



Information Systems Audit and Control Association

Baton Rouge Chapter

February 2002

President's Letter

President's Message

When Jill Joseph twisted my arm to be ISACA--Baton Rouge President, I figured, What the heck, how much damage can I do to an organization in only one year? (Hopefully, her trust in me has not been too shattered.) To be honest, writing these President's messages is the worst part of filling this office.

As I struggle to impart President-like wisdom, I often go back to see what I've written previously to get ideas. (I often surprise myself: Hey that wasn't too bad! Did I actually write that?!!). Given that our first chapter newsletter was pre-9/11; and our second one was just after, my research caused me to really reflect on what has happened to us (as a chapter, as a country, and as individuals) over the past year. I want each of you to take a moment to reflect on your accomplishments over the past year, hug your loved ones, and take time to enjoy yourselves. As this newsletter is the first of 2002, let me reassure everyone that this year will be a much better one for us all. I think we are already off to a great start.

In this newsletter, we announce our next meeting (on Internet, system, and database scanners) to be held on **Thursday, February 28**. Our speaker will be Michael Saladino, a Systems Engineer for Internet Security Systems who will demo his company's line of scanners. (Sound fascinating -- I have already RSVP'd for this one!)

I want you to also mark your calendars for some other upcoming ISACA events. On **Tuesday, April 9**, we have tentatively scheduled a joint meeting with the Institute of Internal Auditors on Business Continuity and Disaster Preparedness. On **Saturday, June 8**, the day of the CISA examination, we are sponsoring an after-exam happy. We plan to have our trauma center located nearby the LSU testing site at Serrano's. The chapter will pick up margaritas and appetizers until our budget dries up. All chapter members are

welcome to commiserate with current (and prospective) members taking the CISA exam. We have already secured a speaker for our August meeting on IT Governance. As always, comments and suggestions on meeting topics are welcome. More details are forthcoming in future newsletters.

Finally, we are always looking for individuals willing to commit a little extra time and energy to make us a better chapter. Currently, we are looking for a chapter member to represent us at the ISACA Global Leadership Conference in July in New York City. In exchange for serving in a chapter leadership capacity, the chapter will pick up your expenses for the trip. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested.

I look forward to seeing everyone on February 28.

Tim

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Upcoming Chapter Meeting

February 28

Location: Ralph and Kacoo's
Speaker: Michael Saladino, Systems Engineer, Internet Security Systems
Topic: *Internet Scanner, Systems Scanner, and Database Scanner Demos*
Menu: Choice of
(1) Tilapia Atchafalaya or
(2) Smothered Grilled Chicken or
(3) Fried Fish and Shrimp Combo
Plus desert and drink
Cost: \$20 for members and students, \$22 otherwise

The meeting is scheduled for 11:30 until 1:00. RSVP to Tim Louwers, louwers@lsu.edu (by Friday 2/22)

Topic Description for February Meeting

Michael Saladino of Internet Security Systems, Inc. will be demonstrating ISS products: Internet Scanner, Systems Scanner and Database Scanner. The Internet Scanner(tm) application, an integrated part of Internet Security Systems' security management platform, provides comprehensive network vulnerability assessment for measuring online security risks. Internet Scanner performs scheduled and selective probes of communication services, operating systems, applications and routers to uncover and report system vulnerabilities that might be open to attack. System Scanner(tm) searches deep into your online operation to provide a host-based security assessment that targets security weaknesses undetectable through network scanning. While the Internet Scanner determines vulnerabilities by scanning devices at the network level, System Scanner detects internal vulnerabilities at the system level through a wide variety of cross platform agents that reside on each system. The Database Scanner(tm) application, an integrated part of Internet Security Systems' security management platform, assesses online business risks by identifying security exposures in leading database applications. Database Scanner offers database specific penetration testing, vulnerability assessment and analysis, rapidly assessing policy compliance and automating the process of securing critical online business data.

Items of Interest

" ISSA is starting a new chapter in Baton Rouge. They plan on meeting every other month on the second Monday of the month in the evening at the Bluebonnet Branch of the East Baton Rouge Library.

" The ISACA Board of Directors has called on chapters and members to nominate three chief information officers (CIOs) to receive a complimentary subscription to the Information Systems Control Journal. It is hoped that this outreach effort will bring information about ISACA, and the important work its members contribute to the IT governance framework, to the attention of top-ranking IT executives. Chapters or members who wish to nominate a CIO to receive a complimentary Journal subscription should send the individual's name and mailing address to jseago@isaca.org.

