cancellation must be received at programs@isaca-edmonton.ca at least 72 hours prior to the event. If you are unable to attend and are registered, you will be billed.

ISACA Edmonton - Coming Events

Date/Event	Speaker	Topic
December 14, 2006 Breakfast Meeting & Membership Drive	Barry Lewis, CISM, CISSP President, Cerberus ISC, Inc.	Uncovering Network Security Vulnerabilities: Audit, Controls and Techniques Note: this session is free
January 11, 2007 Breakfast Meeting	Patrick Dunnigan, CISA, CISM, CISSP Principal, Office of the Auditor General	An Overview of the ISACA Certifications Note: this session is free
February 8, 2007 Breakfast Meeting	Kate Chisholm Vice President, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary, EPCOR Utilities, Inc.	Privacy Investigations and Lessons Learned
March 8, 2007 Breakfast Meeting	To be Announced	To be Announced
March 12-13, 2007 Two-Day Workshop	Randy Franklin Smith, CISA, SSCP, MVP President, Monterey Technology Group	Securing and Auditing Active Directory
April 12, 2007 Breakfast Meeting	Doug Wilkinson, CA, CISA National Leader, Control Assurance, Deloitte	Best Practices for Control Assurance
May 10, 2007 Breakfast Meeting	To be Announced	To be Announced
June 14, 2007 Breakfast Meeting & Annual General Meeting	Darrell Jones, MBA, CISA, CISM, CISSP, ISP KPMG's Advisory Practice	Demonstrating the Value of the Audit Practice

Membership Corner

Please remember to renew online to help keep ISACA membership as cost-effective as possible. The more members who renew online, the fewer printed invoices ISACA will be mailing worldwide. As in previous years, all non-members who passed the December 2005 and June 2006 CISA or CISM examinations have been offered a complimentary ISACA membership for the remainder of 2006.

Did you know...K-Net is an online knowledge base consisting of more than 6,000 peer-reviewed electronic resources, organized by professional topic category and accessible by ISACA members only? Push technology allows members to be advised via e-mail when new content is added to their selected areas of professional interest. Check the web site at www.isaca.org/knet for more information.

If you have any questions as to the benefits of your ISACA membership, please contact me. Your input and feedback is always welcome. Please direct your Membership specific questions to Suzanne Robinson at membership@isaca-edmonton.ca or telephone (780) 498-8085.

Certification Corner

Hello All!

It is getting closer and closer to the December 09 exam date. I hope that everyone who is scheduled to write a December exam has been diligently reading their manuals and taking all the practice exams they can. It is not an easy exam but with practice and practical knowledge you can pass. Edmonton has a very high pass rate percentage. Over the past couple of years we have an approximate 80% pass rate when world wide the pass rate is about 52%. For December we have 15 people writing the CISA and 1 person writing the CISM exams. I wish you all the best of luck and good fortune while writing.

For those of you who are thinking about becoming certified, or if you know someone who is thinking about becoming certified there is a free breakfast session on the CISA and CISM certifications. This breakfast session will be at the Royal Glenora Club on Thursday January 11, 2007 at 8:00 AM. The presentation will be on the CISA and CISM certifications with information coming from ISACA and recently certified CISA and CISM holders. If you are interested in how one of these certifications can help your career and your company this presentation can answer most of your questions. This is a free meeting so bring your CISA or CISM questions, and bring a friend!

There will also be information on the CISA review course that will start on Saturday April 21, and continue for 5 Saturdays except May 19th. The CISA review course continues to be an affordable and beneficial way to prepare yourself for the CISA exam. We have a high percentage of writers who take the review course who pass the exam. It is also a great way of meeting new people with similar interests and networking, with your peers. This course can also count for CPEs for other professional organizations.

The CISA review course is based on curriculum from ISACA and is presented by CISA and CISM holders. Most of the presenters from previous years will be back this year but we are still looking for one more CISA to help present. If you are available for a Saturday morning and early afternoon, and you feel you would be able to help present one of the areas of the CISA body of knowledge please give me a call. Not only is it a great way of giving back to the CISA community, all presenters can credit their teaching time towards their CPE requirements for the year.

If anyone has any questions about the CISA or CISM certification, the free breakfast seminar on January 11, 2007, or the CISA review course please send me an email.

Once again good luck to all the writers on December 09!

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