HELLO MEMBERSHIP!

It is an honor to be elected and serve you all in this new role of President of the ISACA New York Metropolitan Chapter! You have voted the new Board of Directors in, and your New Vice Presidents (Wei Tschang [1st VP] and Tim Mortimer [2nd VP]) and I have been meeting each of them to understand their interests and what they have to offer to this chapter. Each Board Director we have met with brings a tremendous amount of experience, passion, leadership, and willingness to serve the chapter and continue serving ISACA’s “Most Outstanding Chapter.” This process is ongoing and has clearly demonstrated that you all have voted well.

That being said, getting a new board acclimated to their individual roles takes some time to do. In my past, I have helped establish two nonprofit organizations that I am part of to this day. I have learned that ensuring that Board Directors fulfill a purpose aligned with their wants, maintaining alignment to the membership’s needs, and nurturing them through the full support of the Officers, other Board Directors, and Volunteers is paramount to success. In alignment with this strategy, we have:

- Managed to align most of our open committees with Board Director leadership;
- Established a Strategic Planning Committee to drive the change we need over the next few years;
- Prepared a reorganized Chapter Operations Strategy; and
- Confirmed dates for our Board of Directors Strategy Meetings;

Karen Alexander (Prior Chapter President) and I have had a shared vision of a Chapter that not only provides the resources necessary to maintain a professional education continuum, certification opportunities, and opportunities to network but EMPOWER the individual member. The establishment of the Emerging Professionals Committee was a considerable investment in that direction, and Christina Cruz, Megan Soriano, and Sam Vohra did a tremendous job getting that new committee off the ground. I plan on continuing this vision of empowerment with this new Board of Directors. The Strategic Planning committee feels just as passionate about this vision. We will be working with the new Board of Directors to charter a new committee entitled “Leadership & Advisory.” This new committee will have two roles, one to empower the Board of Directors in Leadership that we believe will make them better leaders and visionaries serving you all, and second to have ongoing leadership and advisory events to provide direct perspectives and guidance to members looking to develop their own leadership skills further.

The Officers and I plan to meet with other Chapter leadership in the region to understand how we can continue collaborating and bringing more to our membership. We have a lot that we can leverage as we are still in a remote state of operations. For example, we have issued more CPEs via remote training opportunities in the last two years than any two years that can be recalled taking advantage of boundaryless, remote geography we called the “Go to Remote” program. We believe that collaborating with our neighbors will provide more to you, our membership, and have the other chapters share in our successes as well.
Since being elected, many of you have asked when we will start to have an onsite presence. The answer is simple, we SERVE you and want YOU all to feel comfortable. We have one of the best proximities to unite the membership over a tri-state area than almost any U.S. chapter, and we plan to do just that when it makes sense from a health and comfort standpoint. The Membership Committee will work with the Corresponding Secretary to survey the chapter and understand the appetite for an onsite presence in the near term. Then, when we aggregate the results, keeping your health, safety, and comfort in mind, we will provide updates on a decision.

This is just a tiny glimpse of the fantastic things we have in store for you. The Officers and I plan on harnessing the power of all past leaders of this chapter alongside this amazing Board that you have elected to provide you more. We will arrange to do and service more with PURPOSE and identify inefficiencies that may offer more resources for newer, more impactful opportunities for change. We will not just do things because it was performed a certain way in the past. We have learned a lot about how our committees communicate and membership desires working remotely over this past administration and will leverage this in this new administration. Most of the Board Directors we have met with feel this same way, and we are looking forward to helping them articulate their views via action. There is much more to do, and this Board is looking forward to that Challenge.

Many thanks to our past Board Directors and Presidents for getting us to this point. We were lucky enough to partake in an “off-site” exercise before the end of Karen’s term. Below are some images from that event. The Officers and I look forward to working with our existing volunteers, current board directors, and past leadership in serving you. More to come!

We Want You! If you are interested in volunteering, feel free to send an email to volunteer@isacany.org and let us know what committee you’re interested in, who you are, and what you’d like to do.

Special thanks to Karen Alexander, Alex Abramov, Marguerite McCarthy, Alexander Josephite, Jim Ambrosini, and Nigel James for their continued help and support. You have witnessed the collective of these visionaries. I plan on having
them provide their insights and guidance during this administration. Thank you!

