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News

ISACA Manila Chapter wins Global K. Wayne Snipes Award

The ISACA Manila Chapter wins the much coveted K. Wayne Snipes award for the Best Large Chapter in the region (Asia) and in the world (Global) for 2008. This is the second consecutive year that the Chapter has been awarded the award in Asia.

In a letter sent by Mr. Summer R. Cole, ISACA International Membership Services Coordinator, to Chapter President Mr. Solomon Anastacio, the “chapter should be extremely proud of the award as the competition was intense this year”. He congratulated the ISACA Manila for its hard work in earning the distinction.

The award will be formally presented to Mr. Anastacio at the 2009 Asia-Pacific Leadership Conference, to be held just prior to the Asia-Pacific CACS Conference, which is scheduled to take place in Kyoto, Japan on February 21 – 22, 2009.

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 at both the local and international levels, in various positions, including regional vice president at the international level. During his time in office, Snipes achieved the largest chapter growth, in the number of newly formed chapters and membership growth, of all regional vice presidents. In total, he dedicated 14 years to the North Texas Chapter and served eight years as an International Trustee on the Board of Directors.

2009 Chapter Board Holds Strategic Planning Session

The newly elected set of chapter board members, led by Mr. Sol Anastacio, ISACA Manila President 2009-2010, gathered for a one-day strategic planning session last December 6, 2008 at the MMLDC Training Center, Antipolo City. Despite the chilly weather, the board members had a lively discussion of the issues that confront the chapter and planned for the activities that will further promote the IT governance, assurance and security profession in the Philippines.

The board revisited the chapter’s mission and vision and adopted the international’s

mission and vision where all activities of the chapter will be aligned. Mr. Anastacio emphasized to the new board that the one-day session was just the beginning of a series of discussions where each committee head will prepare and present the various activities lined up for the year. The new board resolved that all committees would work together, with more vigor and focus, to achieve the chapter objectives at hand.

The session ended with the board members dishing out their own versions of their favorite tunes as they sang their hearts out in the fully-furnished modern karaoke room of the training center.

June 2009 CISA/CISM Review Classes To Open

CISA Review Class

The Education Committee announces the opening of the registration for the June 2009 CISA Review Class. As in prior offerings, the review sessions will be conducted every Saturday, starting on February 14 and up to May 23. The class will be held at the ISACA Manila Professional Development Center in Suite 2109 Cityland 10 Tower 2, #154 H.V. Dela Costa St., Makati City.

Ms. Isabelita Ojeda, the Education Committee Chair, said the Chapter recognizes the concerns of many of the chapter members, especially those whose enrolment to the CISA review class is not sponsored by their companies. As such, the registration fees remain at the same level as last year's despite the continuing increase in the prices of basic commodities in the country.

ISACA members will be charged P19,500.00 while Non-members will pay P22,000.00. All quoted fees are exclusive of taxes. Considering that the fees cover not only the registration but also snacks, lunches and materials for 11 Saturdays, Isa said that "This review class is certainly one of a kind. Participants not only get valuable inputs from seasoned lecturers, but can also bond and share learning tips with fellow examinees for 11 days, at a price that is very, very competitive. Imagine just paying an average of less than P1,800 per day for a training such as this?"

Ms. Ojeda also emphasized that in Chapter President Chito Jacinto's 2008 Annual Report, he reported that the percentage of over all CISA exam passers is 72% and CISA Reviewees passers is 86% while CISM is 75%.

For details on schedule, class instructors and registration, please contact the ISACA Secretariat at 894-2533.

