



# West Florida ISACA Insider

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Hello all,

Welcome to the West Florida ISACA Insider, your electronic source for all the news you need to know, delivered quarterly to your mailbox.

Join us on LinkedIn



Our chapter is now on LinkedIn, which is a professional social networking site. If you are a LinkedIn member, get connected with other chapter members. [Click to learn more about the group.](#)

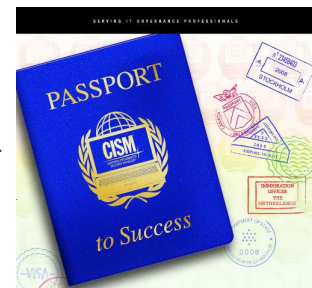
Next training event is May 20th!

One goal of the West Florida ISACA chapter is to provide members the opportunity to network with others in the industry. On Wednesday, May 20th, we have our next training event with Bill Banks of Integrated Solutions Management. Pencil the date in your calendar and check our web site for more information.

## CISA and CISM review courses



Our chapter is offering CISA and CISM review courses starting in April. This is your chance to advance your knowledge and career by getting certified. Our instructors are experienced CISAs and CISM's from our chapter with a historic passing rate of over 70%! The review course consists of 3 sessions: April 25th, May 9th, and May 30th. [Learn more about the course or register today!](#)



## President's Letter

I am going to make this a short letter this month since you will be seeing me in the member spotlight and I think that is enough for one newsletter. There are a couple of things I would like to share with you. First, we are conducting a short survey to collect your thoughts and opinions about how we can better serve your needs as a member. All who partake in the survey will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 gift card.

The survey can be found here: [Take Survey](#)

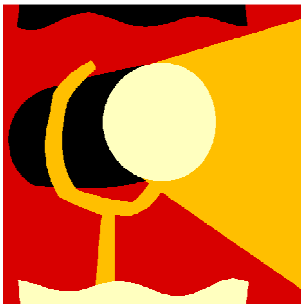
Second, it is that time of year again to nominate board members for the West Florida chapter. Now is the time to think about getting involved in your ISACA chapter. If you want to contribute your ideas and work to see them implemented now is the time to speak up. Nominations are being accepted until April 27, 2009. Look for the email with more details about how to nominate yourself or someone else coming soon.

Even if you decide not to participate as a board or committee member, you have the opportunity and the obligation to cast your vote for the officers of the board, as well as for board members at large. We are hoping for several new candidates this year who are interested in shaping the direction of the West Florida Chapter. As members, I strongly urge you to become familiar with the affairs of ISACA and to select the individuals who you believe will make a difference in our Chapter administration.

We realize that the strength and success of our Chapter rely heavily on the programs and activities that involve active participation by Chapter members in committee work. It is through active committee participation that fresh ideas are nurtured, new members become acquainted with the Chapter, and talent is groomed for Chapter officer positions. Please contact me if you have any questions or just want more information.

Regards,  
Lisa Young, President

## Member Spotlight on Lisa Young



Our member spotlight goes to Lisa Young who has guided our chapter for the last two years as President. Under her leadership, this year our chapter was recognized nationally by ISACA as the Best Large Chapter. Lisa shares her thoughts on ISACA and the value of membership.



### **1. Why do you belong to ISACA?**

There are many professional organizations available in the marketplace today. I find that ISACA has the broadest coverage for all of the many activities in which I am involved in every day. I work for a Federally Funded Research and Development (FFRDC) organization which is an applied research institute. In my work I can see the need for a better understanding of operational risk management activities which include audit, security, compliance, and IT governance. ISACA provides great research, training, and networking opportunities to keep up with these important topics.

I particularly love the journal magazine and the opportunities to get involved in the local

chapter. Participation in the local chapter also opened the door for me to serve on the ISACA international task force that recently produced the Risk IT Framework. The Risk IT framework provides a bridge between enterprise risk management and IT management and control.

