MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT

GREETINGS MEMBERSHIP!

As you all are aware, we have been planning on kicking off The Leadership Series for some time now. On behalf of the Chapter’s Board Directors, I am proud to say that we have finally kicked off the Leadership Series this past month. The feedback on this first edition has been remarkable! We have had attendance from Chapter leadership across the globe on this initiative, and there are all interested in taking this journey with us all. This is a big vote of confidence from a global Chapter partners.

If you missed it, we have an editing team working on getting the webcast video readied for public replay. We will get that link out to you as soon as that is completed. Please note that public replay would not qualify for CPE credit. However, I strongly suggest watching it as the value of the content is priceless and will also set the stage for the next iterations of this series.

To quickly recap the first edition of this series-

- Chad Reyes and I discussed what the Leadership Series the Chapter Board had sponsored is intended to do.
- Chad provided context over the eight key leadership principles (see high-level slide below) that would be covered throughout the continuum. He gave a brief overview of each principle, what the intent of each were, and how they would be covered over the course of the continuum.
Jim Ambrosini took it the rest of the way, highlighting the first leadership principle of the continuum, "You are here," along with some of his anecdotes, principles, perspectives, and experiences that have helped him and his team throughout his career. Jim was able to connect with our Membership and Affiliates on such a personal level despite the 200+ attendees in the audience. Leveraging his own leadership principles, past experience, and those of leaders he has tried to emulate over the course of his career was echoed by attendees as a “game-changer” in the remote environment. It was very impressive.
Principle 3

Understanding Leverage

“It is much easier to put existing resources to better use, than to develop resources where they do not exist.”

— George Soros

Principle 8

Brilliance in the Basics

We don’t rise to the level of our expectations, we fall to the level of our training.

— Archilochus
Chad and Jim took time at the end of the presentation to address all questions from attendees. Many in-depth questions came through the moderated panel. It showed a lot on the attendees’ minds regarding a need for leadership and instruction and an eagerness to drive forward with some of the leadership principles discussed.

**What Is Next?**
All attendees will receive a detailed questionnaire on the makeup and flow of the past event. These questions will allow our leadership to work with our Lions Pride Leadership couches and our next speaker to change the delivery of the next presentation.

As discussed previously, this continuum is adaptive - the delivery, focus areas, look and feel is highly dependent on the feedback we receive from you all. If we want more freestyle from the presenter and fewer slides, if we want more time for a Q&A panel, a larger panel, more training, and fewer perspectives, etc., it can be done as you all help set the tone on delivery. **You are all in the driver’s seat.** The principles are proven, the delivery can be customized to how you all collectively see fit.

**A Recap on the Overall Leadership Series**

**The Investment**
“The Leadership Series” is something that has been a considerable investment from the ISACA Metropolitan New York Leadership Team. Professional affiliations, financial investment, and Chapter and Cross Industry partnerships have been leveraged to bring this program to you all. I wanted to take my newsletter airtime to spotlight this amazing series. The series’ success is contingent on all of us promoting it to not only our membership but anyone we believe could benefit from the advice, perspectives, and leadership topics being spotlighted by our spotlighted leaders. For this reason, we have **opened registration to all, despite chapter affiliation.** We have also made the first few series free of charge to expose this program to those that could feel true value coming from it.

**What is “The Leadership Series”**
“The Leadership Series” is an ISACA Metropolitan New York Chapter Original. The series follows the chapter’s recent focus on providing the membership additional coaching, leadership, and support guidance through their career continuum. The series will spotlight one “Leader’s Leader” every other month. The spotlight leader provides their experience and insights on leadership principles and anecdotes that they have leveraged to help get them and their teams to where they are while maintaining congruencies with Lions Pride Leadership’s framework.

**We Answer your Questions (A Recap)**
After each leader’s presentation will come a short panel to address any questions the membership has for the speaker, Chapter President or Lions Pride Lead, live.

