

# Chapter Newsletter

May 25, 2009

## President's message

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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.

The Edmonton Chapter's 2009 Annual General Meeting will be held in conjunction with our June 11th Breakfast Session. Please take the time to come out and support your favorite volunteer.

**Good luck exam writers.** Exam date for all certifications is June 13, 2009. Registration is available for the December exams if you were unable to attend the June sitting. Early registration is August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and final registration is September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009.

**Well done Webmasters** - our Website ([www.isaca-edmonton.ca](http://www.isaca-edmonton.ca)) was recently recognized by ISACA International, and awarded a silver-level award for 2008. 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.

Cornell Dover  
Chapter President, 2008-09  
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## The membership corner

ISACA is well aware that today's challenging economic times place tremendous demands on members and the organizations that employ them. In response, the association is pleased to **extend the courtesy grace period for 2009 online renewals until 28 May**. Thus, the annual "purge" of individuals who have not renewed their membership for 2009 will not take place until the afternoon of 28 May.

The extended grace period will provide members with more time to explore the new ISACA benefits that make their membership more valuable than ever. The new benefits include:

- **ISACA e-Library** - Coming very soon. Search and browse published content on-demand from more than 300 ISACA and third-party books. Members will be able to view over 80 books online free-of-charge.
- **Enhanced Career Centre** - Access more jobs, including those posted on other job boards, and more robust tools for job-seekers.
- **"Ensure Success for Your Enterprise" publication** - Available as a free member download at [www.isaca.org/roi](http://www.isaca.org/roi) to demonstrate the value of ISACA membership and certifications to employers.
- **Deep Discounts on COBIT® Products** - COBIT® Online full subscription discount of 75% and COBIT® *Quickstart* as a complimentary member download.

If you have not renewed your membership, please take advantage of this opportunity and don't let your benefits lapse! If you have renewed your membership, we thank you for your continued support.

Please contact me if you have any membership questions.

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Check out  
[www.isaca.org/roi](http://www.isaca.org/roi) to  
learn about the value  
of ISACA membership  
and certification to  
employers.

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## Nominations committee report

### Nominations are Open!

The 2009-10 Edmonton ISACA Chapter executive and director positions will be elected at the Annual General Meeting on June 11, 2009. See below for the tentative listing of the candidates.

Position	Name
President	Cornell Dover
Past President	Suzanne Robinson
VP, Programs	Sohail Saleem
VP, Membership	Pat Dunnigan
Treasurer	Steve Mikus
Secretary	Shari-Lynn Lane
Director, Certifications	Derran Guinan
Director, Newsletters	Christine Hallum
Director, Webmaster	Bill Cook
Director, Relationships – Corporate and Academic	Dejan Slokar
<b>Other Committee Members:</b>	
Programs – Committee Member	Ashish George Sam
Programs – Committee Member	Vis Viswanathan
Programs – Committee Member	Deogratias Nondi
Programs – Committee Member	Masood Peracha
Webmaster – Committee Member	Dom Amyotte
Certifications – Committee Member	Susantha Tennakoon

If you are still interested in joining the Edmonton ISACA Chapter Board for the 2009-10 year, please contact one of the following Nomination Committee members.

We rarely turn down any help!

- Suzanne Robinson – [membership@isaca-edmonton.ca](mailto:membership@isaca-edmonton.ca)
- Lisa Nykolyshyn – [lisa.nykolyshyn@ualberta.ca](mailto:lisa.nykolyshyn@ualberta.ca)
- Sohail Saleem – [Sohail.Saleem@capitalhealth.ca](mailto:Sohail.Saleem@capitalhealth.ca)

## The certification corner

### Good Luck!!

Good luck to those 14 CISA, 4 CISM, and 2 CGEIT writers who will sit for their respective exams on Saturday June 13, 2009. This is the first time we will have someone write the CGEIT exam so I am curious what it will be like. I know all Edmonton writers will do exceptionally well and we will once again have a very high pass rate.



Make sure you are reading and reviewing questions and answering as many of the practice questions as you can for the CISM and CISA exams. Take advantage of the documentation and help ISACA has on their website and look at/to other websites for additional help. However, using the answer CDs is—in my opinion—the best way to study for the exams.

### Registrations

Registrations are open for the December 12, 2009 ISACA exams – CISA, CISM, and CGEIT.