CISM Review Class

The ISACA Manila Chapter will conduct a CISM Review Class for interested examinees in June 2009. The class will begin on March 21, 2009 with an

orientation and an assessment exam and will be conducted every Saturday until May 9. A mock exam will be given prior to the actual exam date to allow the participants determine their readiness for the real thing. The facilitators include:

Chapter 1: Information Security Governance - Warren Bituin, CPA, CISA, CISSP, CISM

Chapter 2: Information Risk Management - Luis Jacinto, CISA, CISM, PIE

Chapter 3: Information Security Program Development - Philip Casanova, CISSP, CISM

Chapter 4: Information Security Program Management – Steffen Minkmar, CISSP, CISA, CISM, CGEIT

Chapter 5: Incident Management & Response – Alain Duminy, CISA, CISM, CISSP, CGEIT, GSEC gold, GCIH, GCFW, GAWN-C, CCNA, ITIL practitioner (x2), COBIT, BCCS, CAPM

This is the first time that the Chapter is offering the review with local speakers.

ISACA Updates 10 IT Audit Programs

Rolling Meadows, IL, USA (5 February 2009)—ISACA has updated 10 key information technology (IT) audit/assurance programs that serve as road maps to help organizations improve controls and protect the privacy and security of their IT.

ISACA's IT audit/assurance programs are used by enterprises around the world. The updated programs are based on ISACA's IT Assurance Framework (ITAF), available as a free download at www.isaca.org/itaf. ITAF provides a single source from which IT audit and assurance professionals can seek guidance, research policies and procedures, obtain audit and assurance programs, and develop effective reports.

“IT audit and assurance professionals face a variety of audit assignments and constantly evolving regulations and good practices,” said Greg Grocholski, chair of ISACA's Assurance Committee. “ISACA's Audit/Assurance Programs help them succeed in any type of IT audit.”

The updated audit/assurance programs are:

- Change Management
- Generic Application
- Identity Management
- IT Continuity Planning
- Network Perimeter Security

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- Outsourced IT Environments
- Security Incident Management
- Systems Development and Project Management
- UNIX/LINUX Operating System Security
- z/OS Security

Each program is designed for use by Certified Information Systems Auditors (CISAs) and IT assurance professionals with experience in the topic covered by the program.

All 10 programs are available as free downloads for ISACA members at www.isaca.org/assurance. Nonmembers can purchase electronic copies from the ISACA Bookstore (www.isaca.org/bookstore) for US \$45 each. Additional audit programs are currently being updated and will be released later this year.

Messages

From The Pub

By Warren R Bituin

Part of the responsibilities assigned to the head of the Publications Committee is to come up with a Chapter Newsletter. It appears to be an easy task – the Chapter is very dynamic and there are activities left and right – meaning, there are many topics to write about in every issue. In reality, however, I am always faced with the fact that being an active member and officer of the ISACA Manila Chapter is just one of the things that I do. Just like all the other Chapter officers, my time with the Chapter is only voluntary; I am fully employed and have my own obligations to the company that provides subsistence for my family. Nevertheless, there is no excuse for not coming up with newsletters on a periodic basis. And with a new Chapter President who follows you up on your “promises” whenever he has the chance, I guess 2009 will be a good year for all of us.

We continue to experiment with our chapter newsletters. In prior years, we used to release hard copies (ok, printed, to the younger ones now) when it was still affordable and easier to distribute with less than a hundred members. But times have changed and we now have the luxury of using modern technologies that, last year, we issued the chapter newsletter via electronic mail to our more than 400 members. We find this a much better alternative and we will continue to do so this year. A bonus though to our members is a downloadable pdf copy that can be printed and taken away anytime for sharing to interested parties.

But we want our Chapter Newsletter to really cater to the needs of the chapter members. We want it to contain not only the usual updates on chapter activities but also practical tips and take-aways from the many acknowledged experts in our profession, who also happen to be our members. We encourage everyone to share their expertise and knowledge by submitting articles covering the many areas in the IT governance, assurance and information security fields. Starting next issue, we will feature personalities who have made significant contributions to our profession

and our chapter. If you also happen to know a related useful product, an momentous event or a team which has accomplished noteworthy projects (within your company or otherwise) that is worth sharing to many of our members, we encourage you to write about them and send the article to us. By the way, it is also a good way of earning CPEs.

Every issue is obviously not going to be perfect. We welcome suggestions from readers on how we can make our newsletter more appealing and useful to its valuable audience – the chapter members.

