



Chapter Newsletter

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President's message

Welcome to the 2007-08 season! The ISACA Edmonton Chapter continues to be one of the fastest growing chapters in North America. As your Chapter Executive, our goal is to provide you with interesting and helpful information about what is happening in the world of IT Governance, Security, Risk, and Control. We strive to provide value to you and your organizations in a practical way – through breakfast seminars and workshops. Stay tuned for monthly seminars on how leading companies in Edmonton are dealing with issues related to IT governance, including achieving compliance with internal control legislation.

The Program Sub-Committee is working hard to put together an excellent agenda of topics and training for this year - please visit our website, and book your calendars early! We start the year with a presentation by Renee Murphy on reducing the cost of an audit. Rene has taken a 45 day IT audit down to 4.5 days. In November, we will be partnering with CIPS by sponsoring a keynote speaker at the ICE Conference. Our membership drive will be held in December - please bring a colleague. And in January, we will be providing an overview of the CISA and CISM certification processes. Remember, registration for seminars and workshops can be made online at www.isaca-edmonton.ca.

We have a number of new faces on the Executive. Each member brings a wealth of experiences and special skills that will greatly benefit the Chapter, as we continue to grow. Please take the time to welcome the new Executive members the next time you see them.

Please feel free to contact me directly regarding these or any other Chapter-related activities or concerns you may have.

I look forward to seeing you at our monthly events.

Sincerely,
Cornell Dover
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The new executive

At the Annual General Meeting, the following persons were elected as the executive for the 2007-2008 chapter year. Please use the contact information on the chapter website to connect with your chapter representatives.

Our membership has now reached the 150 mark!

President	Cornell Dover
Past President	Vivek Dharap
VP, Programs	Dejan Slokar
VP, Membership	Suzanne Robinson
Secretary	Alex Muchortow
Treasurer	Kien Goh
Director, Certifications	Patrick Dunnigan
Director, Newsletters	Dom Amyotte
Director, Programs	Linda Bourbeau and Robert Braid
Director, Corporate Relationships	Darrell Jones
Director, Academic Relationships	
Webmasters	John Jenkins and Omar Khan

The membership corner

Welcome back to another great year with the Edmonton ISACA Chapter! Our membership has now reached the 150 mark. Be sure and come out to meet some of the other members.

If you know anyone interested in becoming a member, please let them know that any individual joining ISACA between 7 August and 31 December will pay full 2008 association and chapter dues but will receive member benefits through to 31 December 2008. As well, all non-members who wrote and passed the exam in June or December will be granted a free trial membership for the remainder of the calendar year.

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.



The certification corner

Hello all and welcome back from summer. The marks are back from the June 2007 writing of the CISM and CISA exam, and people are getting ready to write the December 2007 exams. Congratulations to everyone who wrote the exams this past June! Most of us know how difficult they are to prepare for and write.

This past June, eleven people were registered to write the CISA exam and six people for the CISM exam. We had people from all over northern Alberta, Saskatchewan and the NWT write their exams here. Congratulations to the six people who successfully passed the CISA exam and the four who successfully passed the CISM exam. I would especially like to congratulate Glen Crossman from Saskatoon who scored the highest mark on the CISM exam and our own newsletter editor Dom Amyotte who scored the highest mark on the CISA exam out of the people who wrote in Edmonton.

Here is the worldwide information for numbers of people who wrote and number who passed the June and Dec 2006 exams: Sorry - I don't have this information for the June 2007 exam yet.

June 2006

12036 CISA candidates with a 50% passing rate
1607 CISM candidates with a 68% passing rate

December 2006

10833 CISA candidates with a 52% passing rate
1782 CISM candidates with a 72% passing rate

Our results are right in line with global pass rates so we should be proud of our accomplishments

The next CISA and CISM exam will be written on December 08, 2007. The registration deadline is September 26, 2007. To date we have three people registered to write each of the CISA or CISM exams.

