



# Chapter Newsletter

December 1, 2007

## Inside This Issue

- 1 President's message
- 2 Resource spotlight
- 2 Member BOTM
- 3 The membership corner
- 4 The certification corner
- 5 Dec's breakfast presentation
- 6 Breakfast series schedule
- 6 Upcoming events
- 6 Talk back!

---

*On December 13<sup>th</sup> we will hold our annual membership drive. Admission is free for all attendees.*

---

## President's message

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you a Happy Holiday, a Happy New Year, and all the very best for 2008!

December 8<sup>th</sup> is the CISA and CISM exam date. Edmonton has 11 candidates writing the CISA exam and 3 candidates writing the CISM exam. Good luck to all

On December 13<sup>th</sup> we will hold our annual membership drive. The presentation is *IT Controls by Design* featuring Rick Cowburn formerly of EPCOR. This will be a very informative session, and I encourage you to bring along any of your colleagues who are thinking about joining ISACA. Admission is free for all attendees.

January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008 is our annual CISA/CISM certification information session. In addition to providing an overview of the benefits of certification, we will be discussing the introduction of a new IT governance certification.

I'd like to thank each and every Board member for their many and varied contributions over the past year; our Chapter continues to experience tremendous growth (we are now at 170 members) which can only be accomplished through hard-working dedicated volunteers.

Thank you for your continued support. As always, please feel free to contact me directly regarding any Chapter-related suggestions or concerns you may have.

Merry Christmas!!!

Cornell Dover, Chapter President  
909-6939

## Resource Spotlight

Each month, the Resource Spotlight section will call attention to a new resource that may provide value to you. This month, we place the spotlight on a tool that helps simplify and streamline security deployment.

In the *COBIT Security Baseline, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition – An Information Security Survival Kit*, the COBIT framework is presented as a practical foundation for the deployment of IT security. What this guide does differently from most documents regarding enterprise security frameworks, is create simple and practical steps to help you navigate the complicated security landscape.

The *COBIT Security Baseline, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition* outlines the primary principles of security and then provides simple steps for the deployment of solutions that support the COBIT framework. The 44 steps towards security identifies the key areas of concern for security. These are further detailed with simple, Information Security Survival Kits grouped by user type, including:

- Home Users
- Professional Users
- Managers
- Executives
- Senior Executives
- Board of Directors/Trustees

These guides shorten the security deployment process and ensure a quick and easy way to implement standards based IT security.

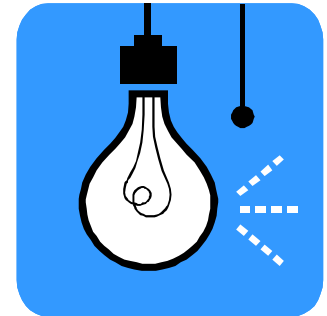
For a copy of the *COBIT Security Baseline, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*, please log into the ISACA website and access the resource at the following link:

[Click here](#) or type the following path to find the document:  
<http://www.isaca.org/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm?ContentID=36926>

## Member Benefit of the Month

Academic Research Area of ISACA Web Site:

1. ISACA has added an area to its web site dedicated to providing ISACA and its members an opportunity to support potentially groundbreaking research. The research projects will also result in the addition of professional content to the site, via resulting white papers, articles, etc. ISACA encourages its members and chapters to participate in those projects they find of special interest or pertinence.
2. Available at [www.isaca.org/academicresearch](http://www.isaca.org/academicresearch).



---

*ISACA has added an area to its web site dedicated to providing ISACA and its members an opportunity to support potentially groundbreaking research*

---

## The membership corner

In December we are holding our annual ISACA membership drive. Please be sure you forward our invitation to anyone you feel could benefit from our organization, or send their name and email address to [membership@isaca-edmonton.ca](mailto:membership@isaca-edmonton.ca), and we'll add them to the distribution list.

---

*In December we are holding our annual ISACA membership drive*

---

Here's some information on benefits that you can forward on to those who may be interested. Some benefits from membership in an International Organization include (also see [membership benefits page](#) on the International website [www.isaca.org](http://www.isaca.org)):

- 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

Additional benefits from membership in the Edmonton Chapter include:

- Access to affordable continuing education programs, research and publications
- Information exchange and networking opportunities through regular chapter meetings
- Opportunities to participate in local events, publications or research projects
- Subscriptions to chapter communications 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

Please direct your Membership specific questions to Suzanne Robinson at [membership@isaca-edmonton.ca](mailto:membership@isaca-edmonton.ca) or telephone (780) 498-8085.



## The certification corner

### Good Luck!

First let me start off by wishing all 11 CISA and 3 CISM writers the best of luck on Saturday December 08! I know how stressful it can be to study for and write an exam like this. Read your study guides, do as many of the questions on the CD as possible and learn why you got them right or wrong. Then get a good night sleep the evening before and use you're your knowledge and common sense during the exam and you will be fine! ☺

### New Certification

For those of you who don't know - ISACA has a new certification in the works!

To support the growing business demands related to IT governance, advance IT governance good practices and recognize professionals skilled in IT governance, ISACA is offering a new certification: Certified in the Governance of Enterprise IT (CGEIT). Until 31 October 2008, highly experienced professionals who have had a significant management, advisory and/or assurance role relating to the governance of IT, can apply to be certified as a CGEIT without being required to pass the CGEIT examination. To earn the CGEIT designation during this period, applicants are required to:

1. Submit evidence of appropriate work experience
2. Agree to adhere to the ISACA Code of Professional Ethics
3. Agree to comply with the CGEIT Continuing Professional Education Policy

Although you need 8 years of documented experience you may qualify for up to 3 years of this experience if you have other certifications or higher levels of education. Here is a link to the CGEIT site. You can read more on the grandfathering requirements and processes and more about the certification itself. This sounds like another winner for ISACA!

