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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT



Dear Chapter Members,

Leading the chapter over the last two years has been an incredible and rewarding journey. Leading through critical change, “The COVID-19 Pandemic Era” was the tag line on the home page of our website since March 2020. This was the beginning of critical change in serving our members during unprecedented times. We strategically pivoted our operations to the “Pandemic Re-engagement – Go to Digital 2020 Program”. We secured and fostered additional partnerships to expand our programming. We added additional themes to our suite of presentations, such as mental health resiliency and emotional intelligence. We extended our invitations across the world. We increased our Corporate Relations engagement.

We partnered with ISACA Global and NYU to offer a fantastic master’s program in cyber security, a much-needed discipline in today’s market. We replicated this model and did the same with Yeshiva University and CUNY Central. We stood up our first She Leads Tech presentation in Nov. 2019 and have expanded to now include our first She Leads Tech Mentorship Program. We started and expanded on our Emerging Professionals programs and interaction. We increased our ISACA New York Metropolitan Chapter Student Group footprint across multiple universities. We offered Cyber Competitions, Scholarships, Cyber Courses via CI4U. We continued offering a number of certification classes without pause. We developed and rolled out our first Sponsorship program, and so much more. While the pandemic was a blow to the country, and New York was the Epicenter, ISACA New York Metropolitan Chapter quickly huddled to strategized to remain resilient and keeping our programs moving.

Finally, we won the “2021 ISACA Outstanding Chapter Achievement Award”. Whew, yes, we did it, but not without you. I would like to thank our officers, board members, committee chairs, volunteers, chapter members, past presidents, partners, speakers, sponsors, students and guests for your support, dedication, and commitment to the chapter.

So now I pass the torch to our newly elected president, Farid Abdelkader, who will continue to lead the chapter over the next two years. Thank you for the support. It has truly been a pleasure serving as your president from 2019 – 2021.

BOARD ELECTIONS and the 2021 WASSERMAN AWARD NOMINATIONS

JOIN ME IN CONGRATULATING THE 2021-2023 INCOMING BOARD OF DIRECTORS!

Our Election results are now available for the ISACA New York Metropolitan Chapter, and it is my pleasure to announce and congratulate our Incoming Board of Directors, effective July 1, 2021: 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

It is my pleasure to announce and congratulate our 2021-2023 Executive Board of Directors, effective July 1, 2021: 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
Emanuel James - Recording Secretary

Many thanks to the outgoing officers for your service on the board. We could not achieve as much as we did without your dedication, professionalism, and commitment.

I would like to extend a special thank you to Alexander Josephite, Chair of the Nominating Committee and committee members, Manisha Agarwal-Shah, and Amarpreet Nanda for your dedication and focus on the election process. Our appreciation and special thanks to Nigel James, Chair of the Wasserman Committee, and committee members, Emil D'Angelo, Theresa "Terry" Grafenstine, and Felix Ramirez for your dedication and focus on the selection of the 2021 Wasserman Award winner and finally, many thanks to Marguerite McCarthy, Chair of the Audit Committee for her year-end assessment of the Chapter's financial accounting.

Our Annual General Meeting (aka, "2021 Annual Virtual Gala and Wasserman Award Presentation") will be held virtually. This is the time we celebrate our Incoming Board, our Wasserman Award Winner and celebrate Chapter accomplishments. You do not want to miss it! [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

**ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD,
JOIN ME IN CONGRATULATING THE
2021 WASSERMAN AWARD WINNER
BRIAN BARNIER**

Brian Barnier is a sailor, head of analytics at ValueBridge Advisors and co-founder of **Think.Design.Cyber**. He is the pioneer of life-like scenario analysis and industrial-strength design thinking in cybersecurity and a leader in systems thinking and math in cyber. He served on ISACA bodies that created Risk IT and COBIT5, spokesperson for both and first to train ISACA NYM. He currently serves on the ISACA Journal panel. ITAF 2020 points to his work in risk assessment. He is one of the first three "Fellows" of OCEG.



He authored 200+ articles, recently Cybersecurity: The Endgame -- with Prachee Kale – the EDPACS 2020 Article of the Year. In 2015, he received the V. Lee Conyers Award from ISACA GWDC. At IBM, Nokia & AT&T he led teams to 9 patents – 6 heavily used during COVID. At AT&T he led a groundbreaking internal security initiative to enable new product sales. At IBM he launched the first secure distributed messaging software, created the security as a process solution team, GRC community of practice, and #1 FinTech blogger.

He is the author of The Operational Risk Handbook (Harriman House, Great Britain, 2011), a contributor to Risk Management in Finance (Wiley, 2009) and Risk and Performance Management: A Guide for Government Decision Makers (Wiley, 2014). At CUNY, he teaches a graduate seminar in data analytics viewed as #1 by several associations and guest lectures in cybersecurity.

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, [stay safe, wear a mask, practice social distancing](#), and be kind to your mind: <https://www.cdc.gov/>

Warm regards,
Karen V. Alexander
President, ISACA® New York Metropolitan Chapter

[“While we may be individually strong, we are collectively powerful” Rakhi Voria](#)

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.



Our last event **CMMC Action Plan** was hosted on June 3rd. It started with a presentation by **Sam Vohra** on Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification for DoD contractors and a CMMC Toolkit was demonstrated to get started with the certification. A panel of subject matter experts **Ron Lear, Perry Keating, and Tara Gentry** moderated by **Farid Abdelkader** provided valuable information on the topic. Over hundred attendees joined and participated in interactive questions.

