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## NEWSLETTER



We are pleased to welcome you to our kick-off meeting on September 11, 2008 at Confluence Park, Columbus, Ohio. As we start this chapter year, we would like to thank you for your continued support to the chapter over the years and most importantly to the IT Governance Profession. We look forward to your participation this chapter year, as we promote the profession together. We have a lot planned for the year, and it is our hope that we share thoughts and input on things you would like to see the chapter undertake; be it educational events, monthly programs, social activities, etc, let us know and we'll make it happen. In addition, we would like to recognize and highlight on our members achievements in their individual careers or professions. As a member, you can submit articles, career profile, etc on your achievements, and we will publish them on our newsletter.

To kick-start our first meeting this year, our chapter leaders will be presenting on chapter goals, happenings, and updates from International. Additionally, this will be a wonderful networking opportunity for you all.

As always, we would like to have you at our meetings, and please bring a colleague along! We look forward to seeing you all!

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### KICK-OFF MEETING

The Central Ohio ISACA Chapter leaders will be presenting chapter goals, happenings, and outlining the vision for the chapter. The leaders will also present updates from ISACA International, including the latest available listservs, research publication downloads, and COBIT updates. Also, updates will be given on the CISA and CISM certifications, as well as information on the latest ISACA sponsored certification, CGEIT.

#### PRESENTERS:

Brian O'Brien, CISA, Central Ohio ISACA Chapter President, has served on the ISACA board for over six years. Brian has been a member of ISACA since 1996, when he earned his CISA certification.

Brian served as the Programs chairperson in the past and has been elected President beginning in 2008. Brian is

an advocate of using ISACA for its local professional networking and international educational opportunities.

Brian's higher education accomplishments include: The Ohio State University, B.S. Business Administration, Accounting major, 1987. Although Brian has had many roles and responsibilities in his 25 years of employment at Ohio State, his primary work has centered on administrative computing systems and user access controls.

Melissa Justice, CISA, Central Ohio ISACA Chapter Vice-President, currently works as an IT Audit Manager for the State of Ohio, Mary Taylor's Office. Melissa has been planning, performing, and leading audits of multiple state agencies for over eight years.

Melissa has a BA in Accounting and a BS in music from Mt Vernon Nazarene

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### WHERE & WHEN

We hold our first luncheon meeting at: Confluence Park Restaurant (679 W. Spring St. Columbus, OH 43215), which starts at 11:15 a.m. with an opportunity for members to network. The presentation from the chapter leadership follows at 11:30 am and lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m.

The menu for the luncheon includes: Garden Salad, Fresh Seasonal Fruit, Chicken Parmesan, Lasagna, Zucchini and Squash Medley, Herb Whipped Potatoes, Assorted Rolls and Butter, Double Chocolate Cake, and Strawberry Shortcake

### RESERVATIONS

Please make your luncheon reservation via our website at <http://www.isaca-central-ohio.org/meeting.cfm> before the deadline September 08, 2008 at noon. For your convenience, the chapter currently accepts Paypal, Cash, and Checks. The cost for the luncheon is \$20 for Members, \$30 for Non-Members, and \$5 for Students. Please note that ISSA and IIA will be granted membership price.

#### Editorial:

I would like to thank you for taking your time to read our chapter newsletter. Please feel free to send any comments or suggestions you may have for the newsletter or the chapter in general to us at [jothamn@gmail.com](mailto:jothamn@gmail.com)

Thanks - Jotham Nyamari

## CHAPTER NEWS

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I am honored to serve as president of our ISACA Central Ohio Chapter! We have a dedicated and talented leadership team that puts in a tremendous amount of effort to assure a smooth running organization. You should be very proud, as I am, with the board of directors and committee chairs that are responsible for the services the chapter provides.

My primary goal for this chapter year, in addition to providing quality training opportunities, is to increase our professional networking. I would like every member who attends our meeting on a regular basis to be able to call other regular attendees by name. We have a core group who attend virtually every meeting. I want us to be able to put a name with the face. At our chapter year kick-off meeting in September, I will share more of my thoughts on this subject.

Over the summer I had the opportunity to attend the ISACA Global Leadership Conference in Toronto, Canada. Over a two day period, ISACA International presented a wealth of information on the resources and benefits available to members. Melissa Justice, our vice president, and Jotham Nyamari, our newsletter committee chairperson, also attended the leadership conference. They will present a summary of the services and certifications ISACA provides.

In our tradition of providing quality training at a great price, "Auditing Oracle Database Security" is being offered at Platform Labs on October 28 and 29. This is a hot topic as many of us are using Oracle. Sign up early and share this opportunity with your colleagues.

I look forward to seeing you at our September 11th meeting.