**You Drive the Trajectory of the Program (A Recap)**
The month after each spotlight will be a survey to the membership understanding what they appreciated, what they desired to see change, and understand any areas of focus that the next speaker could focus on. This information will be aggregated with Lions Pride Leadership and
This Series is a Pilot
This series is a one-year Pilot intended to guide the ISACA Metropolitan New York Chapter and Affiliates’ membership. The success of the program will inform the continuance of the program.

Industry and Solution Agnostic
This series is intended to be industry and solution agnostic. This means the leadership principles apply to all!

Note: The guidance is not legal or intended to influence the membership to change their career continuums. Each part of the series is primarily focused on providing personal insights of the speakers to the membership in a mentorship capacity. Any decisions made by attendees are their decisions alone.

Next month I plan to recap the past six months to highlight the amazing accomplishments of the Board and disclose some of what we have in mind for the next six months. We have recently hosted C-Suite executive roundtables through our Corporate Relations Committee, hosted dozens of trainings and certifications through our Talent and Development Committee, and numerous Mental Health, Career Training, Women Technology Enablement, and Direct Training Support of Emerging Professionals through our Membership, She Leads Tech, and Emerging Professionals Committees. The Board has been very busy, and there will be a lot to recap.
I wish you all a happy, healthy, and safe start to the new year. I pray that you are able to all disconnect from work, and able to spend time with your loved ones.

Stay Safe & Awesome New York,

Wasserman Award Committee
Chair: Alexander Abramov

2022 Joseph J. Wasserman Award Nominations
ISACA New York Metropolitan Chapter is currently seeking nominations for the 2022 Joseph J. Wasserman Award. The Joseph J. Wasserman Award is presented by the Chapter at its Annual Gala/Wasserman Award Dinner, in June or July. This award has been bestowed annually since the Chapter’s inception in 1978, and recognizes Outstanding Achievement and Contribution to the Information Systems Audit, Control, Security, Risk Management, and/or Governance professions (the “Community”). Nominees must have made a significant contribution and be currently active in the Community. Essential characteristics include integrity, humility, non-self-promoting, selfless dedication to enriching the Community, and motivation for the best interests of the ISACA membership.
Examples of outstanding achievement and contribution are: solving significant persistent issues in audit, control, information security, risk management, and governance; building an audit or cyber security tool or process that addresses a major industry gap; contributing to innovative research on topics of importance to the Community; and volunteering for ISACA or other non-for-profit technology organization. These achievements or contributions would be considered gold standards for reference in Community.

Nominees will be carefully evaluated by the Chapter’s Wasserman Committee who will make a final recommendation to the ISACA Board of Directors.

All Chapter members are invited to nominate candidates for the Wasserman Award. The nomination must include a short bio of the proposed candidate and specific examples of achievements, contributions, and essential characteristics as outlined above. Submit the Nomination Form to alexander.abramov@isacany.org by February 25, 2022.

Submit your nomination here.

**MEMBERSHIP**

Chairperson: Sam Vohra  
Co-Chairperson: Christina Cruz

The mission of the ISACA Membership Committee is to provide a meaningful experience for the chapter members through a series of educational, fun, and networking events.

Full time students and veterans are eligible for 25% discount of membership rates, upon presentation of current class schedules or valid student/veteran ID. Please be sure to register early for the upcoming classes.

Sam Vohra, Chair  
Christina Cruz, Co-Chair

**Message from the Membership Committee**

'Tis the Season

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The Membership Committee would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the contributions made by our members, volunteers, partners, sponsors, student groups, officers and board members. As a not-for-profit professional organization, we rely on talent, dedication, and leadership which makes the New York Metropolitan chapter so special. We wish everyone a happy holiday and can’t wait to see you in 2022! Check out ISACA’s new, inspiring video, *ISACA Stands for Something Bigger*, features members sharing what ISACA means to them.

**2022 Membership Renewals are now open!**

Get details on 2022 membership renewal here.
SheLeadsTech Subcommittee

Christina Cruz  Christeen Russell  Alyssa Vumbaco

What is SheLeadsTech?
She leads is a women-focused program which works to increase the representation of women in Technology leadership roles and the Technology workforce. Powered by a vast global network of women IT professionals dedicated to supporting others, SheLeadsTech provides women with mentorship, leadership training, and skills training to grow and excel within the industry.