Congrats to the new Board Directors. I look forward to serving the membership with you all!

2021-2023 Executive Board of Directors. The Executive Board of Directors will serve for two years.

Farid Abdelkader - President  
Wei Tschang - 1st Vice President  
Tim Mortimer - 2nd Vice President  
Eugene Levin - Corresponding Secretary  
Teena Bacchus - Treasurer  
Emanuell James - Recording Secretary

Board Directors: These Directors will serve a one-year term.

Alex Brazy  
Christeen Russell  
Christina Cruz  
Michael Shanahan  
Barry Dynkin  
Kwongmei To  
Lance Flocco  
Peter Tse  
Justin Honovich  
Joseph Tso  
Ashley Mangar  
Sam Vohra  
James Powers  
Alyssa Vumbaco

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/

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

Chapter events

We held our Virtual Annual Gala and Wasserman Award Recognition on June 24th. John C. Maxwell, leadership expert and NYT #1 Bestseller, encouraged the audience to embrace uncertainty to become the leaders that you want to be at work or professional organizations such as ISACA. John spoke about his book "LeaderShift: 11 Essential Changes Every Leader Must Face" and shared some lessons and his learnings over the years. As we close out the last event for the month, we reflect on Lesson #1 Everything Worthwhile is Uphill. Our committee couldn’t agree more with John as we reflect on our activities during this extraordinary year.

The second half of the event celebrated Brian C. Barnier, 2021 Wasserman Award recipient. Brian started his presentation by posing a question to the audience – “How curious are you?”. He went on to share some formative experiences in his life that sparked his interest in Design Thinking and the application of it to cybersecurity. You can read more about Brian's background on our site here.

Know someone interested in becoming an ISACA member? ISACA is offering half-price membership dues to those who join ISACA through 31 July. Encourage others to join and take advantage of this offer while it lasts. Have a comment or question? Reach out to us directly at membership@isacany.org.

CERTIFICATION

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.
- CDPSE certification grandfathering process has ended. Our current 3-day CDPSE class was huge success. Next 3-day CDPSE will be in Fall, 2021.
- For those who will be appearing in 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 review classes for the CISA, CISM, CRISC, CGEIT, and CSX Auditing (CSX-A), CDPSE, CCAK, CCSK certificate training to our schedules.
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. All classes are provided throughout the entire year of 2021. All certification exam review classes registration are Now Open for EARLY BIRD Registrations rates. DON’T WAIT, SAVE NOW.

ISACA certification exam Review Classes Summer 2021 schedule
Please click below to register for the desired course(s) of your choice

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION Starts now for Summer 2021 courses. Don’t wait anymore

- **Summer 2021 - IT Auditing for Beginners and Junior Level Auditors - Fundamentals and Processes** (3 days, live broadcast, webinar)
  - Dates: August 7, 21, 28, 2021 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM EST,
  - CPEs 22.5 https://cvent.me/1wxQnb
  - Fees: Members $795, Non-members $895. Final registration August 2nd, 2021

- **Summer 2021 - Auditing for BC/DR Plans and Programs Bootcamp** (1 day, live broadcast, webinar)
  - Date: August 14, 2021 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM EST,
  - CPEs 7.5 https://cvent.me/IzvYer
  - Fees: Members $245, Non-members $295. Final registration August 10th, 2021

- **Summer 2021 - CRISC Certification Exam Prep** (2 days, live broadcast, webinar), 14 CPEs
  - Note: This CRISC class will be based on the new ISACA’s syllabus wef 8.1.2021
  - Dates: August 15, 22, 2021 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM EST,
  - CPEs 14 https://cvent.me/pPq7M
  - Early bird: Members $495, Non-members $595 by July 14th, 2021. Final registration August 5th, 2021

- **Fall 2021 - CISA Certification Exam Prep** (3 days, live broadcast, webinar)
  - Dates: September 12, 19, October 3, 2021 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM EST,
  - CPEs 21 https://cvent.me/xk5Mq
  - Early bird: Members $695, Non-members $795 by August 15th. Final registration September 5th, 2021