Brian O'Brien, CISA

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University. Melissa has served as secretary and arrangements chair of the Central Ohio ISACA Chapter Board beginning in 2003. While serving on the Board, Melissa has attended three leadership conferences, planned and organized two chapter social activities, assisted with several educational trainings, helped implement marketing materials, prepared and maintained documentation for the Chapter and the annual audit, and coordinated and communicated arrangements for the monthly luncheons. Melissa has also presented at an ISACA luncheon meeting, three CISA review classes, and other various seminars and trainings.

Jotham Nyamari, Central Ohio ISACA Chapter Newsletter Editor, currently works for Ernst & Young LLP. Jotham served on the Northwest Ohio ISACA board before joining the Central Ohio ISACA Chapter. While serving on the board, Jotham was the chapter newsletter editor. Recently, Jotham was presented with the ISACA Global newsletter award for the Northwest Ohio ISACA Chapter at the Global Leadership Conference. Jotham also serves on the ISACA "young professionals group" international steering committee.

Jotham holds a Masters in Accounting - Information Systems Auditing and Control, and a Masters of Public Administration - Financial Administration, from Bowling Green State University.

#### PAST EVENTS:

- SUMMER GOLF OUTING -

Last month we had a fabulous golf outing at the Westchester Golf Course.

The turn out was great, coupled with lots of sunshine. We hope you enjoyed your



time out in the golf course, and you had a wonderful opportunity to network. Thank you for supporting this event, and we hope



to see you in the next outing during the summer!

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- AUDITING ORACLE DATABASE SECURITY -

This seminar will give participants the knowledge necessary to understand and effectively evaluate controls over an Oracle database management system. Participants will learn the various facilities of Oracle and the controls that provide security, integrity, and recovery controls for the Oracle database and the information contained therein. Areas that will be addressed include security architecture, user authentication controls, discretionary access controls, privileged access controls, auditing controls, host operating system controls, database object and transactional integrity controls, and database recovery controls. The seminar will focus on how Oracle databases can be controlled in network-centric and multi-tier distributed application environments.

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#### WHERE & WHEN:

- AUDITING ORACLE DATABASE SECURITY -

WHERE: Platform Lab  
1275 Kinnear Road  
Columbus, Ohio 43212

FEES: ISACA and Central Ohio ISSA/IIA  
Members: \$ 475.00  
Non-Members: \$ 625.00

All course fees include course materials, continental breakfasts, snacks, and drink throughout the date. Lunch is not included.

Please contact Richard Ridewood, ISACA Board Member, at: 614-466-6216 or Richard.R.2@bwc.state.oh.us or any chapter leader. For more information please visit our website at <http://www.isaca-central-ohio.org/>

#### WHEN:

October 28 - 29, 2008  
8:00 AM - 8:30 AM Continental Breakfast and Registration  
8:30 AM - 5:00 PM Class Time (With 1 Hour for Lunch)

## INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION

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Instructor: Mr. Greg Kent, CISA, CISM, CIA, CPA

Greg Kent is Vice President of Security Consulting Services for SecureIT. In this role, Greg provides technical expertise and strategic direction to SecureIT's core service lines. Greg has almost twenty years of experience in the IT audit and security fields, with a specialization in network and platform security and access controls. Greg is a Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA), a Certified Information Security Manager (CISM), a Certified Internal Auditor (CIA), and a Certified Public Accountant (CPA). Greg has performed numerous security reviews of applications and infrastructure for Fortune 500 companies, nationwide ISPs, and government agencies. In addition, Greg has developed and presented several technical network and platform security training seminars and is a frequent speaker at ISACA, IIA, and ISSA chapters on the East Coast and throughout the country. Greg began his IT audit career with Coopers & Lybrand, and moved on to hold key IT Audit management positions at USF&G Insurance and Freddie Mac before co-founding SecureIT.

For more information on the course detail please our website at <http://www.isaca-centralohio.org/>

### CHANGE TO REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR CISA CERTIFICATION

The CISA Certification Board has approved a change to the documentation requirements for educational waivers for the CISA application for certification. Original transcripts for educational waivers are no longer required. Candidates are now permitted to submit copies of transcripts to verify their degree status. Alternatively, candidates are able to obtain such verification from their employer, as indicated on the verification form. For more information please contact the chapter or ISACA international at [www.isaca.org](http://www.isaca.org).

## ISACA BENEFITS



Information Security Management Conference  
8-10 September 2008  
Las Vegas, NV USA



ISACA Training Week  
22-26 September 2008  
Washington, DC USA



Network Security Conference  
8-10 September 2008  
Las Vegas, NV USA

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### QUIZ TIME

In addition to installing personal firewalls and antivirus programs, many organizations stipulate that mobile devices should be password-protected and "key-locked" at all times. True or False (The answer will be posted on the next newsletter)

As enterprises increasingly rely on IT to succeed, effective management of business risk has become an essential component of IT governance. Leading the drive to help organisations mitigate risks, the IT Governance Institute® (ITGI™) is developing the IT Risk Management Framework. The intended audiences for the benefits related to the adoption of the framework include risk managers, IT management, IT security and service managers, chief financial officers (CFOs), business management in general, internal/external and IT auditors, and regulators.

