Last month we hosted the 2023 full day event and AGM. I would like to thank everyone who supported the board and voted in the elections. Our current board directors are up to date on our Chapter website should you need to contact us. We received fantastic feedback from the event with a number of suggestions/improvements, more to follow on that soon. Also to note, our annual compliance submission has been provided to HQ as part of our global requirements.

This month the Board met for our bi-annual strategy day to discuss upcoming events, member feedback, our strategy for 2023/2024 and much more. I will look to provide information on our strategy and key points throughout the year.

**Chapter Accounts**

Following on from feedback at our AGM we have made our accounts visible on the chapter website. Members will be able to access these directly from the members section of our website here, as well as from Companies House. Thank you for your feedback on this matter, we will continue to provide changes that support our members going forward.

**Chapter Events**

At the strategy day, the board planned the H2 calendar of events. I am hoping to publish dates and locations very soon, until then here is a date for your dairy.

**Date:- 19th September**

**Event type:- Afternoon face to face with networking drinks to follow**

**Location:- Newcastle**

We are pleased to announce that September’s event will be held in partnership with Somerford Associates on Tuesday 19th September in central Newcastle.

**Chapter Dues**

At the AGM it was agreed that chapter dues would remain at remain at $20 (£16 approximately), making our Chapter the cheapest in Europe.

**Half Year/Half Price**

ISACA are still running a promotion for new members who join ISACA in June or July. The promotion offers a 50% reduction in Global fees for new members joining in June and July only. As a chapter, we are also reducing our chapter fees by half for new members during this time only. Please share this amazing promotion with your network.

**Credentials Update**
Did you know that ISACA now offers in excess of 20 Credentials? The credentials are split between Certificates and Certifications. The difference between the two is that a certificate is awarded after the successful completion of educational or vocational training by a particular institution e.g. ISACA, whereas certification is approving a professional for their eligibility for a role by an authority e.g. ISACA.

Certificates can be obtained after a learning process whilst certification is gained after an assessment process for the applicants that meet the requirement of the certifying body.

Many of us will be aware of the main certifications such as CISM and CISA but ISACA Fundamental Certificates are now available targeting newer professionals across the industry. They cover a diverse range of subjects from Audit and Risk to Blockchain and IOT. Key facts for them all include:

- No prerequisites
- 2 hour exam
- Achieve 60 – 65% to pass
- Cost range £175 to £395

Please do have a look and further details can be found here IT Certifications | Earn IT Credentials | ISACA

**Nominations for the 2024 ISACA Awards**

Would you like to nominate an outstanding colleague, organization, chapter, or ISACA member for contributions to ISACA and/or the digital trust community? We would love to see our members nominate or be nominated.

Nominations can be submitted for the following categories: Global Achievement, Hall of Fame, Chapters, and Chapter Leaders.

Why it matters:

ISACA’s prestigious awards shine a light on the exemplary work and dedication of individuals, chapters, and organizations around the world serving and giving back to those in the professions ISACA serves. ISACA seeks to inspire future generations of professionals by celebrating achievements that have a positive impact on our global society. Nominate [here](#) until the 15th August 2023.

**ISACA in the News**

- iSMG- Data Breach Today - [How ISACA Is Guiding Enterprises to Cybersecurity Maturity](#)
- TechCircle - [Digital trust low among companies worldwide: report](#)
- KBI Media - [New Research: Digital Trust Is Integral to Innovation and Resilience, But Major Gaps Threaten Business Operations and Reputations](#)
- Security Boulevard - [Advice from the ISACA Ransomware Response Checklist](#)
- Help Net Security - [Digital trust can make or break an organization](#)
- Data Breach Today - [APAC Security Organizations in the Era of Digital Trust](#)
- Digitalisation World - [The Digital Trust Paradox: Despite hailing its importance, for most it’s not a priority](#)
- Bdaily News - [Cyber security week- the importance of digital trust for business](#)
- Comparitech - [Cybersecurity job statistics (2021-2023 edition)](#)
Jobs

A reminder to look at the Chapter website’s jobs page. Also, if you are currently recruiting and you’d like to advertise a role on the page, send details of the role to webmaster@isaca.org.uk. Please include details such as: Job Title, Location and Job Description or provide a link to this information.

Video on demand

As always, our back catalogue of events on demand can be found here. Please note, the uploading of CPEs is a manual task that is performed when sufficient responses have been received, this can be a month between uploads.

Social Media

To help us communicate better with our members we are currently making some changes to our social media.

1. The chapter has a new LinkedIn company page which will allow us to communicate with members and non-members about our events and updates.
2. Our members only LinkedIn group and Facebook group will be closing to enable us to concentrate on more centralised targeted updates through LinkedIn, our Newsletter and Twitter.

To ensure you are receiving up to date our communications follow us on our links below.

LinkedIn
Twitter

Kind Regards
Jennifer Kilmartin
Chapter President