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President's Dispatch



Jeffrey Streif,
President

Fellow members:

I would like to thank everyone for their support of the Chapter's 2009/2010 program year. Overall the year was a huge success. The fundraising activities of the chapter were a great success and even got the Chapter mentioned in the International ISACA newsletter. I want to thank Doug Menendez for heading this project. He did a fantastic job.

Our last meeting of the 2009/2010 program year will be the May meeting on the 19th at the St. Louis Marriott West. It will be breakfast meeting. The topic is "Where We've Been; Where We Are; Where We're Headed." Following the May meeting is a two-day seminar on "How to Complete a Risk Assessment in 5 Days or Less!" If you do not receive an invitation please email me at jstreif@uhy-us.com and I will make sure you get one.

We will be sending out a survey to identify topics of interest for the 2010/2011 program year. Please take 5 minutes to go through and fill out the survey as it helps us put on programs of interest to the membership. As always please feel free to send me any suggestions for programs. Also if you want to help with any committee or become more involved with the chapter we would love to hear from you.

The May meeting is the last meeting that I will preside over as the Chapter's president. I want to thank the board for all their help in making my two years as president a fun and successful term. Without their many hours of help the chapter wouldn't be able to put on the programs and function as smooth as it has over the years.

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May Meeting

Final Chapter Meeting of the 2009-2010 Season!

Part 1: Where We've Been; Where We Are; Where We're Headed

This session will examine the root causes that lead to the current state of the information security profession. As part of the retrospective we will discuss where the industry came from, where it is today and what can we expect in the future. We will take a brief review of those individuals that formed the computer security profession. We will examine how it moved from computer security to information security to the current direction of enterprise risk management. Our profession was created by some very memorable characters and we should take a minute or two to examine their impact.

Part 2: How to Complete a Risk Assessment in 5 Days or Less!

Risk assessment is viewed by many organizations as a long and complicated process.

This training session, presented by Thomas R. Peltier, will dispel that myth and provide the attendees with the methods and tools required to complete a quality risk assessment for their own organizations, using an industry standard process, in five days or less.

The attendees will learn the components of the risk assessment process and how they can be effectively used within each organization. The strengths and weaknesses of creating a threat list by brainstorming, checklists or other means are discussed and then are examined as to how they can be modified to meet the students' specific needs. Various control lists which address these identified issues are presented to the organization daily are also examined. The focus of the class is to review the current laws and standards (NIST, OMB, FISMA, FFIEC, ISO 27002, GLBA, HIPAA, SOX, ITIL, PCI DSS and others) and then learn how to map them to the student's own organizational requirements.

About The Presenter

Thomas R. Peltier
President of Thomas R. Peltier Associates, LLC

For the past forty-plus years Tom has shared his experiences with fellow professionals and because of this work he has been awarded the 1993 Computer Security Institute's (CSI) Lifetime Achievement Award. In 1999 the Information Systems Security Association (ISSA) bestowed its Individual Contribution to the Profession Award and in 2001 he was inducted into the ISSA Hall of Fame. He was also awarded the CSI Lifetime Emeritus Membership Award.

Currently Tom is the President of Thomas R. Peltier Associates, LLC information security training and consulting firm. He is also an adjunct professor for Norwich University in the Master's of Science degree in Information Assurance.

Event Schedule

Wednesday, May 19, 2010 - Thursday May 20, 2010
7:30 AM - 5:00 PM Both Days

Location

St. Louis Marriott West
660 Maryville Centre Drive, St. Louis, MO 63141

Event Registration Fees

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| Member - Breakfast and Technical Program | = \$30.00 |
| Guest - Breakfast and Technical Program | = \$35.00 |
| Seminar Full Package | = \$250.00 |

Registration

To register for an event where you have not received an invitation, contact [Andrew Titus](mailto:andrew.p.titus@citigroup.com) at andrew.p.titus@citigroup.com. **RSVP by Sunday, May 16, 2010**

Business casual attire please

Industry News

RSA: IT security pros get raises despite recession

The need to protect companies from angry ex-workers may play a role

By Bill Brenner, ComputerWorld

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9165398/RSA_IT_security_pros_get_raises_despite_recession

(ISC)2 used the RSA Conference 2010 as the backdrop to release survey results that will probably raise eyebrows among those who have lost jobs and struggled to find new ones in the aftermath of the Great Recession.

According to its 2010 Career Impact Survey, more than half of the 2,980 information security professionals polled between December and January received salary increases in 2009, while less than five percent of participants lost their jobs -- a smaller number than one might expect given the severity of the recession.

Globally, 52.8% of respondents received salary increases in 2009. Less than 11% saw their salaries and/or benefits cut, while 4.8% were laid off by their employers. Of the 800-plus respondents who identified themselves as having hiring responsibilities, more than half -- 53.3% -- said they need to hire permanent and/or contract employees in 2010. In the U.S., this is an improvement over the previous year's survey, when 44.5% of hiring managers said they expected to be hiring in the second half of 2009.

Of those hiring, 40% said they'll hire three or more information security professionals this year, compared to the 2009 survey, in which just 13.1% said they would be hiring three or more new permanent or contract employees. Over 90% of hiring managers globally and in the U.S. said their biggest hiring challenges were finding candidates with the right skills and level of experience.

Ironically, the reason for these pay increases may be because of the recession, as security practitioners are called upon to protect their companies from angry, laid off employees who may feel compelled to do something malicious to computer systems on the way out the door, (ISC)2 Executive Director Hord Tipton said in an interview Wednesday morning. The rapidly shifting threat landscape is another likely reason.

