

**June 2007**

**NEWSLETTER**



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## **President's Message**

This President's Final Message ...

This is my final message as President. It has been an honour and privilege to serve you all for the past two years. I believe we've made huge strides in the last while, and I see nothing but a very bright future for our 'little' Chapter! The Edmonton Chapter's 2007 Annual General Meeting will be held in conjunction with our June 14<sup>th</sup> Breakfast Session. Please ensure that you all come out to the next breakfast session.

The June breakfast session promises to be very interesting – our Past President, Darrell Jones, a Partner in KPMG's Advisory Practice in Edmonton, will be speaking on *Demonstrating the Value of the Audit Practice* – an extremely well-timed subject!

*Well done!* to our Webmasters - our Website ([www.isaca-edmonton.ca](http://www.isaca-edmonton.ca)) was recently recognized by ISACA International, and awarded a bronze-level award for 2006. This award takes into consideration the design, content and management of the Website.

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.

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# June's Breakfast Presentation

## ***Demonstrating the Value of the Audit Practice***

**Speaker:** Darrel Jones, MBA, CISA, CISM, CISSP, ISP  
Partner, KPMG's Advisory Practice

**Date:** Thursday, June 14, 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**

Darrell is a partner and location leader with KPMG where he specializes in advising his clients on how to appropriately mitigate the risks associated with today's ever-increasing reliance on information systems and data. Darrell serves on the boards of the Edmonton sections of CIPS and ISACA as President and Past President respectively, as well as Vice-Chair of the Advisory Committee for Concordia University College of Alberta's Master of Information Systems Security Management degree program.

### **Presentation Overview**

Those responsible for initiating and carrying out audit activities must be able to demonstrate that they are using their audit resources effectively. Evidence of audit activity in itself cannot demonstrate value. Nor does it offer assurance that resulting improvements in business processes have been shown. Improvement is not, by itself, a sufficient indicator either - time and resources may be legitimately spent on well constructed audit projects, only to conclude that current practice is appropriate. In this session, Darrell will highlight the techniques he's adopted in his years of IT audit practice toward demonstrating the true value of audit work. You'll definitely want to attend this engaging session!

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

We look forward to seeing you at our breakfast session. Feel free to pass this invitation along to co-workers, associates, and any other interested parties. Please register no later than Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at noon 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) no later than Tuesday, June 12th at noon.*

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# ISACA Edmonton - Coming Events

Date/Event	Speaker	Topic
July	Summer Vacation	
August	Summer Vacation	

We are very excited about the program that is currently under development for 2007/2008. Should you have any ideas with respect to topics or presenters that you'd like us to include in the upcoming program, please feel free to contact our Programs Committee vis-à-vis our email addresses posted at the ISACA Edmonton website. We'd be happy to hear your ideas.

Cornell Dover  
VP Programs, ISACA Edmonton Chapter (2006-2007)

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## Membership Corner

As our year comes to a close the Edmonton ISACA Chapter now has over 140 members. That's almost a 50% increase over last year at this time! Be sure and come out to our meetings and meet some of the other members. Our membership is comprised of individuals working in both the private and public sectors representing organizations such as banking, consulting, utilities, public accounting, and provincial and municipal governments, and the majority of our members have 14 or more years of experience. What a networking opportunity!

In order that you continue to receive timely notice of our meetings, please keep your membership information up-to-date. If your contact information changes, this can be updated at [www.isaca.org](http://www.isaca.org). The Edmonton Chapter membership contact information is updated at least monthly to ensure you continue to receive information about our chapter events. If you did not renew your membership on time, ISACA will waive the new member fee (US \$30) if you contact ISACA International with payment details prior to June 15, 2007.

### Member Benefit of the Month...

Discounts on Subscription to Protiviti's KnowledgeLeader:

1. KnowledgeLeader is a subscription-based web site that provides audit programs, checklists, tools, resources and best practices to help internal auditors and risk management professionals. ISACA members receive a discount on an annual subscription to the service.
2. Available at [www.knowledgeleader.com](http://www.knowledgeleader.com).

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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# Certification Corner

Hello All!

Nothing truly exciting to write about this month.

I know that everyone has been studying for the exam and has been answering the hundreds of practice exams. Best of luck (even though you won't need it) to the 3 people registered to write the CISM exam and 6 people registered to write the CISA exam here in Edmonton! Remember that we often hear from writers that they felt they failed the exam only to find out they got a great mark. Also keep in mind that 25 of the questions are "test questions" to see if they are appropriate for future exams. I am sure you will all pass.

Patrick

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