- **Fall 2021 - CISA+ IT Boot Camp Combo** (4 days, live broadcast, webinar),
  - Dates: September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 2021 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM EST,
  - CPEs 28 https://cvent.me/4x08n9
  - Early bird: Members $795, Non-members $895 by August 16th. Final registration September 5th, 2021

- **Fall 2021 - IT Boot Camp for CISA, CISM, CRISC** (1 day, live broadcast, webinar),
  - Dates: September 26, 2021 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM EST,
  - CPEs 7 https://cvent.me/ZbqKmL
  - Early bird: Members $300, Non-members $350 by August 25th. Final registration September 26th, 2021

- **Fall 2021 - CCISK Certification Exam Prep** (3 days, live broadcast, webinar),
  - Dates: September 11, 18, 25, 2021, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM (EST).
  - 21 CPEs https://cvent.me/RbMbaE
  - Early bird: Members $695, Non-members $745 by August 11th. Final registration September 4th, 2021

- **Fall 2021 - Audit and Control of Artificial Intelligence (AI): Maximizing the Gains, Minimizing the Risks** (1 day, live broadcast, webinar and workshop)
  - Dates: September 30, 2021 9:00 AM to 5:00pm EST,
  - CPEs 7.5 Registration Link TBA
  - Early bird: Members $250, Non-members $295 by August 25th. Final registration September 26th, 2021

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
Dear Members of the ISACA Metropolitan Chapter,

Please check out Academic Relations Book 2020-2021 for detailed information about all of the Academic Relations initiatives this year.

I would like to congratulate the winners of the 2021 Student Cybersecurity Case Study Competition. All the winners have received scholarships from New York Metropolitan Chapter and competition sponsors: Google, TrendMicro, and CardinalOps.

2021 Student Cybersecurity Case Study Competition

1st Place: "C-Suite Security" Yeshiva University, SUNY Farmingdale
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_1Emswe6oxU
- https://drive.google.com/file/d/1fRO9ah8bvCr05TDmEDOHFpuGQAslpgph/view?usp=sharing

2nd Place: "FE Consultants" Queens College
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=34X8VGCYdPg
- https://drive.google.com/file/d/1FEDPPpkayPBQgecY93NwNeULWwn3P1/view?usp=sharing

3rd Place: "Mitiguard" Baruch College
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e6NtFbUGq84
- https://drive.google.com/file/d/1sx210kx131az3apNOzdg1N7ZzvHV2SE/view?usp=sharing

I would also like to announce the winners of the first ever Academic Relations awards for:

- **Outstanding ISACA Student Group** – Baruch Cybersecurity Club
- **Outstanding Student Contributor** – Samad Sunny
- **Outstanding 2020 Academic Advisor** – Professor Trevor Moores (Baruch College)
- **Outstanding 2021 Academic Advisor** – Professor Steven Soliery (Queens College)

To top all of this off, ISACA and ISACA New York Metropolitan Chapter partnered with Yeshiva University Katz School of Science and Health to help students prepare for cybersecurity jobs:

As I am wrapping up my tenure as a Chair of Academic Relations, I want to thank Academic Relations co-chairs Barry Dunkin and Emanuel James, and all the volunteers who have been involved in Academic Relations initiatives for the last two years.

Thank you for electing me to be chapter’s next Corresponding Secretary.

Contact: eugene Levin@isacany.org
Call to Action
If you are interested in supporting the Cybersecurity outreach of this Chapter, please contact Corresponding секретарі@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 as it relates to Cyber Breach's, Cyber Threats, Federal Cybersecurity News, and Miscellaneous News. If you have any updates you believe are worth noting, please e-mail our chapter lead.