We at ISACA NY Metro support and recognize these strong women who push the industry forward. The Women in Tech (WIT) Spotlight Program highlights movers and shakers in the Technology field.

Call to Action!
Each quarter, SheLeadsTech highlights a woman in Technology or Cybersecurity to celebrate her professional accomplishments. We are looking for YOU to submit nominations for the Women in Technology Spotlight!! Nominations are currently being accepted. Submit your nomination using the link here.

Have questions or ideas for future SheLeadsTec events? Contact SheLeadsTech@isacany.org.

Emerging Professionals Subcommittee

Christina Cruz  Alyssa Vumbaco
Introduction: The Emerging Professionals (EP) Committee focus on members new to the profession (under 7 years of experience) and younger members (40 and under) representing the future of the profession. We provide guidance and networking opportunities as emerging professionals navigate through the early stages of their career.

We are underway with planning events for 2022. If you have ideas for an upcoming event or are interested in speaking or participating, please reach out to us at emergingpros@isacany.org.

Top Four Under 40
Top Four Under 40 is an annual program that recognizes four ISACA New York Metro members under 40 in the IT Audit, Cybersecurity, and/or GRC space that have contributed extensive value to the team and company in which they work. They go above & beyond and we want to recognize them for their contributions to our sector. The Four Emerging Professionals are honored at our annual recognition event and highlighted on our social media channels. They also score a seat at future exam review classes (worth approximately $600)! Note: The emerging professional must be a New York Metropolitan Chapter Member to be eligible.

Top Four Under 40 Recognition Award nomination form can be found here.

Training and Development Committee
CERTIFICATION & EDUCATION

Committee Chairpersons –
Chairperson: Ms. Kwongmei (May)
Co-Chairperson : Mr. Lance Flocco

ISACA’s top priority, as we all navigate the COVID-19 pandemic, is you and your well-being. ISACA has been actively working towards a live remote proctoring option for all certifications and certificate exams starting April 2020. Please refer to the isaca.org website for further information on how to register and take the desired exam within one year. While you are getting out of Pandemic lockout, why not knock out a couple of certifications for your career?

Special announcements:
• Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic all 2021 certification exam review classes will be provided as a live broadcast webinar only. No onsite classes.
• For those who will be appearing for any exam at home, please be sure to use a personal laptop instead of a company’s laptop as there have been issues when doing that during the exam.

The New York Metropolitan Chapter continues to offer certification and certificate exam review classes for CISA, CISM, CRISC, CGEIT, CDPSE, CSX Auditing (CSX-A), CCAK and CCSK.

In addition, we are also offering a few new classes as well. JAY RANADE, who has been teaching ISACA certification exam review classes for our chapter since 2006, will be teaching all exam review classes for the year 2021 hosted by New York Metropolitan Chapter. Please mark your calendar for the upcoming exam review classes in 2021. EARLY BIRD Registration rates are now open for all certifications. DON’T WAIT, SAVE NOW.
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At last the Training & Development Committee would like to wish all readers are happy and safe holidays!!!

ISACA Certification Classes Fall 2021 Schedule

Please click below to register for the desired course(s) of your choice

Last Call for EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION Starts now for FALL 2021 courses.

Don’t wait. Save now

1. Spring 2022 - CISM exam prep class (Live online webinar)

   Dates: February 20\textsuperscript{th}, 27\textsuperscript{th}, 2022 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM EST,
   CPEs 14. [https://cvent.me/eXQ770](https://cvent.me/eXQ770)
   Early Bird: Member $495, Non-Member $595 by January 20\textsuperscript{th}, 2022
   Final class registration February 12\textsuperscript{th}, 2022