Why Is It Important?

ITGI has identified a gap in the current array of risk management frameworks for IT: there is no known framework that includes both a holistic look at risk management and, at the same time, provides adequate depth and detail when covering IT.

Therefore, the new risk-oriented framework, expected to be available by the end of 2008, will round out ITGI's full coverage of IT governance by covering the risk management component. The other four focus areas of IT governance—strategic alignment, value delivery, resource management and performance measurement—are addressed by ITGI's other two internationally tested and globally adopted frameworks: Control Objectives for Information and related Technology (COBIT®) and Val IT™.

"Recent research published in the IT Governance Global Status Report—2008 found a 6 percent increase from 2005 in the importance of IT to business strategy," said Lynn Lawton, CISA, FBCS CITP, FCA, FIIA, PIIA, international president of ITGI and ISACA. "This clearly shows that management of IT-related risks is increasingly vital for enterprises around the world. ITGI's risk framework will provide clear guidance that business and IT managers can use to help protect their organizations."

The IT-ERM Task Force oversees the development planning and progress of ITGI's IT Risk Management Framework initiative. The task force is made up of highly professional people who are representing the intended audience and are experts in the relevant subject matter (i.e., IT-related risks). The

members are also familiar with ITGI's other major product offerings.

What Will It Cover?

The framework aims to fill the gap between generic risk management frameworks such as the Committee of Sponsoring Organisations of the Treadway Commission (COSO)'s Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) and Australia/New Zealand AS/NZ 4360, and detailed (mostly security-related) IT risk management frameworks. Indeed, the goal of this framework is to allow organisations to understand and manage all IT-related risks (beyond security) and to address all aspects (beyond operational management of IT) when managing risk.

The current ITGI frameworks' material and concepts are leveraged to the maximum possible extent. Indeed, ITGI wants to create a coherent set of frameworks aimed at providing the user with best possible guidance on IT governance. The IT-ERM Task Force has analysed a large number of already established and existing standards and frameworks for concepts and components that could be reused, knowing that it would not make sense to reinvent already existing and good material. The use and benefit of ITGI's new framework lies in the fact that it will not be cast in stone, but will evolve over time, taking into account new ideas, evolving technologies and organisational theories. It will be complemented with additional guidance to help the risk management practitioner to the maximum extent possible. Many of the existing frameworks have a focused view on risk, e.g., addressing security risk. This framework is meant to address all IT-related risks at each level throughout the enterprise, i.e., starting from strategic risk down to operational risk.

Like COBIT and Val IT, the new risk framework will be vendor-, application- and platform-neutral. It is not focused on any particular legislation or regulation, but will instead consist of internationally accepted good practices for the identification, assessment and mitigation of IT risk across an enterprise.

Benefits and Outcomes

The IT Risk Management Framework will cover the following requirements of the intended audiences:

- A need to have an accurate view on current and near-future IT-related risks throughout the extended enterprise and to determine how well the enterprise is addressing these risks
- A need for end-to-end guidance on how to manage IT-related risks, beyond the purely technical control measures and beyond security
- Understanding of how to capitalise on investment made in an IT internal control system already in place, to manage IT-related risk
- A need, when assessing and managing IT risk, to integrate with the overall risk and compliance structures within the enterprise
- A need for a common framework/language to help manage the relationship between the chief information officer and enterprise risk management

The IT Risk Management Framework initiative includes:

- A risk management framework that provides the missing link between ERM and IT management and control, fitting in the overall IT governance framework of ITGI and building upon all existing risk-related components within the current frameworks, i.e. COBIT and Val IT
- A number of related services and products (including practical guides, reference data, interfaces/mappings with other standards, etc.)

Urs Fischer, CISA, CIA, CPA

Swiss is the chairman of ITGI's IT-ERM Task Force. Fischer is head of IT governance and risk management within the SwissLife Group. Previously, he worked as head of IT audit for SwissLife's audit department based in Zurich, Switzerland. Since 1989, he has worked in the IT audit and security areas and has extensive audit and information systems security experience, especially in the finance and insurance area. He is on the board of the ISACA Switzerland Chapter and has volunteered on the Programme Committee for six EuroCACS conferences. He is a member of ISACA's Assurance Committee and ITGI's COBIT Steering Committee.

Editor's Note:

More information on the IT Risk Management Framework will be posted at [www.itgi.org](http://www.itgi.org) as it becomes available.