In this first issue, we provide you with some announcements and messages from our new and past presidents. There is also a section for our certifications and various personal messages to our members. Read on.

From the President's Desk

By Solomon Anastacio

Mabuhay!

Winning the K Wayne Snipes Award as best large chapter, winning the Bronze and Silver awards for our website (isaca-manila.org), hitting the 450 mark in membership and maintaining the above 70% passing rate in CISA exams are just few of the achievements of ISACA-Manila Chapter in the last few years. But the challenge now for the new leadership of your local chapter is not to match these awards and statistics, but to ensure that these awards and statistics translate into improve benefits for the local chapter members. In the next two years, the thrusts of your chapter will be focused on three major areas.

First is to continuously improve chapter management. We will apply best practices applicable in the execution of our activities. We will try to improve our chapter rating based on the Balanced Scorecard provided by International. We will encourage active participation from the members to ensure success of our objectives.

Second is to improve the chapter member's benefits. We will reach out to know you more, know what you need and what you want from your local chapter. We are not going to promise that we will meet all of them, we are not politicians after all, but we will definitely try.

And finally, we wanted to increase the awareness of the local business and academic community including the government on who ISACA is, what ISACA can do, what CISA/ CISM/CGEIT holders can contribute to their organizations

To borrow US President Barrack Obama's words - "Today I say to you that the challenges we face are real. They are serious and they are many. They will not be met easily or in a short span of time. But know this, *ISACA-Manila* — they will be met."

Thank you, God Bless you. And God Bless ISACA-Manila!

Sol

An Experience Of A Lifetime...

By Luis Jacinto

It has been a privilege for me to have been elected as Chapter President for the calendar years 2007 and 2008. I have already said that the growth of ISACA Manila is something to be marveled at. This is especially true when observing its ascent from the time I first joined ISACA a few years back, to the time I became a member of the chapter Board and up to the time that I was entrusted with the chapter presidency.

The two years that have gone by has offered me with the opportunity to see how it is to lead an institution that is dependent and accountable to an International office. It has provided me with a glimpse – to a limited extent – of how it is to develop strategies and at the same time manage the operations of a world-class institution. The truth of the matter is that I was expecting a bed of roses. But I was realistic enough to realize that along with the flowers are the stems full of thorns. They hurt at times, but the accomplishments we all had were enough to assuage whatever pain there was.

Your chapter, together with ISACA International is committed to the goal of providing each of us with a clear understanding of the different roles we play in ensuring effective IT governance in our own organizations. But that is easier said than done. Your chapter has likewise committed to provide you with the best possible service it could muster. But through it all, we realize that the measures are not being counted by us alone. The International office has been conscientious in gathering information that helps them determine the performance of each chapter.

It is in this light that we have received, for the first time, the coveted K. Wayne Snipes Award. And we received not one, but two of these awards, i.e. for best Large Chapter in the Asia Region, and the best Large Chapter, worldwide. And that was the result of the efforts of everyone who contributed to the realization of the goals of the Chapter. It was by your support that we have realized this. Without you and the members of the Board of Trustees, we would never have attained such recognition.

In the coming days, let us continue to strive further to attain the visions, this time, of our new President. It is with great respect and expectation that I turn over the helm of the Chapter to Sol Anastacio. He will be taking over now, till end of 2010.

And so, I urge you to take your fill of what we have in store for you during the next two years. I truly believe that the adopted strategies will bring more life to your interest in our profession. As we go through the process of playing our part in the

operations of your association, revel in the thought that we still have more to look forward to, as there is still more to accomplish.

Mabuhay ISACA Manila!

Chito

***Committee
Activities***

The Certifications Corner

By Steffen Minkmar

In our certification corner, we would like to give you some more details on ISACA's certifications. In this newsletter, we will give you a brief overview of what is 'available' and who is the target group that should consider taking on an ISACA exam. In the next issues, we will discuss each of the credentials in more detail.