2. Spring 2022- CRISC Certification Exam Prep, (Live online webinar)

   Dates: March 20, 27, 2022, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM EST,
   CPEs 14, [https://cvent.me/zPqn7M](https://cvent.me/zPqn7M)
   Early Bird: Member $495, Non-Member $595 by February 20\textsuperscript{th}, 2022
   Final class registration March 12\textsuperscript{th}, 2022
   Note: This CRISC class will be based on ISACA’s new Syllabus wef 8/1/2021

3. Spring 2022- CGEIT Certification Exam Prep, (Live online webinar)

   Dates: March 6\textsuperscript{th}, 13\textsuperscript{th} 2022, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM EST,
   CPEs 14, [https://cvent.me/4xbv49](https://cvent.me/4xbv49)
   Early Bird: Member $545, Non-Member $645 by February 6\textsuperscript{th}, 2022
   Final class registration March 12\textsuperscript{th}, 2022


   Dates: March 19\textsuperscript{th}, 26\textsuperscript{th} 2022, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM EST,
   CPEs 14, [https://cvent.me/1wn5B1](https://cvent.me/1wn5B1)
   Early Bird: Member $595, Non-Member $695 by February 19\textsuperscript{th}, 2022
   Final class registration March 12\textsuperscript{th}, 2022

**Note:** All exam review classes do not include the actual certification/ certificate exam.
Please go to [www.isaca.org](http://www.isaca.org) and search exam to register for the exam.

**Chapter’s APMG certified certification exam review class Instructor’s Bio**

Mr. Jay Ranade is an internationally renowned expert on computers, communications, disaster recovery, IT Security, and IT controls. He has written and published more than 35 IT-related books on various subjects ranging from networks, security, operating systems, languages, and systems. He also has an imprint with McGraw-Hill with more than 300 books called “Jay Ranade Series”. He has written and published articles for various computer magazines such as Byte, LAN Magazine, and Enterprise Systems Journal. The New York Times critically acclaimed his book called the “Best of Byte”. He is currently working on a number of books on various subjects such as IT Audit, IT Security, Business Continuity, and IT Risk Management.
As the world is living in the middle of the Pandemic we all must come out strong to survive. It is time to learn an additional skill set to make ourselves more valuable in our career. Here is some upcoming educational training programs that can boost your area of expertise. Don't wait. Register Now before the price goes up.

1. Winter 2022 - **Operational Risk Management**, (Live online webinar)
   
   **Dates**: TBA  
   CPEs 14. Please write to certification@isacany.org for the registration  

2. Winter 2022 - **IT General Controls Boot Camp**, (Live online webinar)
   
   **Dates**: TBA  
   CPEs 14. Please write to certification@isacany.org for the registration  

3. Winter 2022 - **Penetration & Vulnerability Testing for Auditors**, (Live online webinar)
   
   **Date**: February 9th, 10th, 11th, 2022, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM (EST).  
   CPEs 21  
   Registration link [https://cvent.me/QqK8D5](https://cvent.me/QqK8D5)  
   Early Bird Member $695, Non-member $795 by Jan 9th 2021  
   Final class registration, January 5th, 2022

*Breaking News*

The Training & Development Committee is offering a **Brand-New free monthly Lunch & Learn Series** covering various topics relevant to the IT Industry. Dates and topics will be posted to the New York Metropolitan Chapter’s website as they are finalized.

**NOTE**: If you have any topics that you would like the committee to present or would like to present a topic as a guest speaker, please write to education@isacany.org

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**ACADEMIC RELATIONS**

*Chairperson: Ashley Mangar*

*Co-Chairperson: Eugene Levin*

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**ISACA Student Group Data Analytics Series**

- The ISACA Student Groups is organizing a Data Analytics series and its impact through different industries  
- This is a monthly series that will occur during the academic year. The series is both a workshop and an information session tailored to students who are interested in the Data Analytics path.

