



November 2003

Information Systems Audit and Control Association

Baton Rouge Chapter

President's Letter

As I write this month's President's letter during the first week in November, several unusual things come to mind. It's currently about 80 degrees outside, LSU is the fourth ranked football team in the country, the New Orleans Saints just beat the defending Super Bowl champs, and the runoff for governor is about the tamest race I've ever seen in Louisiana politics. I guess that proves that there aren't too many certainties in life, and we all should come to expect the unexpected. This was certainly true when it came to the lottery gaming system conversion that we went through recently, and I'm sure many of you also have examples of the "unexpected theory".

Although I have tried my best to avoid the inevitable, I have finally agreed to give a presentation of my experience with the Louisiana Lottery's recent system conversion at this month's Chapter meeting. Not that there aren't lessons to be learned, it's just tough to cram 18 months of planning into a 45 minute presentation. Having said that, I've done variations of this presentation before and I'm always amazed at the interest the information generates. Please make plans to attend, and hopefully you'll hear some useful things to take back to your organizations.

Last month's joint meeting with the Association of Fraud Examiners had some great information and was well attended. I'd like to

once again thank Dr. Tim Louwers and Dr. Kenny Reynolds for their presentation on computer forensics and for sharing their expertise on this subject. It was a great way to start off the new year, and I hope you all try to attend future meetings.

Lastly, I'd like to remind everyone that the Baton Rouge ISACA Chapter is only as good as its members. We encourage EVERYONE to give us your ideas to improve the Chapter, and we are always looking for interesting topics and speakers for Chapter meetings. Please be on the lookout for ways to contribute to the organization so that the Chapter can be as useful and diversified as possible.

I hope everyone enjoys the upcoming holidays, and I'll see you all at the November meeting. GO TIGERS!!!

Steve Rosales
President, ISACA—Baton Rouge





November Speaker

This month's speaker is our venerated leader himself, **Steve Rosales**. Steve will be speaking on systems conversion. [*Editor's note: I have seen an earlier version of this presentation. It's outstanding*].

Steve received his MBA from Louisiana State University in May 1995, and holds both the CISA and CIA certifications. He has served on the Board of Directors for the Baton Rouge Chapter of the IIA, as a charter member of the IIA Gaming Advisory Board from 1998 – 2001, and currently serves in his second year as Baton Rouge ISACA President. Steve has been a frequent presenter at national auditing and gaming conferences, and has authored a number of articles on auditing and information systems issues. He currently works for the Louisiana Lottery Corporation as Director of Internal Audit, and has held that position since June 1997.

November Meeting Details:

Time: Wednesday, November 19; 11:30-1:00

Place: Maggio's, 4710 O'Neal Lane

Topic and Speaker:

Systems Conversion, presented by Steve Rosales

Menu:

Choice of

- Fish Meuniere (*note: that's pronounced man-yâr', not ma-noor'*)
- Chicken Parmigiana w/ Spaghetti
- Shrimp Diavala w/ Penne Pasta

All selections include a salad, tea, coffee, and dessert.

Cost: \$20

RSVP with the names of attendees to Tim Louwers by Tuesday, November 18th, by email to louw@lsu.edu or by phone at 225-578-6233.



COBIT Update

ISACA has recently been pushing its COBIT framework and tools very hard. As most of you already know, COBIT is an ambitious attempt at combining IT audit and governance knowledge and practices from the traditional accounting and audit backgrounds (AICPA/IIA/COSO) and IT security backgrounds. COBIT does not adequately resolve either conflicts or

redundancy from its source disciplines, and therefore has been considered quite difficult to apply in practice. Thus, ISACA has spent quite a bit of time working on ways to help companies understand and implement COBIT. These implementation guides and tools are available directly from ISACA.