The *Certified Information Systems Auditor* (CISA) is the prime audit professional certification sponsored by ISACA. The CISA program is designed to assess and certify individuals in the IS audit, control and security profession who demonstrate exceptional skill and judgment. This expertise is extremely valuable given the changing nature of information technology and the need to employ certified professionals who are able to apply the most effective information systems audit, control and security practices, and who have an awareness of the unique requirements particular to information technology environments. It is probably the most famous and sought-after certification for IT auditors.

For whom would this certificate be interesting?

- IT directors
- IT managers whose area of responsibility is made subject to audits
- IT personnel who are often contacted by auditors
- Everybody in internal and external audit, in particular those with a focus on IT
- IT compliance manager and staff
- IT / operational risk manager and staff
- IT consultants

The *Certified Information Security Manager* (CISM) is a certification for information security managers awarded by ISACA. The intent of the certification is to provide a common body of knowledge for information security management. The CISM focuses on information risk management as the basis of information security. It also includes material on broader issues such as how to govern information security as well as on practical issues such as developing and managing an information security program and managing incidents.

For whom would this certificate be interesting?

- IT directors

- IT security managers
- IT security officers
- IT security consultants
- IT security staff
- IT compliance manager and staff
- Everybody in internal and external audit, in particular those with a focus on IT security

The *Certified in the Governance of Enterprise Information Technology (CGEIT)* certification is intended to recognize a wide range of professionals for their knowledge and application of IT governance principles and practices. It is designed for professionals who have a significant management, advisory and/or assurance responsibilities relating to the governance of enterprise IT. The CGEIT certification defines the roles and responsibilities of those performing IT governance work and recognizes their knowledge, competences, skill sets, abilities and experiences. The CGEIT certification also supports enterprises by demonstrating a visible commitment to excellence in IT governance practices.

For whom would this certificate be interesting?

- Chief Information Officer (CIO)
- IT directors
- IT compliance managers
- IT / operational risk managers
- Chief Audit Executive (CAE) or Director Internal Audit

Should you have any questions or comments, do not hesitate to contact us. Your contact person is Steffen Minkmar. He can be reached thru the ISACA Manila Chapter Secretariat.

Announcements

Upcoming Chapter Training Activities

Fundamentals of IT Auditing

- Date: February 18-20, 2009
- Speaker: Juan B. Estioko, CPA, CISA, CFE
- Venue: ISACA Manila Professional Development Center

The Essentials of Database Security and Auditing

- Date: March 2009
- Speaker: Christopher Faustino, CISA, CISM
- Venue: ISACA Manila Professional Development Center

COBIT Foundation

- Date: April 2009
- Venue: ISACA Manila Professional Development Center

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2009 ISACA Manila Annual Conference

“IT Governance: Solving the Puzzle”

Renaissance Hotel, Makati City, Philippines

April 14 – 15, 2009

First BCPMAP Forum in 2009

When: 12 February 2009 - 8AM to 13:30 PM

Where – Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) - A. Mabini St. cor. P. Ocampo St., Malate Manila, Philippines 1004

Deadline for registration is this Friday 6 February. You can also contact Mr. Alain Duminy, BCPMAP President, directly at aduminy@adb.org

ISACA Manila @ Facebook

All members who have Facebook accounts are encouraged to join the ISACA-Manila e-group account. Network with your colleagues and friends wherever you are.

Call for Member Volunteers

Members who are willing to volunteer in any of the committees of the Chapter or the 2009 ISACA Manila Annual Conference should contact the ISACA Manila Chapter Secretariat (Apple Vina or Buboy Barasona). Telefax: 02 894 3533 or E-mail: secretariat@isaca-manila.org

Personals

...We wish our Chapter President Solomon Anastacio and safe and fruitful trip as he attends the 2009 Asia Leadership Conference on February 21 to 22, 2009 at Kyoto, Japan.

...Congratulations to Ms. Isabelita Ojeda for garnering the highest score in Asia in the CISM Exam given last June 2008. She has been invited to attend the 2009 Asia Pacific CACS next month in Japan where she will be recognized.

...Our birthday greetings to our recent celebrators: Ms. Mye-mye Amahan, Ms. Malou Panzo and Mr. Steffen Minkmar.

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