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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.

Certified in the Governance of Enterprise IT - (CGEIT)



Learn more about ISACA's newest new certification. It is intended for professionals who have a significant management, advisory, or assurance role relating to the governance of IT. The certification promotes the advancement of professionals who wish to be recognized for their IT governance-related experience and knowledge.

Do you already have the qualifications for certification?
[Grandfathering has been extended to December 31, 2008!](#)

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President's Letter

I want to thank you all for electing me as your chapter President for a second term. It is an honor to serve as a chapter leader. Our by-laws stipulate term limits on chapter officers so this will be my last year as President. I am eager to get to work because there are so many more things I want to do before I step down next June. Like many of you, I am busy with work, family, and travel so it will take the rest of the year to make progress.

The members of our 2008-2009 West Florida Chapter board are as follows:

- President - Lisa Young
- Vice President - Erik Friebolin
- Secretary - Ana Valdez
- Treasurer - Dan Ruggles
- Board member at large - Pierre Joseph
- Board member at large - Vincent Iovino
- CISA coordinator - Johan Lidros
- CISM coordinator - Kate Mullin
- By-laws committee - Dr. Joe Joseph
- Newsletter editor - Ed Tobias

I am blessed to have such a great group of people who are willing to contribute their time and energy to keeping the chapter running smoothly. Our new chapter board met for a planning meeting in August and agreed on some lofty goals and objectives to enhance your experience as a member, provide valuable networking, and deliver high-quality training at a reasonable cost. We also were required by ISACA International to rate our chapter activities using the Balanced Score Card (BSC). This rating process has given us additional areas of focus for improvement as well as showing us areas where we really are doing a good job. Thank you to John Gulitti for his help in preparing the BSC.

As many of you know, the spring event attendance was dismal and we had to cancel a couple of sessions. For the fall session, we decided to scale back a bit on the number and frequency of our events. In August, we had a really great session on Virtualization presented by Neely Shah of Foundstone and an equally great session on Governance, Risk and Compliance presented by James Sayles of Favored Solutions.

I am also sorry to report that we had to cancel the November 4 event also due to lack of registrations. Our next event is an evening meeting for members only on December 4, 2008 starting at 5:30 P.M. and finishing at 8:00 P.M. It will be held at the Tampa Club in downtown Tampa. [Click here for more info and to register.](#) Stay tuned for more information on the spring schedule as it is still in the planning stages. We have confirmed the dates of February 11-12 for the next training session so put the dates on your calendar and watch for more info to follow.

One more thing -- for those of you who are interested in [grandfathering into the CGEIT certification](#), the deadline has been extended to December 31, 2008, so you better get busy with the paperwork. It is on my to-do list this week.

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

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. Stay tuned for more information about our upcoming training on February 11-12.



Did you know as an ISACA member, you have the opportunity to attend e-symposiums and earn 3 CPE credits free of charge? November's presentation is about PCI Guidelines and Compliance. [Tell me more about the e-symposium.](#)

Taking a certification exam soon?

As mentioned in the exam Bulletin of Information and Candidate's Guide, only current and original government issued photo IDs will be accepted at exam sites. If a government ID is handwritten, it will not be accepted. In all cases, passports are also encouraged.

If you have any questions about exam IDs or administration, please do not hesitate to contact the ISACA Certification Department at exam@isaca.org.



Member Spotlight on Johan Lidros



Our member spotlight goes to Johan Lidros who has served in numerous capacities on the Board. He has sponsored chapter events, hosted chapter events at the Tampa Club, and has also been a presenter. As a non-voting member of the board for several years, Johan has been very active in the Chapter's leadership. In addition, he is also Head Instructor on our very successful CISA review course that boasts a passing rate of over 70%. Johan shares his thoughts with us about ISACA and the importance of membership.

1. Why do you belong to ISACA?

It is important for me to be affiliated with a professional organization tied to my certifications and areas of experience. I also believe it is important for me to demonstrate a level of

commitment to my profession by being an active member of the local chapter to support chapter goals and objectives. It is important to encourage other individuals to consider becoming members and pursue certification.

2. How has ISACA helped in your professional growth?

The three most important areas ISACA has helped in my professional growth are as follows:
 * Training: I have attended several of the training weeks both in Europe and in the US. The training weeks provide a good overview of new key IT risks areas.

* Networking: ISACA has expanded my professional network enormously over the years. Meeting other IT audit professionals from other organizations at ISACA events has been beneficial along with using the organization as a forum for marketing our services at Transcendent Group.

* COBIT: The COBIT framework is an excellent tool which I have been using for many years at my clients.

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

ISACA is the leader in IT Governance. Belonging to ISACA provides a lot of value related to your professional development if you are in IT or in the audit department. This will provide with the edge that is required if you would like to be a player in IT governance.

4. Do you hold the CISA or CISM certification?

I hold both the CISA and CISM certifications.

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

ISACA has been very good at attracting and providing value to audit professionals. During the last couple of years, ISACA has been providing more tools and efforts in IT governance, expanding outside the IT audit profession. COBIT and VAL-IT are excellent examples of tools that the IT departments and key IT stakeholders can utilize in governing IT.

Increasing the number of IT professionals that are members of ISACA and participate in the association will benefit the chapter, audit professionals and the IT profession as a whole through better understanding of each others needs/requirements. Strong IT governance is a critical success factor for any organization. My message to you is to encourage the IT professionals in your organization to check out ISACA. Have them attend a couple meetings and inform/educate them of the various tools ISACA is providing and how it can help them out as IT professionals. Any leading organization that has not formally defined their IT governance and supporting frameworks (COBIT, ITIL, etc) need to get started now.

Ever at a loss for the correct technical term?

ISACA has completed an enterprise glossary, available at www.isaca.org/glossary. The purpose of the glossary is to bring consistency, where possible, to how terms within the assurance, security and IT governance professions are defined. Key CISA, CISM and CGEIT terms, as well as the entire glossary, are available for complimentary download.



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