<http://www.isaca.org/Template.cfm?Section=Home&Template=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=37141>

### CISA / CISM presentation January 10, 2008

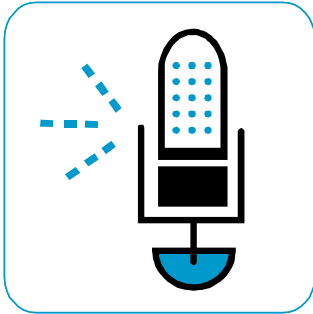
My swan song as the CISA / CISM certification chair will happen at the breakfast meeting this January 10<sup>th</sup>. To celebrate my third year as the CISA / CISM certification chair for Edmonton ISACA I will limit my presentation about the certifications and increase the amount of swag I will give out! I have CD cases and certification pins for all newly designated CISAs or CISM's from the past two years. I also have some swag for **everyone** who attends from ISACA International who were extremely generous to donate some nick-nacks to us. So if you are a newly minted CISA or CISM I hope to see you for breakfast Thursday January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008. If you are or know someone who is thinking about becoming a CISA or CISM I encourage you and your friends to come out to hear some good stories about the certifications from me, and some other real life stories about the exam and the benefits of holding one or both of these certifications from others. Mark it down on your calendars now.

I wish you all the best of health and happiness throughout December and the New Year. I hope you will all be safe and may 2008 be a fantastic year for you and your family!

Patrick Dunnigan CISA, CISM, CISSP-ISSMP  
Certification Coordinator ISACA – Edmonton  
[certifications@isaca-edmonton.ca](mailto:certifications@isaca-edmonton.ca)

## December's breakfast presentation

### *IT Control by Design*



- Speaker:** Rick Cowburn  
Vice President, Tariff Services/Records Management,  
EPCOR Utilities, Inc. (retired this past fall)
- Date:** Thursday, December 13, 2007
- 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:** \$15 Members; \$20 non-members

#### **Speaker Profile**

For almost a quarter century, Rick Cowburn led the rates, regulatory and wholesale billing teams at EPCOR. He has been responsible for over \$25 million in billing infrastructure projects, including the massive business and system changes needed to support retail electricity competition in 2001. Rick, who retired from his most recent role as the Vice President, Records Management just a few short months ago, attributes a large part of his success at EPCOR to the early and active involvement of internal audit in major projects.

#### **Presentation Overview**

Most utility billing systems are complex mainframe-born monsters that are profoundly difficult to audit and control. In Alberta's competitive electric industry, an entirely new business function called "Load Settlement" must somehow be integrated with prices that change monthly, adjustments to reflect actual meter readings, and precisely specified regulatory format and timing requirements.

EPCOR's response to this challenge was to design a wholesale billing system from the ground up, using the most effective modern tools and designs. It was an all-consuming, challenging and risky adventure; but the reward - a stable, reliable, well-controlled business process - has been well worth the effort.

This presentation will document the business benefits that flow from giving system control and audit integrity top priority in system design. The innovations that this approach unleashed are startling in their novelty -- and effectiveness. Be sure to attend this session to hear a Senior Executive's rationale for such avid support of the audit function and, more specifically, IT control by design.

#### **R.S.V.P.**

We look forward to seeing you at our breakfast session. Please feel free to pass this invitation along to co-workers, associates, and any other interested parties. Please register no later than Friday, December 7th on-line at [www.isaca-edmonton.ca](http://www.isaca-edmonton.ca).

*Please note that ISACA Edmonton reserves the right to bill for late cancellations. Should you need to cancel, please send notice to [programs@isaca-edmonton.ca](mailto:programs@isaca-edmonton.ca) at least 72 hours prior to the event.*

## Breakfast series schedule

The following speakers have been schedule for upcoming monthly breakfast series sessions. For details, please refer to <http://www.isaca-edmonton.ca/calendar.asp#breakfast>

- Rick Cowburn:** IT Control by Design Dec 13
- Patrick Dunnigan:** ISACA Certification Overview Jan 10
- Ken Anderson:** ISO Standards 27001 and 27002: Removing the Smoke and Mirrors Feb 14
- Michael Brodie:** A Practical Approach to Aligning IT Strategy with Business Mar 13
- Bob Sullivan:** Identity Theft and Insider Fraud: State of Security 2007 Apr 10
- Thomas Steeves:** The new role of data analytics May 8

DECEMBER 2007						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28	29

JANUARY 2008						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

## Upcoming Events

For details on current chapter events, please visit our website at: [www.isaca-edmonton.ca/calendar.asp#Local](http://www.isaca-edmonton.ca/calendar.asp#Local)

If you have any events that you feel would be valuable for the chapter membership and would like to have included in the newsletter, please forward them on to the newsletter director.

FEBRUARY 2008						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	

## Talk Back!

We hope that you find the information presented in this newsletter valuable and are always looking for ways to make it better. Do you have ideas on how to improve the newsletter? If so, we'd love to hear from you! Please forward your suggestions to [newsletter@isaca-edmonton.ca](mailto:newsletter@isaca-edmonton.ca). We look forward to hearing from you!

Dom Amyotte  
 Director, Newsletters