"As quickly as technology has advanced and as prevalently known as the threats have become, companies realize they face huge risk," he said. "Even though the company is going through economic problems as a whole, you have to worry about people leaving the company unhappy and the risk of malicious acts as a result."

In the event of a large layoff, security staff are among the last to leave because they have to strip people of their keys and Internet access, Tipton said. "The people you retain you want to be your best people. It's a distillation of the process. You pay them more for knowing more and you simply try to keep them," he added.

Other Findings

About half of the respondents (51.1% globally; 51.9% U.S.) saw their information security budgets decrease somewhat or significantly in 2009, while 36.9% (35.7% in the U.S.) expect no change in their budgets for 2010. This compares to over two-thirds (72%) of respondents who reported in the 2009 survey that their budgets had been reduced last year.

Approximately 54% (54.6% in U.S.) of respondents expect no personnel reductions or layoffs in 2010; while 20% (20.8% in U.S.) expect additional layoffs, compared to 40% of respondents from the previous survey in 2009.

Member Spotlight

Meet Doug Menendez, the St. Louis ISACA Chapter University Liaison...

Doug Menendez, CIA, CISA, earned a BSBA in Accounting and a MBA from St. Louis University.

Doug is an IT Audit Senior Manager for Enterprise Holdings, Inc. He has 30 years of Internal Auditing experience, and is a Past-President of both the IIA and ISACA St. Louis Chapters. Doug is also an adjunct instructor at Maryville University and Washington University, as well as an author and speaker.



Douglas Menendez
University Liaison

Doug is married with two children. His daughter is a freshman at the University of Denver, and his son is a sophomore at Parkway Central High School. Doug enjoys playing racquet sports – tennis, racquetball, and squash - and traveling with his family.

If you could travel to anywhere in the world and stay for one month, where would you most like to go and why?

I would go to Spain. My grandparents came to the United States from the northern region of Spain known as Asturias. I would like to visit there, experience the culture and search for any long lost relatives.

Besides your current occupation, what would be your dream job?

Well I applied to, but was not accepted for, “The Best Job in the World”, Australia Queensland’s Islands Caretaker. When I was younger, I would have liked to have been a tennis professional. Now, having had some teaching experience, I would like to be a college professor, with time to teach auditing topics and to do research.

What do you think sets your chapter apart from other professional organizations in your area?

The chapter has a consistent group of volunteers that help keep the chapter going and regularly attend the chapter meetings and seminars. I’d like to see that continue to expand, as it is always good to have some new ideas and new people in positions of chapter leadership. So far this year, the Academic Relations committee has been very active, speaking at several Beta Alpha Psi and other college class meetings. It has been great to get the word out about IT auditing to the next generation of potential auditors.

What is one thing your friends know about you that your ISACA colleagues do not?

I grew up playing a lot of tennis and worked my way through high school and college working at a tennis club. It was there that I learned how to re-string tennis racquets, a skill that I still use.

Programs / Education / Conferences

Online Courses in CISA, CISM and CGEIT

TechnoDyne University will be offering global online courses in CISA, CISM and CGEIT starting in November...hosted by world renown trainer Jay Ranade. Visit their website at <http://www.technodyneuniversity.com/> for more information on how to register.

ISACA Seminars

(Check out www.isaca.org for details)

New ISACA Student Groups

ISACA Student Groups (ISGs) are being formed to encourage education beyond the classroom and allow students to network and learn from each other. Local chapters will be enlisted to help provide meaningful interactions with professionals in the field. By participating in both university and chapter events, students will gain knowledge and experience that will put them far ahead of the competition when it comes time to begin their career.

A new section of the ISACA web site has been created to assist chapters and universities in developing ISGs on university campuses. For more information on forming an ISG, please visit www.isaca.org/studentgroup.

CISA, CISM and CGEIT Exam Registration Deadline Extended

The June 12, 2010 CISA, CISM and CGEIT certification exam registration deadline has been extended to 19 April to accommodate the large volume of exam candidates. After this June administration, the next opportunity to sit for the CISA CISM, or CGEIT exam will be on 11 December 2010.

To register for a June exam, please visit <https://www.isaca.org/examregnow>. For additional information on ISACA's world-class certifications, including short video clips on each, please visit <https://www.isaca.org/certificationnow>.

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Job number: 325608

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If interested, please visit:

www.edwardjones.com/careers

St. Louis Chapter is a winner!

Congratulations to the St. Louis chapter for receiving a bronze-level award for 2009 for our web site.

Every year, the Chapter Support Committee reviews all of the chapter web sites that link from the ISACA International web site (www.isaca.org/chapters). A list of all 2009 winners can be found on the chapter awards page (www.isaca.org/websiteawards).



Calendar of Events

May — How to Complete a Risk Assessment in 5 Days or Less

June — No meeting

July — No meeting

August — No meeting

September — Digital forensics and e-discovery

October — TBD

November — TBD

December — TBD

Advertise With US

The ISACA St. Louis Chapter web site enables you to build one-to-one relationships with IT and IS audit professionals. By advertising on this unique web site, you become an integral part of an interactive community of qualified buyers and attract them to your product or service.

The Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA) St. Louis Chapter has created an interactive, online web site advertising program that gives you the opportunity to reach customers through compelling content and online activity.

Use this powerful medium to your advantage. The St. Louis Chapter is one of the largest ISACA Chapters in the mid-west.

Contact Jeff Streif (jstreif@uhy-us.com) for more information.

Let Us Know

Do you have something of interest to share with our members? If you are interested and have something to share with our members, please contact: jstreif@uhy-us.com , or Karen.Quagliata@edwardjones.com

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