

**April 2007**

# NEWSLETTER



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## President's Message

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As you know, our year is rapidly coming to a close, and we'll be looking to elect our new Executive at our Annual General Meeting in June. Please consider volunteering ... it can be a very rewarding experience! Please contact one of the following Nomination Committee members if you'd like to volunteer:

- Kristin Shandro – [treasurer@isaca-edmonton.ca](mailto:treasurer@isaca-edmonton.ca)
- Suzanne Robinson – [membership@isaca-edmonton.ca](mailto:membership@isaca-edmonton.ca)
- Dejan Slokar - [dslokar@deloitte.ca](mailto:dslokar@deloitte.ca)

If you need more information, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the current executive ([http://www.isaca-edmonton.ca/board\\_members.asp](http://www.isaca-edmonton.ca/board_members.asp)) who will be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

Our next breakfast presentation, on April 12<sup>th</sup>, is entitled *Best Practices for Control Assurance*, which will be presented by Doug Wilkinson, National Leader for Control Assurance, Deloitte. I hope to see many of you at the breakfast!

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

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# April's Breakfast Presentation

## ***Best Practices for Control Assurance***

**Speaker:** Doug Wilkinson, CA, CISA  
National Leader, Control Assurance, Deloitte  
**Date:** Thursday, April 12, 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**

Doug is a Partner and has national responsibility for Deloitte's Control Assurance Practice in Toronto. In addition, Doug is Deloitte's globally designated Canadian based Sarbanes-Oxley expert and Canadian Based CSA rules expert. Doug has developed Deloitte's response to the Canadian CSA rules and has extensive experience in CEO/CFO certification, providing risk based process and information technology consulting and assurance services in various industries. Doug has also been involved in SOX audits for a number of accelerated filers.

### **Presentation Overview**

Over the last 2 years the Canadian regulators have thrown a number of curve balls at the business world with respect to regulatory certification environments. With all of the changes, it is understandable that IT and IT audit professionals are finding it increasingly difficult to determine what they need to do, how much they need to do and the implications of not doing the proper activities. In this session, Doug will explore some of the emerging best practices around IT Control Assurance and IT Certification techniques. You won't want to miss this rare opportunity to learn some valuable tips first hand from one of Canada's leaders in control assurance!

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

We look forward to seeing you at our next breakfast session. Feel free to pass this invitation along to co-workers, associates, and any other interested parties. Please register no later than Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at noon with [programs@isaca-edmonton.ca](mailto:programs@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) no later than Tuesday, April 10th at noon.*

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# ISACA Edmonton - Coming Events

Date/Event	Speaker	Topic
May 10, 2007 Breakfast Meeting	Dominique Amyotte, CISSP Senior Security Analyst, Graycon Group	Managing the Diminishing Security Perimeter
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
July	Summer Vacation	
August	Summer Vacation	

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## Membership Corner

Have you renewed your membership yet? The annual purge of members will take place on April 1, 2007. After this date, nonrenewed members will no longer have member access to the ISACA website and will not receive any further issues of the *Information Systems Control Journal*. Until the purge occurs, members can renew online at [www.isaca.org](http://www.isaca.org).

If your contact information changes, please be sure to update this information at [www.isaca.org](http://www.isaca.org). We update the Edmonton Chapter membership contact information at least monthly to ensure you continue to receive information about our chapter events. All non-renewed members will also be removed from the Edmonton ISACA member list. If you are unable to maintain your membership but still wish to remain on our contact list, please let us know.

Member Benefit of the Month...

Listservs or Discussion Forums:

1. ISACA and ITGI have established several listservs to enable interested parties to find the group most suited to their professional interests. Each of the six listservs offers excellent opportunities to share advice, seek assistance and raise pertinent questions.
2. Available at [www.isaca.org/listserv](http://www.isaca.org/listserv).

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](mailto:membership@isaca-edmonton.ca) or telephone (780) 498-8085.

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# Nominations are Open!

Have you ever thought of being on the Edmonton ISACA Chapter Executive? Did you know you could receive Continuing Education Credits (CPEs) for your participation on the Board? This is a great opportunity to network with others and help arrange local training that you would be interested in!

The following executive positions will be up for nomination at our annual general meeting held in June 2007:

- President
- Vice-President Programs
- Vice-President Membership
- Treasurer
- Secretary

Other director position include:

- Webmaster
- Certifications
- Newsletter
- Academic Relations
- Corporate Relations

If you want to know more about these positions, anyone from the current executive would gladly answer your questions. Visit [http://isaca-edmonton.ca/board\\_members.asp](http://isaca-edmonton.ca/board_members.asp).

