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## Upcoming Chapter Events

- SEP. 19**     **IT RISK ASSESSMENT  
(BREAKFAST MEETING)**
  
- SEP. 21**     **SEPTEMBER 2007 BOARD MEETING  
(BOARD MEETING)**
  
- OCT. 1**        **ACL TRAINING WEEK (SEMINAR)**
  
- OCT. 18**     **OCTOBER 2007 BOARD MEETING  
(BOARD MEETING)**

***Sign up for the Beginner or Advanced two-day  
ACL course in October!***

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*Visit the ISACANE website  
for more information on local  
classes and seminars.*

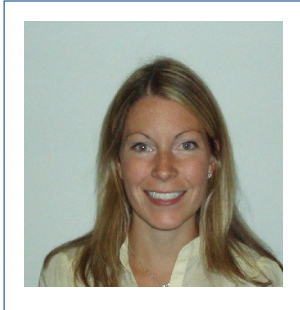
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## President's Message



*ISACA-NE President, Tricia O'Donnell*

Welcome to another great year! I was thrilled to see many of you at our Annual Meeting at the State Room in May. The networking event that followed at Ned Devine's was also a success!

I would like to introduce myself as the 2007/2008 President of ISACA-NE. I have been involved with ISACA-NE since 2003 serving as the Hospitality Coordinator, Program & Seminar committee member and most recently as Executive Vice President. Since 2003, I have been involved in planning many of the trainings, and coordinating our networking events. With other board members, I also implemented the online registration process. At Boston College, I am currently the Assistant Director of IT Audit. I am excited for the upcoming year and look forward to meeting many of you at upcoming ISACA events.

Even though it is summertime and many of us are taking vacations in the mountains or at the ocean, the various ISACA-NE committees are working behind the scenes and planning the upcoming year. Again, we plan to offer the CISA Review course this fall. The Program & Seminar committee will also be hosting an ACL course in the fall and more training before the snow begins to fall. The Breakfast Committee will also continue to host roundtable discussions in Boston and Framingham. We hope to expand Breakfast Meetings to Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Springfield. Please stay tuned to the ISACA-NE website for exact dates and times.

The ISACA-NE membership also plans to participate in upcoming College Career Fairs in the Boston area. Our future ISACA membership is current graduate and undergraduate students. We are interested in reaching out to students who are pursuing business careers focusing in information systems and security. Our University Liaison committee will continue efforts to reach out to our future members.

I would also like to congratulate our Rhode Island board members who have successfully pursued the ISACA Rhode Island Chapter. ISACA International has formally announced the Rhode Island chapter this summer. The ISACA-NE chapter will continue to work with our colleagues in Rhode Island. I wish the Rhode Island board the best of luck!

I hope this upcoming year is full of joy at work and home for all of you. Please contact me at any time, if you have a question, comment, or suggestion for the ISACA-NE chapter.

Thank you,

Tricia O'Donnell, CISA  
ISACA-NE President

[president@isacane.org](mailto:president@isacane.org)

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*ISACA-NE will be participating in upcoming college career fairs in September throughout New England*

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## **NEW!** IT Governance Certification: CGEIT

At the International Conference, ISACA formally announced its newest credential program, CGEIT, specifically developed for professionals who have responsibilities for managing and/or governing the IT-related contribution to an enterprise to achieve its business objectives. The certification, supported by the IT Governance Institute® (ITGI™) and built on its intellectual property, will promote the advancement of IT professionals who wish to be recognized for their governance-related experienced and knowledge.



The initial IT governance professional certification exam is expected to be administered in December 2008. A grandfathering program will be announced shortly, through which highly experienced IT governance professionals may apply for certification without taking the exam. Visit the ISACA and ITGI web sites, <http://www.isaca.org/> and <http://www.itgi.org/> for the latest information on this new certification.

## CISA Certification

The CISA designation has been a globally accepted standard of achievement in the information systems (IS) audit, control and security field since 1978, and has been recognized by many governments and major business groups around the world. Earning the CISA designation helps assure a positive reputation as a qualified IS audit, control and/or security professional



## CISM Certifications

CISM, the Certified Information Security Manager is ISACA's next generation credential and is geared toward experienced information security managers and those who have information security management responsibilities. CISM is designed to provide the assurance that those earning the designation have the required knowledge to provide effective security management and consulting



## **Preparing for CISA and CISM Certification Exams**

### **What do the CISA and CISM exams cover?**

Both exams test a candidate's knowledge of IS audit principles and practices as well as technical content areas. The CISA exam covers six content areas (domains) and tasks that are routinely performed by a CISA. For specific details, see <http://www.isaca.org/cisacontentareas>. The CISM exam covers five information security management areas, each of which is further defined and detailed through task and knowledge statements. Specific details can be found at [www.isaca.org/cismcontentareas](http://www.isaca.org/cismcontentareas). Both certifications also require candidates to meet minimum requirements for professional experience.