**ISACA Student Group Capture the Flag**

- The ISACA Student Group is hosting their first ever Capture the Flag series! Capture the Flag (CTF) is a cybersecurity competition where the team/individuals are given a set of clues to find and “capture the flag”. This event consists of a series of challenges that vary in their degree of difficulty, and that require participants to exercise different skillsets to solve.
Pilot Mentorship Program - February 2022

- The Academic Relations Committee and the Emerging Professionals Committee are partnering on an opportunity to make a presentation that will bring students and mentors together to understand the benefits of being a mentor, having a mentor for a mentee, and how students can grow into their IT professional career.
- After the presentation, we will launch a pilot program to see how effective the mentorship program is.

Call For Action
For any of the volunteer opportunities mentioned above or any contributions you would like to make to the student group, please fill out the ISACA NY Metropolitan Volunteer Form and email Ashley Mangar at Ashley.Mangar@isacany.org

CSX LIAISON & CYBERSECURITY EDUCATION LEADER

Chairperson: Farid Abdelkader

Overview
The Cybersecurity Education Leader provides CSX-Fundamental (CSX-F) training for chapter members as well as Cybersecurity awareness updates and hot topics of interest to the membership.

Call to Action
If you are interested in supporting the Cybersecurity outreach of this Chapter, please contact Corresponding.secretary@isacany.org or click here for volunteering information.

Current Hot Topics
Every month, the Cybersecurity Education Leader plans to provide the latest Cybersecurity industry updates related to IT Audit, Cyber Breaches and Threats, Cloud Technology, Data & Privacy, and Enabling Technology.

If you have any updates, you believe are worth noting, please email our chapter lead.

Spotlight Topic – Windows Installer Privilege Escalation Flaw

In late November, Microsoft published a patch to fix a medium-severity privilege escalation flaw. The flaw, which had been discovered a few weeks before by Cisco malware research, was initially given a moderate vulnerability score of 5.5/10 by Microsoft, was found to still be open even after Microsoft’s latest patch. The Cisco researchers who initially detected the flaw discovered a more serious variant showing that the vulnerability remains open and noted that it affects all versions of Windows, including Windows 11 and Windows Servers. Despite no long-term fix, organizations can still take action until Microsoft releases a patch for this vulnerability. This scenario is an excellent example of how vulnerability management teams can provide value-add to an organization. A Vulnerability Management group can assist in scenarios where a published fix does not fully resolve the vulnerability by enhancing compensating controls or identifying tools or resources to strengthen detection processes.

For more info: Source 1

IT Audit Updates
- Log4j Security Vulnerability Source 1 / Source 2
- NYDFS Guidance Addresses Common MFA Problems Source 1

Cyber Breaches & Threats
- Password-Stealing, Keylogging Malware Spreading Like Wildfire Source 1
- Proposed UK Legislation establish Mandatory Security Standards for Internet of Things (IoT) Devices Source 1

Cloud Technology
- AWS Outages Highlight Modern Internet Issues Source 1 / Source 2
- Microsoft’s Future Plans for Azure Space Source 1 / Source 2

Data & Privacy
- China’s Enacts Personal Information Protection Law Source 1
China’s Enacts Personal Information Protection Law Source 1
Clearview AI Set to be Fined £17 Million for Breaching UK Data Protection Laws Source 1 / Source 2

Enabling Technology
- AWS Launches Low-code Development Tool Source 1 / Source 2
- Equinix Announces Artificial Intelligence (AI) For Cloud Builders Source 1 / Source 2

Special thanks to our CSX and Cyber Education Leader Volunteers for their great work identifying and summarizing the content for the Chapter.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
If you are interested in volunteering, see our volunteer webpage, and send an email to volunteer@isacany.org to let us know the following:
1. What committee(s) you are interested in?
2. What is your time commitment?
3. Submit a photo
4. Short Bio (up to 250 words)

Feel free to reach out to me at president@isacany.org with questions.
Stay informed, follow CDC guidelines: https://www.cdc.gov/

JOB OPPORTUNITIES
Employers: List open positions on our website for FREE! Openings are posted for 30 days unless you direct otherwise. Send position description and contact information to jobs@isacany.org. NOTE: job postings can only be seen by registered users logged into our site.

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INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

Thank you for reading the newsletter.
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Please let us know your thoughts and suggestions about the content at corresponding.secretary@isacany.org