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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.

Networking and CPEs

The goal of the West Florida ISACA chapter is to provide a minimum of 40 hours of continuing professional education (CPE) credit each year at a discounted cost to its members. The next CPE event is February 11-12. [Learn more about the upcoming event.](#)

Do you have what it takes to be an ISACA chapter leader?

The West Florida Chapter is seeking members interested in taking a leadership role in the West Florida Chapter. If you are interested in learning more about this exciting opportunity, please contact [Lisa Young](#) or 813-571-9008.

Read the related article below titled "**Why should I be on the Board or volunteer?**" to see how you can get the most out of ISACA by volunteering or applying for a leadership position in our chapter.

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 hope all of you had a safe and happy holiday season. I am blessed to work for an organization which closes its doors over the week from Christmas until New Year's so I was able to spend a lot of time in my bunny slippers. I really needed the respite since some of my co-workers were downsized this fall which left fewer staff with the same amount of work.

I have been receiving lots of calls and email about job losses and some of our members have had to leave the Tampa Bay area to seek their fortune elsewhere. Now, more than ever, it is imperative to keep yourself aware of what is happening in our profession and continue to network with your peers. There is a great article in the ISACA Journal, Volume 1, 2009 about the role of the [IT Auditor in IT Governance \(members only\)](#) and another article about [obtaining management buy-in for Information Security and Risk Management \(members only\)](#). I would highly recommend reading those two articles.

There is one more thing I want to tell you about. In the next couple of months, you will see a new exposure draft released from ISACA national, called COBIT^{RISK} that I am excited about. The goal of this publication is to provide a link between enterprise risk management and IT management and control. One reason I am excited is because for the past year, I have been a part of the task force charged with bringing this publication to fruition.

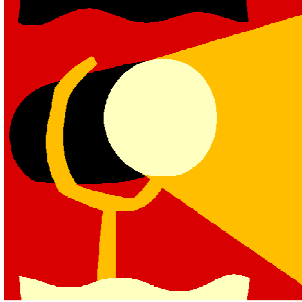
As you know, our mission as a chapter is to provide low-cost, high-quality education and networking events so you can maintain your professional knowledge. Our next event is February 11 and February 12, 2009 and [you can register here](#). I hope to see many of you there.

The board is working on the remaining spring events so stay tuned. I can tell you that there will be an evening social and networking event on March 14th at the Tampa Club so put that date on your calendar.

As always, if you ever have questions or comments about how we can improve your experience as a member, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Lisa Young

Member Spotlight on Bob Waters



Our member spotlight goes to Bob Waters who is quickly learning the ropes as our new Chapter Treasurer to replace Dan Ruggles, who is currently out of the area on a consulting assignment. Bob shares his thoughts with us about ISACA and the importance of membership.

1. Why do you belong to ISACA?

At Wells Fargo, one of my former employers, financial auditors were required to obtain the CISA designation. Belonging to ISACA allows me opportunities for professional networking and to learn about trends in the industry such as the major risks associated with technology.

2. How has ISACA helped in your professional growth?

I have always been surrounded by IT auditors. When I worked at Aegon, our audit teams had a financial lead and an IT lead. Now as Director of Internal Audit at AMI, ISACA helps me gain additional exposure and industry knowledge.

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

Go for it! Take the time and go through the CISA exam. It is a worthwhile experience. Also, in my opinion, an audit is not complete unless you consider the IT environment.

4. Do you hold the CISA or CISM certification?

I hold the CISA certification.

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

ISACA is a great group. Any one interested in this industry should join.

Why should I be on the Board or volunteer?

The Chapter is currently conducting a search for 2009-2010 Chapter Officers and Board members. We are flexible for combining or dividing responsibilities to best fit the time and talents of the board members. If you are unable to serve as an Officer or Board member, would you consider volunteering as a meeting presenter, coordinating an event, updating the web site, or teaching at the CISA or CISM review classes? There are many ways to participate and the numerous benefits are listed below. I would like to hear your ideas.

Sincerely,
Lisa Young

Why should I volunteer?

Since Boards and committees are so important to the organization's operations, making sure they are populated each year with quality, dedicated volunteers is a critical job. We know you, as an ISACA member, already have a full agenda of professional and personal responsibilities. Why should

you consider adding to that agenda by volunteering to serve on a board or committee?

1. Access to 16 hours of free ISACA-sponsored training events and networking opportunities.
2. Volunteer service will provide you with the opportunity to enhance your professional and leadership skills.
3. Key board or committee membership will enable you to build a network of peer contacts.
4. Volunteer participation will offer you the satisfaction of taking a personal role in the future of the chapter, as well as the IT Governance profession.
5. Serving on a key board or committee will make you a better informed member.
6. Boards and committees provide you a forum to share your expertise with others, as well as learn about new areas of interest.

What are a Board Member's Responsibilities?

The board meets as a full body at least two times each year with periodic conference calls scheduled with a minimum of two weeks notice. Attendance at these meetings is a basic responsibility of each board member. An individual who is absent for three consecutive meetings will be assumed to have resigned unless satisfactory reasons for non-attendance are submitted to and accepted by the Board.

Webmaster wanted!

The webmaster manages the content of the ISACA West Florida Chapter's Internet presence. This position is responsible for providing oversight of the site as a content management system is used and individual page content updating is a shared responsibility. No special HTML or programming experience is needed -- just an interest in learning the content management environment and a few hours of spare time per month. The content management system is very similar to a Windows Word environment and basic training can be accomplished in about one hour.

Key Responsibilities:

- Maintain and enhance the ISACA West Florida web site with text, graphic, and forms as provided by the committee heads, event planners, and board officers.
- Post, in a timely manner, information of interest, including: announcements, activities, job or board position descriptions, by-laws, board meeting minutes, newsletters, and project updates.
- Coordinate with the committee heads, board officers, and other volunteers to develop and identify information of interest to our members to post on the web site.
- Identify and maintain links to other sources of relevant information available on the Internet.
- Coordinate with the web site hosting company to maintain availability of the site, provide reminders of annual domain registration, and ensure the treasurer receives the annual bill for payment.
- Maintain the common document repository of important chapter documents according to ISACA national and ISACA West Florida chapter's retention policy.

- Participate in an annual compliance review of the web site to ensure that it meets or exceeds the ISACA national standards for chapter web site.

If you have questions or are interested in the position, please contact [Lisa Young](#).



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

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