**2. How has ISACA helped in your professional growth?**

ISACA national provides leadership training to the local chapter board and committee members. The training provided has enhanced my understanding of how important the research and development activities that are conducted in ISACA and ITGI to our profession. I have also spoken at national and international CACS conferences and have been featured on the ISACA e-symposium series. Those were really great experiences.

**3. What would you say to a peer if they told you they were thinking of joining ISACA?**

I would highly recommend not only joining ISACA but also participating in the local activities, including the local chapter boards and committees. ISACA has much to offer and the greatest reward comes with active participation in the local chapter activities. The networking is great and the people are really open and friendly.

**4. Do you hold the CISA or CISM certification?**

I hold the CISA and have passed the CISM exam but have not yet completed the certification process paperwork.

**5. Anything else you'd like to tell our audience?**

Even though the annual membership to ISACA is a bit more expensive than other similar professional organizations, the benefits outweigh the costs. I have never had so much fun and met so many wonderful people from around the world while at the same time learning and growing in my profession.

**Best Large Chapter in North America**

ISACA, a nonprofit association serving 86,000 IT governance professionals worldwide, has awarded 20 chapters the 20th annual K. Wayne Snipes Chapter Recognition Award. The award was established in 1989 and recognizes ISACA chapters that meet or exceed service goals by actively supporting local membership and, thus, the information systems audit and control profession.



The award is given to the top chapter in four size categories-small (20-100 members), medium (101-300 members), large (301-800 members) and very large (more than 800 members) within each region.

The ISACA K. Wayne Snipes Award winners in North America are:

- Small-Boise Chapter (Boise, Idaho)
- Medium-Edmonton Chapter (Alberta, Canada)
- **Large-West Florida (USA)**
- Very large-North Texas (USA)

"With members in more than 160 countries, ISACA relies on its 182 chapters to help provide customized, regional guidance and face-to-face training to members," said Lynn Lawton, CISA, FBCS CITP, FCA, FIIA, international president of ISACA. "The K. Wayne Snipes Award is ISACA's way of recognizing chapters that continually go above and beyond to provide excellent service and guidance."

Award recipients are determined based on the following criteria:

- Chapter membership growth
- Member service projects
- Chapter-sponsored educational events
- Attendance at chapter meetings
- Involvement on association committees or with association activities
- Involvement with other professional organizations
- Compliance with ISACA International Headquarters

K. Wayne Snipes Jr., CISA, was an active member of ISACA who served in various positions at both the local and international levels, including regional vice president at the international level. During his time in office, Snipes achieved the largest number of new chapters and the largest membership growth in existing chapters. In total, he dedicated 14 years to the North Texas (USA) ISACA Chapter and served eight years as an international trustee on the ISACA Board of Directors.

### Continuing Education Opportunities from ISACA

In addition to the local training our chapter provides, ISACA has many training opportunities including the annual North America Computer Audit, Control and Security (CACCS) Conference in Orlando on May 3-7, 2009. [Learn more about CACS.](#)

ISACA members also have access to e-Symposiums free of charge that offer 3 CPEs every month. This month's topic is Security Vulnerabilities and Safeguards. [Tell me more about the e-Symposium.](#)

### Call for Speakers!



Do you have a desire to present at a West Florida ISACA event or training class? We are always on the lookout for speakers to present interesting topics at our events. Speaking engagements can range in length from one hour, four hour, to full day training. Speaking and training engagements are a great way to gain industry recognition, develop contacts, and earn CPE's.

**Current Speaking Opportunity:** We are currently looking for two speakers to present at a joint event with ISACA, ISSA, and Infragard on June 19th 2009 in Tampa. Each speaker should provide a one hour presentation. Speaking topics can vary, but should be more technical in content.

If you are interested in speaking at an ISACA event, contact [Erik Friebolin.](#)



Do you have something that will benefit our members? Please send your newsletter articles to [Ed Tobias](#)