



Chapter Newsletter

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*June is our annual
general meeting and
election of the new
executives.*

President's message

One more year is almost done. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers that have made this year's program possible. Please take a moment to thank your Board members the next time you see them. June is our annual general meeting and election of the new executives. If you would like to be involved in a growing organization, now is the time to step forward.

On June 12th, the Breakfast speaker will be Tony Franceschini, CEO of Stantec. He will be speaking on Corporate Social Responsibility. Tony is a very dynamic and award winning speaker and is sure to entertain.

Good luck to all CISA and CISM exam writers. Patrick Dunnigan our Certifications Coordinator will be leading these hopefuls through a fast paced review to prepare them for the June sitting.

ISACA's 36th International Conference will be held July 27th – July 30th, 2008 in Toronto. An electronic brochure is available at www.isaca.org/international. The early bird registration deadline has been extended to May 21st.

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.

Cornell Dover, Chapter President
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The membership corner

ISACA International has completed their purge of expired memberships on 30 April of all individuals who had not yet renewed their membership for 2008.

While *members can no longer renew online*, ISACA will waive the new member fee if the member contacts ISACA International with payment details prior to 30 May 2008. If you know someone who was purged and they still wish to renew your membership, please have them contact:

ISACA Membership Department
 Phone: +1.847.660.5600
 Fax: +1.847.253.1652
 E-mail: membership@isaca.org

If you have any questions as to the benefits of your ISACA membership, please contact Suzanne Robinson at membership@isaca-edmonton.ca or telephone (780) 498-8085.



Annual general meeting (AGM) details

As you know, the ISACA-Edmonton Annual General Meeting will be conducted prior to the June breakfast presentation. The following outlines the details of the meeting as well as a brief agenda.

**Agenda of the Annual General Meeting
 Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA)
 Edmonton Chapter #131
 June 12, 2008, 8:30 A.M.
 Royal Glenora Club
 Edmonton, Alberta**

1. Call the meeting to order
2. Determine if a quorum exists (at least 10 members in good standing)
3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve 2007 Minutes
5. Overview AGM package provided:
 - a. Provide written AGM packages for review including the financial statements.
 - b. Motion to accept financial statements:
 - request 2 members to review
 - c. Program committee report
6. New Executive
 - a. Present candidates
 - b. Ask for any additional nominations
 - c. Call for third nominations
 - d. Vote executive for the 2008-2009 board
7. Adjourn meeting

Member benefit of the month

ISACA Career Center

The ISACA Career Centre is dedicated exclusively to information systems audit, control, security and assurance professionals, and it is free for job seekers. The résumé/CV posting and e-mail notification services are reserved for ISACA members only. The ISACA Career Centre is available at www.isaca.org/careercentre.

The certification corner

Good Luck!

First let me start off by wishing those who will write their CISA and CISM certification on June 14th. I am sure you are studying hard and are well prepared to write your exam. Edmonton will have 13 CISA and 3 CISM writers this year! We continue to have high numbers write and high percentages pass these exams. I am sure that those writing this June are well prepared and will all have no problems in passing the tests. In December 2007 our pass rate was 71%. I hope we will be able to surpass that mark.



New Certification

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

The more I talk to people—the more I like this certification! I was at the recently held North American CACS conference and there was a lot of buzz about GRC - Governance, Risk, and Compliance. We are moving away from the days of a single set of controls for specific regulations or needs like HIPPA, SOX, GLB, and Basel II etc. and instead seeing the emphasis placed on overall IT governance and a mature IT control framework (COBIT). The CGEIT certification is tailored for this new view of overall IT Governance.

CISA / CISM pins.

I have CISA and CISM lapel pins for those of you who passed their exams and received their certification in the past 2 or three years but did not get one. I try to give them out at meetings but not everyone who is entitled to one comes to the meetings. If you received your CISA or CISM certification in the past three years and did not get a lapel pin let me know and I will try to make sure you get yours. ☺

I am going to grandfather myself into the certification and I hope others will take advantage of this one-time opportunity too. 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 review course.