" Recently added to the ISACA Bookstore (as of January 2002):

- *Fundamentals of Network Security*
- *Secure Messaging with PGP and S/MIME*
- *Accountant's Guide to Fraud Detection and Control, 2nd Edition*
- *Securing LINUX: Step-by-Step*
- *PKI-Implementing and Managing E-Security*
- *IPSec: Securing VPNs*
- *E-Business Privacy and Trust: Planning and Management Strategies*
- *Incident Response Investigating Computer Crime*

For more information on these and other titles visit the ISACA Bookstore at www.isaca.org/bookstore.htm.

Other Meetings

2002 NORTH AMERICA CACS

Here is the official line:

Those attending North America CACS will:

- * Experience state-of-the-art practices and strategies
- * Discuss the latest technologies, systems and approaches
- * Hear from leading IS audit, control and security experts
- * Network with an unmatched group of experienced peers
- * Witness the latest in IT products and services

Register now using the on-line registration form at www.isaca.org/nacacs2002x.htm or the preliminary conference brochure at www.isaca.org/nacacs2002.htm.

This year's conference will be held at the historic Fairmont Hotel San Francisco. With a panoramic view of the city and the Bay from high atop Nob Hill, the Fairmont San Francisco holds an unmatched blend of historic elegance and superb service for an unforgettable stay.

If you have any further questions, please contact ISACA's conference department at conference@isaca.org, or call 1.847.253.1545, extension 485.

IS AUDIT TRAINING WEEK

Charlotte, North Carolina
March 18-22, 2002
Hyatt Charlotte (hotel cut-off date March 3, 2002)

Tracks Include:

- * Fundamentals and Practices of IT Auditing
- * Auditing the Contingency Planning and Disaster Recovery Process
- * Database Security and Audit

Vancouver, British Columbia Canada
15-19 April 15-19, 2002
Four Seasons Hotel Vancouver
(hotel cut-off date March 24, 2002)
Early registration discount deadline is March 1,
2002 (available to ISACA members only)

Tracks Include:

- * Fundamentals and Practices of IT Auditing
- * Network Security, Audit and Control
- * Managing Information Systems and Technology

These training weeks will cover a wide variety of topics and issues facing IS audit, control and security professionals (and also provide CPE). Find complete details at www.isaca.org/trainwk.htm or request via conference@isaca.org, or 1.847.253.1545 extension 485.

Position Announcements

1. Senior Business Process Analyst needed to act as an internal consultant/liaison to specific areas of this organization including: Desktop Services, Mainframe, Telecommunications, Applications Development, Deposit Items Processing, Lock Box, and Fraud Protection. Candidate must have banking experience and a solid technology foundation with an understanding of operating platforms to know which environment the technology works best on. Must also have three years of experience doing business case development and justifications, research and development of technology solutions, and handling vendor negotiations. A degree is highly preferred. This is a very high profile position within the organization and is an opportunity to utilize both your technology and business knowledge! Also,

this company is offering a very competitive salary and benefits package! If you are interested in this position, please email laura@ascentconsulting.com or call her at 504-598-9414.

2. Regions Financial Corp: Information Systems Audit Manager, Vice President, Montgomery, Alabama

Regions Financial Corporation has an excellent management opportunity in its Internal Audit Division to direct the IS Audit Team. This high profile position will have management responsibility over audits throughout Regions and its subsidiaries related to IS operating systems including MVS, CICS, and AS 400, as well as client-server systems. Responsibilities include preparing audit schedules, developing audit planning documents and programs, managing a staff of 8-10 auditors, and determining risk exposure and recommendations for systems/process improvements. Critical skills include the ability to mentor and foster the development of a team of auditors as well as have demonstrated ability in developing and maintaining effective relationships with senior management. Qualified candidates must have eight to ten years of experience in IS audit, including experience at a supervisory or management level. Successful candidates will have the proven ability to plan and accomplish goals using a proactive approach with a wide degree of creativity and latitude in a team environment. Bachelor's degree, preferably in Information Systems or Business Administration required, with additional certification (CIA, CBA, CISA) preferred. To apply, send resume with salary requirements in confidence to:

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CISA Exam Registration

For those wishing to sit for the upcoming CISA exam, the final day to register is April 3. You may register online at www.isaca.org/exam1.htm.

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