**Register for the CISA and CISM exams online at**

**[www.isaca.org/certification](http://www.isaca.org/certification) for a \$50.00 discount. Registration for the CGEIT exam can only be done via snail mail or fax. (Sorry I don't know why.) Registration closes in September.**

### New Certification – CGEIT

For those of you who don't know - ISACA has a new certification - Certified in the Governance of Enterprise IT (CGEIT)! Governance is becoming the "most important thing" in IT audit. The CGEIT certification is tailored for this new view of overall importance and need for IT Governance and shows that a person not only knows GRC but is also experienced in GRC. You can read more on the CGEIT certification on the ISACA.org web site. (*pronounced "See-Gite"*)

### CISA review weekend

We did not put on a CISA review weekend this May as there were only 2 people who expressed interest. Hopefully we will have more interest in November / December 2009 and May 2010 for the June 2010 exams.

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*Good Luck to the June  
2009 CISA, CISM and  
CGEIT exam writers!*

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## Certification Corner- Continued

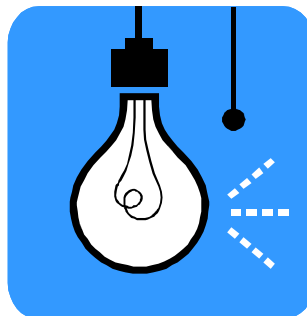
### My last Certification corner

I think this will be my last Certification corner for ISACA – Edmonton. I am leaving the position of Certification Coordinator in June and will move on to the position of Membership Chair. I will take over from Suzanne Robinson. I will not try to do what Suzanne did or accomplished because I will fail. I will just try to keep the work that Suzanne started going forward without too many problems.

Being the Certification Coordinator was enjoyable and deeply rewarding. I was privileged to be able to meet a lot of really great people and I hope—through this position—that I was able to help some of you become a CISA, CISM, or CGEIT. I know I failed in getting a couple of people to become certified but I will continue to nudge them in that direction through my new role.

Derran Guinan will be the new Certification Coordinator. I know he will do a fantastic job and already has some new ideas to deliver certification benefits to Edmonton ISACA members. Good Luck in your new position Derran!

Patrick Dunnigan CISA, CISM, CGEIT, CISSP-ISSMP  
CISA / CISM / CGEIT Certification Coordinator  
ISACA – Edmonton  
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## June's Breakfast Presentation

### Using best practices and frameworks to drive Enterprise Cost Reduction

#### 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 Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> 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.*

**Speaker:** Rhys Morgan  
Manager Consulting, [Deloitte & Touche LLP](#)

**Date:** Thursday, June 11, 2009

**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

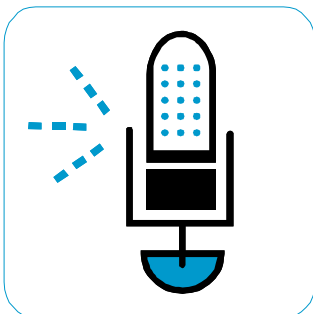
Rhys is a Manager in the Edmonton Technology Strategy Practice. His focus is mainly on major transformational initiatives within the Public Sector typically tasked with project and program management of IT service management projects, IT system and service implementations, business transformation and IT/business audit engagements. His most recent engagements have involved program management of major central/provincial Government system and services implementation exercises underpinning business process change/improvement transformation programs and supporting organisations through complex business transitions with the necessary infrastructure and organizational architecting.

Rhys is currently studying for his Masters Degree in Advanced Computer Science in Commerce and Industry. In addition, Rhys is an accredited PRINCE2 and Managing Successful Programs practitioner, ITIL v2 Master qualified and ITIL V3 Expert and trainer, ITIL V2 Service Manager International Exam Marker, CISA qualified, Six Sigma Yellow Belt, COBIT qualified, MCP, and ISEB project management qualified.

#### Presentation Overview

Given the current economic situation, organizations are looking at opportunities to develop large, sustainable enterprise wide cost savings. These attempts are becoming more and more prevalent in organizations as budgets are being reduced and departments are being asked to deliver more with less while maintaining, or in some cases improving, service levels. The IT department is one department which directly impacts the bottom line of an organization and therefore IT Enterprise Cost Reduction and IT Cost Optimization are terms that are being heralded as a way for IT to demonstrate not only its effectiveness, but also its efficiency by reducing costs and removing idle capacity or erroneous costs in the IT Enterprise.

However, for a typical organization looking to improve their margins, where would you start? How would you even begin to identify the opportunities for operational cost reduction or increased efficiency with so many various facets of the typical IT environment? Join us as we discuss how to leverage Best Practice frameworks, namely ITIL and COBIT, in multiple ways to identify the key areas of spend in an IT Enterprise, identify opportunities for cost reduction, and then leveraging the best practice principles to ensure these opportunities are realized by tangible cost savings.



## 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>

**Using best practices and frameworks to drive Enterprise Cost Reduction** June 11

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## Upcoming Events

### Annual Meeting

Mark your calendars and plan on attending the Annual General Meeting of Edmonton ISACA Chapter on June 11, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. at the Royal Glenora Club.