I have been asked about putting on a CISA or a CISM review course for the exam in December. We can put on a condensed CISA or CISM review course over a weekend - Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday, or a course over three or four days during the week if there is enough interest. We would need a minimum of five people interested in the course and then I will book presenters and a suitable site. Approximate best guesstimate costs for the course would be \$500.00 per person for the weekend course if we can find appropriate volunteer presenters, and approximately \$1500.00 per person for a three day mid week course and we would look to bring in a teacher that the Winnipeg chapter has used. If you or someone you know is interested in either of these options please send me an email and let me know what course you would be interested in, and the approximate time period. I would suggest somewhere around November 19th – 25th.

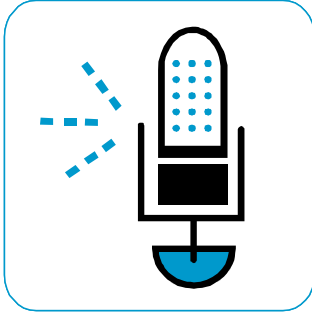
Please don't forget that ISACA has a strict new policy for having proper photo identification to write the exam. You must have a government issued photo ID to be let into the examination area to write the exam. For us in Alberta it means you must have a provincial or territorial drivers license with a photo, a passport, or an Alberta identification card. If you do not have one of these you will not be allowed into the exam writing location. A birth certificate and a work ID with a picture are inadequate and you will not be allowed to write the exam.

If you have any questions about the CISA or CISM certification or the exam in December I am more than happy to try to answer any questions I can. Congratulations again to everyone who passed their exam this past June!

Patrick Dunnigan CISA, CISM, CISSP-ISSMP
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September's breakfast presentation

Take your Compliance Strategy From Passive to Aggressive™



- Speaker:** Renee Murphy
 Founder/ Principal Consultant, Technical Operations
 Process Expert & Auditor
 Fyoozhen Consulting
- Date:** Thursday, September 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

Renee, a former Vice President of Technical Operations, has over fifteen years of technology experience in the software, financial, entertainment, retail, and service industries implementing Control Objectives for Information and related Technology (COBIT) standards framework for auditable IT controls and technical operations generally accepted practices for Sarbanes-Oxley (SOX) and regulatory compliance. Prior to joining Fyoozhen Consulting, Renee's extensive experience includes serving as an external SOX auditor for the fifth largest CPA firm in the country and Renee continues to provide internal audit services to several of Fyoozhen's clients. Renee's unique professional experience in both technology management and external audit give her an unparalleled approach to control testing and evidence generation.

Presentation Overview

When you gain efficiencies in IT Process management and in controls testing, you can drastically reduce the amount of time you spend recording and evaluating evidence for regulatory compliance. This is a simple approach that any information technology or audit team can leverage. Traditional passive approaches to evidence generation and testing often yield manual evidence collection via "sneaker net", manual testing with visits and re-visits to control owners, management of testing and remediation activities tracked in static files, and an inability to leverage robust reporting strategies. In this thought-provoking, informative session, Renee will provide some insight into answering the question: What if you could take your internal control review process from eight months down to eight hours through a more aggressive compliance strategy?

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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, September 10th at 8 a.m on-line at 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 at least 72 hours prior to the event.

Breakfast series schedule

We are very excited about our 2007/2008 program as we have an impressive line-up of speakers and topics. Please watch our website for further information. Note that this program is developed with your interests in mind and we'd really like to hear from you. Should you have any ideas with respect to topics or presenters that you'd like to see, please feel free to contact myself or any other member of our Programs Committee vis-à-vis our email addresses posted at the ISACA Edmonton website.

Dejan Slokar
VP Programs, ISACA Edmonton Chapter (2007-2008)

Upcoming Events

For more details on any of the following events, please visit our website at: www.isaca-edmonton.ca/calendar.asp#Local

ICE 2007: CIPS Edmonton Technology Conference Nov 5-8

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Talk Back!

We will be making changes to the newsletter in the coming months in order to make sure it remains an effective tool for communication with our membership as well as a relevant resource for all readers. 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. We look forward to hearing from you!

Dom Amyotte
Director, Newsletters