

Chapter Newsletter

May 2011

President's message

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ISACA Edmonton Chapter continues to grow in numbers and opportunities. Through our Program Committee, we are always looking at opportunities to provide a well-balanced program of professional development for our members in the areas of IT governance, risk/security and control. This month, we are fortunate enough to have a highly respected presenter from the Gartner Executive Program to speak on the topic of Effective IT Governance. Next month, we are featuring another experienced speaker on a Web security-related topic.

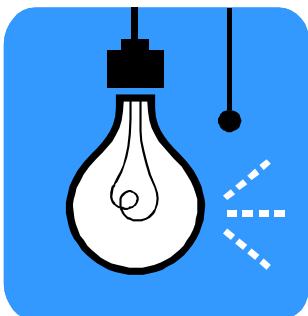
We note that there are several candidates who have registered for the CISA, CISM and CGEIT designation exams in June this year. While there are a number of online preparation opportunities available to these candidates, our certification team continues to look at other ways to support the candidates, as noted in the Certification Corner of this issue. In addition, if you are considering taking advantage of the grandfathering provision with regard to obtaining the CRISC designation, you will also note in this section that the application deadline of 30 June 2011 for this opportunity is now fast approaching.

Our ISACA Annual General Meeting is scheduled to take place immediately prior to the monthly breakfast session on June 9. The AGM provides the opportunity for our members to receive chapter reports on our activities throughout the year as well as our year-end financial position. In addition, we would welcome the opportunity to receive expressions of interest in any of our chapter positions through the Chapter Nominations Committee, as noted under Nominations in this issue.

This is your chapter and we encourage you to come forward and contribute to the success of the chapter through your participation in the board and/or committee positions. Attendance at our board meetings qualifies for CPE credits.

In the meantime, I look forward to seeing you at our monthly events.

Masood Peracha
Chapter President 2010-11
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The certification corner

June 2011 Exams

The exam registration date has passed and we have 12 people registered for the CISA, 7 for the CISM and 4 for the CGEIT.

Review Courses / Materials

Exam Force has some good 'online' practice exams for the CISA and CISM exams. ISACA members receive a 35% discount when purchasing one of these exams. To receive the discount when purchasing the exams, please enter the discount code YD35 at checkout

<http://www.examforce.com/customer/home.php>

We will gauge the interest and see if there are enough people to run a chapter CISA prep course prior to the June exam. Other options are directly from ISACA's website as well as TechnoDyne University (TDU) offers full online training class for either CISA or CISM Exam Certification Training. Please contact me if you are interested.

Please let me know if you have any other questions related to the exams.

Certified Risk and Information Systems Control (CRISC) Grandfathering Program

Certification under the Grandfathering program is still open to highly experienced professionals until June 30, 2011. For more information visit ISACA's website at www.isaca.org

If anyone has any questions on certification, please do not hesitate to ask.

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*Final application deadline
for CRISC grandfathering
program is June 30th*

Membership update

We are finally close to getting some warm weather. Let's hope it will last longer. Our Edmonton Chapter is growing quickly and we now have 278 active members. Your Chapter Board continues to bring valuable discounts for members. Last month we secured discount for ITIL training and PMI Conference. We now present another discount opportunity for COBIT Foundation training. Refer to Upcoming Events for further details.

If you have not renewed your membership, please do so as soon as possible to avoid missing all the membership benefits! If you have renewed your membership, we thank you for your support.

Please contact me if you have any membership questions.

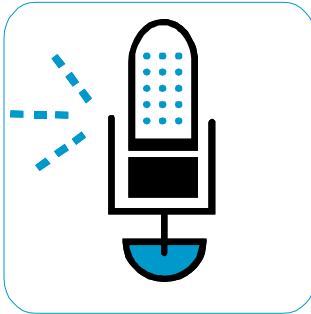
Regards,
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*Ensure that you renew
your membership so you
can continue to receive
the many benefits ISACA
has to offer!*



May Breakfast Presentation

Effective IT Governance: What is Changing Can Impact You



Speaker: Amos Auringer

Vice President and Executive Partner, Gartner Executive Programs

Date: Thursday, May 12, 2011

Place: Royal Glenora Club, River Valley Road, Edmonton

Time: Breakfast available from 8:00 am; Presentation from 8:30 am – 10:00 am

Cost: \$15 Members; \$25 Non-members

Presentation Overview

The presentation will focus on elements of effective governance, common sources of weak governance and how can the symptoms and causes for weak governance be best treated?

Speaker Profile

Amos Auringer is a vice president and executive partner with Gartner Executive Programs and offers more than 25 years of IT management, consulting and education experience. He plays a critical role in shaping organizational strategy and establishing executive communications while driving standards, governance and innovation. As the Gartner higher education role service director, he synchronizes the delivery and discussion of important and timely topics for higher education CIOs. Auringer holds a bachelor's degree in business administration and management and a master's degree in technology management from the University of Phoenix.

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 Tuesday, May 10 at:

<http://www.isaca-edmonton.ca/calendar.asp#breakfast>

Please note that ISACA Edmonton will 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.

Nominations Now Open!

Have you considered joining the ISACA Edmonton Chapter Board as an Executive or Director? Positions are open for nomination in the coming year.

What

Positions currently open for nominations are:

Executive positions

- VP, Programs

Director and committee members

- Director, Corporation Relations
- Corporate Relations Committee members

*Nominations to 2011-2012
ISACA Edmonton Chapter
Board positions are open!*

Check out the Chapter Bylaws on our website for more information on the executive positions, or if you wish to learn more about any position, you can contact the current Board members directly.

The Board meets on the first Wednesday of each month for 1½ hours over the lunch hour. If you are unable to commit to a full position but would like to participate, you can join us as a member in one of several committees.

Benefits

- Great opportunity to interact with fellow Board members and help arrange local trainings that you would be interested in
- Earn Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credits
- Participate in international and regional ISACA leadership events

How

If you are interested in holding any of the above positions for the 2011-2012 year, please contact our Nomination Committee members at nominations@isaca-edmonton.ca

The Board positions for the upcoming year will be confirmed at our Annual General Meeting scheduled on June 9, 2011.

Regards,
Masood Peracha
President
ISACA Edmonton Chapter