*ISACA-NE Executive Vice President:  
John Morency*

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## This Month's Featured Board Member

John Morency is currently Executive Vice President of ISACA-NE. His primary focus is on the development and delivery of training content that not only enables chapter members to maintain their professional certification, but also broaden their professional skill sets.

The subject area that best characterizes John's professional focus is enterprise data center management. Beginning with his early days as a mainframe systems programmer at General Electric, John has spent his entire career enabling organizations to improve the quality, efficiency and integrity of their data center operations.

During his thirteen years at Digital Equipment Corporation, John was the technical leader of the engineering team that built the first set of software products that networked mainframe and midrange systems in order to facilitate broader data and information sharing between individual departments and business units. He also became a patent holder as a co-inventor of distributed server load balancing that was a forerunner of the mainstream web server load balancing technologies used in corporate data centers today. During the mid and late 1990s, he was at the forefront of helping businesses reduce the total cost of ownership (TCO) and cost of complexity. As a result, he was one of the most prominent consultants in the IT industry, enabling over 100 Global 2000 corporations to streamline and wring cost inefficiencies from their corporate data center operations. During that time, he was also a regular columnist for both *Network World* and *Communications Week*, authoring over 400 articles and papers on a number of IT networking and data center management issues.

Following 9/11, John shifted his focus to the development and delivery of professional services that would enable IT managers to more effectively manage data center operations risk, security, compliance and service continuity. As one of the four co-founders of Transitional Data Services, John developed and delivered an entire set of IT services focused on achieving this objective. During this time, he also earned his CISA certification and became a member of ISACA-NE. He currently is a Research Director in the areas of Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity at Gartner and applies his expertise to helping Gartner's clients develop effective strategies and infrastructure for improving business resiliency every day.

John holds a Bachelor of Science degree Magna com Laude in Mathematics and Computer Science from the University of New Hampshire. He currently resides with his wife and three sons in Chelmsford. In his spare time, John enjoys coaching basketball, cross country skiing, biking, traveling, financial planning and spending time with his family.

## ISACA International IT Governance and Compliance Conference to be held in Boston

ISACA is excited to announce its newest event—the IT Governance and Compliance Conference. This event will be held November 14<sup>th</sup> through the 16<sup>th</sup> in Boston, Massachusetts. This latest conference offers lectures, panel discussions and facilitated sessions that address the concepts and terminology of IT governance, and the organizational structures, mechanisms and frameworks necessary for implementing effective IT governance. The conference creates an environment in which information, experience, skills and knowledge can be exchanged to establish a baseline for IT governance. The event will identify best practices for IT governance, including compliance, assurance, strategic alignment, value delivery, risk and resource management, accountability, and performance measurement. For more information and to register, please visit: <http://www.isaca.org/>, under Exhibitors & Advertisers.



14-16 November 2007  
Boston, Massachusetts, USA

## CISA and CISM Certifications Receive ANSI Accreditation

ISACA is extremely proud that the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) has accredited the CISA and CISM certifications under ISO/IEC 17024:2003, General Requirements for Bodies Operating Certification Systems of Persons. ANSI, a private, nonprofit organization, accredits other organizations to serve as third-party product, system and personnel certifiers.

ISO/IEC 17024 specifies the requirements to be followed by organizations certifying individual against specific requirements. ANSI describes ISO/IEC 17024 as “expected to play a prominent role in facilitating global standardization of the certification community, increasing mobility among countries, enhancing public safety, and protecting consumers.”



### **Editor's Note:**

Help ensure you continue to receive timely ISACA New England Chapter information by updating your mailing address and e-mail address at

<http://www.isaca.org/>

## Job Resources

### **Resources for Job Seekers**

To review career advertisements, visit the ISACANE website at <http://www.isacane.org/jobs.php>. Members can also benefit from career resources and job listings on the ISACA International website. Visit <http://jobs.isaca.org/> to link to the ISACA Career Centre online.

### **Current Positions**

- Staff/Senior Information Technology Auditor, Boston Scientific
- Integrated Audit Project Manager. Staples, Inc.
- Information Security Associate-Business Analyst, GraVoc Associates, Inc.
- Sr. IT Auditor, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Rhode Island
- IT Audit Senior, Unum Group
- Senior Auditor - Information Systems & Technologies, Akamai
- Auditor II – IS, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care

### **Resources for Employers and Recruiters**

The fee to post an ad on the website is \$100 for four (4) months and inclusion of the ad in our newsletter that is sent to all members of the association.

Note: No refunds will be provided if you fill the position prior to the end of the period requested.

Once you are ready to place a career advertisement with the ISACA ® New England Chapter please email the following information to [webmaster@isacane.org](mailto:webmaster@isacane.org):

- 1) Number of Months you would like to post the ad
- 2) Company Name
- 3) Job Title
- 4) Job Description
- 5) Contact Name and Address
- 6) A Link (if applicable) for the reader to get more

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### OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2007 – 2008

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