You may find two recent developments interesting. First, ISACA has developed a guide linking COBIT to Sarbanes-Oxley [*Editor's note: either Reynolds or Louwers should probably do some sort of Sarbanes-Oxley update for the chapter*]. You can access this





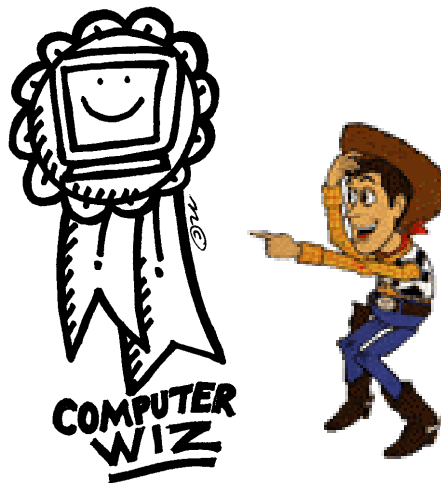
guide at <http://www.isaca.org/sox>. Second, ISACA is making its best COBIT tools available online, and for a very brief time they will be either be free or else offered at greatly reduced rates. You can access this material at <http://www.isaca.org/cobitonline>.

- Leslie Brauningger
- Donald Ewing
- Uanqui Ding
- Yanfei Ding
- Robert Mincey
- Brian Nichols
- Venkatesh Krishnan
- Venkata Chandrashekharpuram
- Florence Roy

ISACA News - CISA Exam

Congratulations to the following chapter members who passed the most recent CISA exam:

- Colleen McGehee
- Clay Cochran
- Benjamin Foster
- Jacob Goodson
- John Sibley
- Balraj Thuppalay
- Beverly Kennedy



Note the large number of people passing the exam. This reflects the increasing popularity of the certification and the record level of participation in the exam this year. The Baton Rouge chapter certainly made an impressive showing this year. [Editor's note: Venkatesh and Venkata were my students. I'm proud of them for giving me a great pass rate on the exam this year].

Job Announcements

Position Title and Location: CPA - Audit Manager, Northern Virginia

Position Summary: Expanding northern Virginia public accounting firm is seeking an experienced CPA firm (financial statement) audit manager. Our firm is seeking a CPA who is interested in progressing to a partnership position in friendly teamwork-oriented environment. We have a variety of audit clients including for profit, non-profit and SEC clients.

Qualifications:

Minimum 5 years "recent" CPA firm Audit experience; Experience in financial statement audit practice environment; "Current" CPA certification; Must be available to travel; Degreed, preferably in Business, Finance or related field; Internal / External Audit experience helpful; Salary commensurate with experience; For further information contact Jackie Nixon (412) 351-9309

Email resumes with cover to: jnixon@wgtucker.com.





Protiviti, a division of Robert Half International is looking for Internal Audit for their Houston location. Protiviti is looking for highly energetic, enthusiastic and motivated people, with an entrepreneurial spirit. Candidates should be experienced in internal or external audit, CPA, CIA preferred, but not required. Strong knowledge of internal controls, flowcharting, interviewing, communication skills and an ability to integrate into a team oriented environment.

Protiviti has clients all across the U.S. and internationally. The position requires flexibility and an expectation of travel, though that can vary greatly. The average is 20% to 60%.

If you are interested in hearing more about this opportunity please call Lee Youngblood at 504-529-2691.

Co. /Location: Stewart Enterprises, Inc.
Job Title: Information Technology Auditor

Duties and Responsibilities:

Analyze and assess risks in the Company's Information Systems operations; Plan and perform audits of the Company's Information Systems that are responsive to assessed risks; Perform testing to validate all aspects of the Information Systems operations, including software, hardware and user applications; Compose formal written reports of audit results for use by Senior Management and the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors; Oral and written presentation of audit results to management; Ability to communicate effectively with all levels of employees including internal audit team members, operational and administrative personnel and Senior Management of the Company; Develop relationships with auditees and team members to enable effective and efficient performance of audit plan; Serve as "Auditor-In-Charge" in developing audit plans, leading other team members in the execution of the audit plan and communication of audit results to management; Minimal travel required; Special projects as requested by management.

Qualifications, Experience and Physical Requirements:

Bachelor's degree in Computer Science / Business Information Systems; CISA certification strongly desired; 2+ years in an internal or external Information Systems audit environment

Technical Knowledge:

Microsoft NT/2000/2003, LANs, Networks, AS/400, Microsoft Office including Access; Big 4 experience a definite plus; Strong organizational, communication and customer service skills; Flexible, able to work in a dynamic environment, challenge-oriented and personable; Extremely conscientious; Self-starter

Qualified, eligible employees can apply online and obtain an Internal Application Form from the Intranet under "Career Opportunities". Once completed, send the form to the following Human Resources representative or hiring supervisor:

HR Representative: Laurie Simon 504-729-1818 504-729-1813 Corporate HR - SSC





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