The CISA review course is different this year. Instead of 5 Saturdays spread over 6 weeks we are doing it in a day and a half in one weekend. There are 5 people signed up and 5 volunteers with special knowledge in the CISA domain areas to present their expertise in their areas and on the CISA exam. Thanks to all who are volunteering for this!

ISACA International news

Research Update

The Val IT Framework 2.0

The IT Governance Institute® (ITGI™) initiative on Val IT™ is dedicated to helping enterprises optimize the realization of value from IT investments. *Enterprise Value: Governance of IT Investments, The Val IT™ Framework 2.0* extends the

Val IT framework beyond new investments to include IT services, assets and other resources. It also aligns terminology with *Control Objectives for Information and related Technology* (COBIT®) and adds a management guidelines section, similar to COBIT's, that provides a greater level of detail on the Val IT processes and key management practices, as well as maturity models for each Val IT domain. The publication is scheduled to be available as a complimentary PDF download at www.isaca.org/downloads and in the ISACA Bookstore (www.isaca.org/bookstore) in the second quarter of 2008.

Recent/Upcoming ISACA/ITGI Releases

- [ITAF™: A Professional Practices Framework for IT Assurance \(now available\)](#)
- [COBIT® Mapping: Mapping ITIL v3 With COBIT® 4.1 \(second quarter\)](#)
- [COBIT® Mapping: Mapping COSO ERM With COBIT® 4.1 \(second quarter\)](#)
- [COBIT® Mapping: Mapping FFIEC Framework With COBIT® 4.1 \(second quarter\)](#)
- [Enterprise Value: Governance of IT Investments, Getting Started With Value Management \(second quarter\)](#)
- [Identifying and Aligning Business Goals and IT Goals \(second quarter\)](#)
- [Understanding How Business Goals Drive IT Goals \(second quarter\)](#)

More information on these books and, in some cases, member downloads is available at www.isaca.org/deliverables. Those books available for purchase can be found in the ISACA Bookstore at www.isaca.org/bookstore.

Breakfast series review - May

May Breakfast Seminar: Unleashing the Power and Potential of Your Data

Presenter: Thomas Steeves, Director, Data Analytic Services

Thomas Steeves, CISA, provided us with an update on powerful, robust tools that management and auditors can employ to monitor the ever increasing volume and complexity of data.

Thomas began his presentation by comparing and contrasting the attributes of embedded monitoring systems (e.g., Virsta) and independent monitoring solutions (e.g., ACL, IDEA), highlighting the flexibility that can usually be achieved through system-independent solutions.

He outlined how users tend to use these tools in different ways their data analytics competencies increase: from basic, ad hoc data analyses (project focussed), to automation of specific routines, to continuous

monitoring. The presentation then focused on how to automate the monitoring of data from a wide variety of business processes, such as user management, travel and entertainment expenses, and accounts payable.

Thomas concluded his presentation with some excellent tips on how to design the programs/scripts to improve their re-useability and simplify updates (e.g., if there are changes to field names). He also provided examples of analytic logic (e.g., numeric pattern matching, data quality checks, duplicates checks) as well as his success stories.

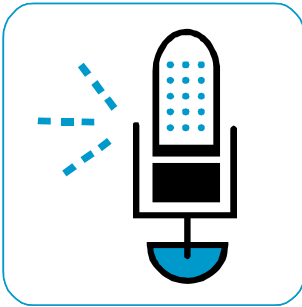
The presentation was well-received. If you would like to obtain a copy of Thomas' presentation, it is available on the Edmonton ISACA website.

Lisa Nykolyshyn, CIA, CCSA
Internal Auditor, University of Alberta

June's breakfast presentation

The Stantec Success Story

- Speaker:** Tony Franceschini, President & CEO, Stantec
Date: Thursday, June 12, 2008
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

Tony Franceschini joined Stantec, then known as Stanley, in 1978 where he assumed increasing responsibility in building a strategic plan for the company's direction and growth. Since he was appointed president and chief executive officer in 1998, the company has become an international success story. Its current goal is to become and remain a top 10 global design firm.