June Hot Topics

Spotlight Topic – NY Transit M.T.A Breached
For more info: Source 1 / Source 2

The Metropolitan Transport Authority's (M.T.A) computer systems were hacked in April exposing vulnerabilities in the vast transportation network. Two known hacking groups are believed to be involved, one of which has been linked to a foreign government. To gain access to the M.T.A, the attackers took advantage of the so called “zero day” vulnerability in the Pulse Connect Secure software, a commonly used connectivity tool that provides workers with remote access to their employer’s networks. A forensic analysis of the attack revealed that the attackers did not compromise any customer personal information and that they did not gain access to systems that control the train cars. Once the intrusion was identified, the M.T.A cybersecurity defense systems prevented it from spreading through their systems. Ivanti, the company that owns Pulse Connect Secure, issued immediate steps to mitigate the damage and released a security update to patch the vulnerabilities, which were implemented by the M.T.A within 24 hours of their release. The M.T.A required 3,700 employees and contractors to change passwords and reset other digital certificates that enable access to the network. The M.T.A also migrated its systems from Pulse Connect Secure to an alternative virtual private network (VPN). It is estimated that the attack cost the transit agency $370,000. According to the Justice Department, hacking groups have been using cyberattacks to assist their speculated foreign government partner’s economy. Investigators theorize that the M.T.A may have been targeted to gain knowledge of the inner workings of a lucrative transit system. A study completed last year by the Mineta Transportation Institute found that over 80% of transportation agencies surveyed believed they were prepared to manage cybersecurity threats, however, only 60% had cybersecurity plans in place.

IT Audit Updates
- Organizations Zero In on the Digital IQ Gap Source 1 / Source 2
- NIST Introduces Zero Trust Architecture to Cybersecurity Audits Source 1 / Source 2

Cyber Breaches & Threats
- Ransomware Framework Developments Source 1 / Source 2
- Cyber Attack on the World’s Largest Meat Supplier Source 1 / Source 2

Cloud Technology
- Quality Cloud Audit Source 1 / Source 2
- A Modern SAP Environment: The SAP Business Technology Platform Source 1 / Source 2

Data & Privacy
- Special “Data Tax” for Big Tech Proposed in New York Source 1 / Source 2
- Quality Cloud Audit Source 1 / Source 2

Enabling Technology
- National AI Task Force Created Source 1 / Source 2
- Toshiba Researchers Announce Quantum Internet Breakthrough Source 1 / Source 2

July Hot Topics

Spotlight Topic – Data Exposed for 700M LinkedIn Users
For more info: Source 1 / Source 2
The personal data of nearly 700 million LinkedIn users, approximately 93% of members, has been stolen by hackers. Analysts from Privacy Sharks, a website that provides security and privacy service reviews, discovered the data up for sale on RaidForums on June 22. Hackers posted a sample of the data which included information for 1 million users with a price tag of $5,000 for all the data. While the exposed data did not include login credentials or financial information, it did include personal information such as names, phone numbers, genders, physical and email addresses, professional experiences, and account usernames. The hackers behind the data leak claim they utilized the same method used to obtain data in the LinkedIn data scraping incident that occurred in April which exposed information from 500 million users. A statement released by LinkedIn on June 29th indicates that the data exposure was not a result of a hack but rather the aggregation of data that was publicly available. According to an official statement by LinkedIn, “This was not a LinkedIn data breach, and our investigation has determined that no private LinkedIn member data was exposed. Scraping data from LinkedIn is a violation of our Terms of Service and we are constantly working to ensure our members’ privacy is protected.” While no financial or credit card information was released, details such as full names, email addresses, and phone numbers made available could result in individuals becoming targets of spam campaigns, brute force attacks, or identity theft. Additionally, with the leaked information, advanced hackers may be able to uncover sensitive user data.

**IT Audit Updates**
- CISA’s New CSET Tool Aimed at Ransomware Threats [Source 1] [Source 2]
- IIA Releases New Global Technology Audit Guide on Auditing IAM [Source 1]

**Cyber Breaches & Threats**
- NYDFS Issues Guidance on Cybersecurity Controls to Combat Ransomware [Source 1] [Source 2]
- Oil & Gas Targeted in Year-Long Cyber-Espionage Campaign [Source 1]

**Cloud Technology**
- Pentagon JEDI Cloud Contract Cancelled, New Contract Launched [Source 1]
- Microsoft Acquires AT&T Networking Technology Platform [Source 1] [Source 2]

**Data & Privacy**
- Maine Bill Bans Government Use of Facial Recognition Technology [Source 1] [Source 2]
- Amazon Sidewalk Rollout Raises Privacy Concerns [Source 1] [Source 2]

**Enabling Technology**
- Data Analytics to Help Combat Human Trafficking and Fraud [Source 1]
- NICE Unveils Robo Ethical Framework for Deployment of AI Robots [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.*

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

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