We currently meet once a month for 1½ hours over the lunch hour. If you don't think you can commit to a full position, but would still like to help out, we won't turn you down.

If you are interested in holding any of the above positions for the 2007-2008 year, please contact one of the following Nomination Committee members:

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# Certification Corner

Hello All!

It is getting closer and closer to the June 09, 2007 exam date. I hope that everyone who is scheduled to write in June has received their study material and are voraciously studying and writing the practice exams. To date there are 3 people registered to write the CISM exam and 6 people registered to write the CISA exam here in Edmonton. We often have people from western Canada and the northern territories come to Edmonton to write their exams and this year is no exception. Although not as exotic as Yellowknife or Pond Inlet there are people registered from Saskatchewan for the June exams.

For those of you who are thinking about becoming certified, or if you know someone who is thinking about becoming certified I would encourage you to go to the ISACA.org website and look at the certification section. You should be able to find all the information you need about the exams and what is required to write the exam and become certified as a CISM or a CISA. If you have other questions please send me an email and I will try to answer them as best as I can.

The Edmonton ISACA chapter puts on an annual CISA review course in April and May. This year's course will start on Saturday April 21, and continue for 5 Saturdays except May 19<sup>th</sup>. The CISA review course continues to be an affordable and beneficial way to prepare yourself for the CISA exam. Every year we have a very high percentage of writers who attend the review course who pass the exam. The review course is also a great way of meeting and networking with new people with similar interests and professional goals. This course may also count towards your annual CPE requirements for other professional organizations. The cost continues to be only \$195 for ISACA members. This is an exceptional value for helping you prepare for the CISA exam.

We need to have a minimum of 5 people register for the CISA review course to make it worthwhile for all involved. The chapter provides this course as a service and does not make any money on it and the volunteers spend hours preparing to present each chapter and to give up one or more Saturdays to help. If you are planning to write the CISA exam in June or December I would encourage you to consider attending the review course. If you have not signed up yet please do so as quickly as possible so we can make an informed decision as to whether we will be able to provide the CISA review course this year.

So for those of you who have registered for one of the exams I hope you are studying and preparing for the second Saturday in June. "Study without desire spoils the memory, and it retains nothing that it takes in." - Leonardo da Vinci (1452 – 1519)

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## ...and in other news!

### **NSSA Advisory Committee**

The Network & Security Support Analyst (NSSA) Program at NAIT is looking for a few volunteers interested in joining our Advisory Committee. The NSSA program is a 32-week, 1120-hour fast track Network Administration course at NAIT with a focus on Microsoft's MCSE certification and with a strong focus on Security. Of the approximately twenty courses offered over the 32 weeks, eight of these courses are security-based - from the Microsoft courses of Security Design, Security Administration and ISA Firewall to Protocol Analysis and Intrusion Detection.

The Advisory Committee meets usually once a year with the occasional second meeting scheduled. This year the Advisory Committee will meet in mid-May here at NAIT from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm with lunch being served.

More information about the program can be found at our website [www.nait.ca/nssa](http://www.nait.ca/nssa) or you can contact the Program Coordinator, Terry Pearce at [terryp@nait.ca](mailto:terryp@nait.ca) or 378-5229.

If you are interested please contact the Program Coordinator. Thank-you.

### **CTC Training Survey**

CIPS and NAIT's Computer Training Centre (CTC) invite you to participate in an important survey for IT Professionals. Your feedback will greatly help NAIT's CTC to gain a better understanding of your needs for IT training and certification.

In appreciation for completing this 2-minute survey, your completed survey will be entered into a draw for the following prizes:

- \$1,000 toward the cost of the CISSP or ISTQB certification training\*
- \$500 toward the cost of any course\*\* offered by the CTC. [www.nait.ca/ctc](http://www.nait.ca/ctc)
- Microsoft Streets & Trips 2007 with GPS Locator

Three names will be drawn on April 12, 2007. The first name drawn will have a choice of any one of the above prizes. The second name drawn will pick one of the remaining prizes, and the third winner will get the last prize.

Thank you in advance for you assistance!

\* This prize is valid only if CISSP certification training is offered within a year, from October 2007 to October 2008. \*\* If the course selected does not run, the winner can choose another course. If the course chosen is cheaper than \$500, the CTC will not reimburse the difference to the winner.