Tony attributes Stantec's success to an ongoing commitment to corporate governance and to executing the core company values of integrity, people, teamwork, and clients. He also demonstrates a high degree of commitment to the community through his involvement with several boards. Tony serves as Campaign Cabinet Member for the Mazankowski Alberta Heart Institute, as Cabinet Member of the United Way, and as Board Member of the University of Alberta Hospital Foundation, to note only a few. Named one of Canada's top-performing CEOs of the Year by the *National Post Business* magazine in 2003 and 2004, Tony was also awarded the Annual Design Industry Outstanding CEO of the Year (large firm) by the *Personal Services Management Journal* in 2003. Tony is the recipient of the 2005 Engineering medal—Entrepreneurship awarded by Professional Engineers Ontario. In November 2007, he was named the top CEO in the *Canadian Business* magazine's 2007 All-Star Executives.

Presentation Overview

Stantec Inc. is an Edmonton-based engineering and design firm that has approximately 9,000 employees operating out of more than 125 offices across Canada, the United States, and the Caribbean. Under Tony's leadership, Stantec has been transformed from a primarily western Canadian engineering firm to a leading North American professional services organization providing services in engineering, architecture, planning, environmental sciences, and related disciplines. In this session, Tony will share his story of how Stantec has developed into the strong, internationally recognized company that it is today. You simply don't want to miss this session!

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, June 6th 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

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>

Tony Franceschini: The Stantec Success Story June 12

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Upcoming Events

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

Local Events

The ISACA-Edmonton Annual General Meeting June 12
will be held at the Royal Glenora Club, prior to the speaker presentation.

CISA and CISM exam administration June 14

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Global Events

ISACA Training Week Vancouver, BC June 9-13

Sarbanes-Oxley Symposium, Rosemont, Illinois, USA June 19-20

ISACA Training Week, Minneapolis, MN, USA June 23-27

Early-bird registration deadline for Information Security Management Conference and Network Security Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA June 25

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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.

Call for content

We are planning two new additions to the newsletter in the coming months and we need your help!

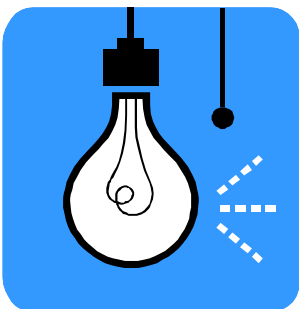
All submissions to the newsletter are eligible for CPE credits according to the ISACA policy

First, the board would like to expand the current events section to include activities submitted by the membership. These can include local, national or international events that you feel would be interesting and valuable for the membership group. All submissions must be IS audit and control focused activities that are open to public. Please forward your submissions to newsletter@isaca-edmonton.ca.

Secondly, as a part of our evolving newsletter, the ISACA Edmonton board would like to provide our membership with the opportunity to publish your articles in the newsletter and help advance IS audit and control in our area. If you have original content related to IS audit and control and would like to submit it for publication in the newsletter, please submit it to newsletter@isaca-edmonton.ca. All submissions to the newsletter are eligible for CPE credits according to the ISACA policy as stated below:

"Publication of articles, monographs and books (no limit):

These activities include the publication and/or review of material directly related to the information systems audit and control profession. Submissions must appear in a formal publication or website and a copy of the article or the website address must be available, if requested. For books and monographs, the table of contents and title page must be available. Continuing professional education hours are earned for the actual number of hours taken to complete or review the material."



NOTE: Submissions are subject to review by the ISACA Edmonton board. The board reserves the right to refuse publication of any content that is not deemed appropriate or relevant to our membership community.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact newsletter@isaca-edmonton.ca . We look forward to hearing from you!

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 . We look forward to hearing from you!

Dom Amyotte
Director, Newsletters