Please join us to recognize this year's Wasserman award winner **Brian Barnier** at our virtual Gala on June 24th. There will also be a coaching session by **John C. Maxwell** (number 1 New York Times bestselling author, speaker, coach, and leader)

Have a comment or question? Reach out to us directly at membership@isacany.org.

SheLeadsTech COMMITTEE

Chairperson: [Christina Cruz](#)

Co-Chairperson: [Megan Soriano](#)

SheLeadsTech Mentorship Program

The SheLeadsTech Pilot Mentorship Program is underway! We kicked off the three-month long program on Monday, May 17th, with the first Workshop held on May 25th. Five mentor/mentee pairs are actively participating in this pilot program to connect women of all ages and experiences in our industry. We hope to offer this as a service to our chapter members in the future!





EMERGING PROFESSIONALS

Chairperson: [Megan Soriano](#)



FUTURES FOR THE YOUTH

**FOUR
UNDER
FORTY!**

We are looking for young visionaries "killing it" in the Infosec/cyber/IT Audit/GRG industries.

Send in your nominations to bit.ly/ISACANYM4Under40
Last day for submissions 3/31/25

Congratulations to our inaugural *Four Under Forty!* The following emerging professionals have been nominated by their co-workers and peers, as they have been rockstars in their career, and have been providing immense value and support to their respective companies. These young and emerging visionaries will be featured on our website and social media channels, and will be reimbursed for their study materials and exam fees for a certification. In no particular order, our Four Under Forty are:

- Milana Kuznetsova, Senior Managing Technology and Operational Risk Consultant at Protiviti
- Alexander Obratsov, IT Audit Director at Societe Generale Corporate and Investment Banking (SGCIB)
- Robert Khirallah, Manager of Information Security at Scotia Bank
- Damian Malyszka, Senior Analyst at Interpublic Group of Companies

Thank you for those who submitted nominations – see you next year!



Alexander Obratsov
IT Audit Director,
Societe Generale Corporate &
Investment Banking (SGCIB)



Milana Kuznetsova
Senior Managing Technology &
Operational Risk Consultant,
Protiviti



Dorian Malyszko
Infosec & Compliance Senior Analyst,
Interpublic Group of Companies



Robert Khirallah
Manager of Information Security,
Scotiabank



EDUCATION

Chairperson: [Keith Bowie](#)

Co-Chairperson: [Ankit Parkih](#)



We'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the New York Metropolitan Chapter members for the opportunity they serve as co-chairs on the Education Committee in 2020-2021. We have endeavored to deliver an education curriculum that meets our members requests. During the course of the year we have managed to deliver courses covering many disciplines in the Risk, Audit and cybersecurity domains.

Our main highlight has been the strategic partnership with CyberIntelligence 4 U as their partner to deliver their education curriculum.

Thank you to everyone again for the opportunity to serve on the board in 2020-2021.

Keith & Ankit.



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 www.isaca.org 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 couple of certifications for your career.**



Special announcements:

- Due to the COVID- 19 Pandemic all Spring 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 is under progress. Next one will be announced soon.
- 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 is Now Open for EARLY BIRD Registrations rates. DON'T WAIT, SAVE NOW.**

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION Starts now for Spring, Summer 2021 courses Don't wait anymore

Note: All exam review classes does not include the actual certification/ certificate exam.

- **Summer 2021 ISACA's Cybersecurity Audit Exam Review Webinar** (2 days, live broadcast)
Date: July 10th, 17th, 2021 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (EST).
CPEs 14 <https://cvent.me/NxnA9g>
Final Registration by July 5th, 2021
- **Summer 2021 - CRISC exam prep** (2 days, live broadcast, webinar), 14 CPEs
Dates: August 15, 22, - 2021 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM EST,
CPEs 14 <https://cvent.me/zPqn7M>
Early bird: Members \$495, Non-members \$595 by July 14th, 2021. Final reg August 5th 2021
- **Summer 2021 CGEIT Exam Review Webinar** (2 days, live broadcast webinar)
Note: Class will have new contents for CGEIT domains which are effective July 7th 2020. The Gold Standard for IT Governance certification
Saturday July 24th, 31st 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM (EST).
CPEs 14 <https://cvent.me/4xbv49>
Early bird Member \$595 non-member \$645 by June 24th, 2021 Final Registration by July 19th, 2021
- **Summer 2021 - Auditing Cloud - CCAK exam prep (A new CSA and ISACA Cloud Auditing credential)** (2 days, live broadcast, webinar),
Date: July 25th, August 1st, August 8th 2021 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM EST,
CPEs 14, <https://cvent.me/Rb1NkR>
Early bird: Member \$795, Non-member \$895 by June 18th, 2021. Final reg July 19th 2021
- **Fall 2021 - CISA exam prep** (3 days, live broadcast, webinar), 21 CPEs
Dates: September 12, 19, October 3 2021 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM EST,
CPEs 21 <https://cvent.me/xk5Mkq>
Early bird: Members \$695, Non-members \$795. Final reg September 5th 2021
- **Fall 2021 - CISA+ IT Boot Camp Combo** (4 days, live broadcast, webinar), 28 CPEs,
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. Final reg September 5th 2021
- **Fall 2021 - CCSK certificate exam prep,** (Live online webinar), 21 CPEs
Dates: September 11, 18, 25 - 2021, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM (EST).
14 CPEs <https://cvent.me/RbMbaE>
Early bird Member \$695 non-member \$745. By August 11th 2021. Final reg. September 4th, 2021
- **Fall 2021 - IT Boot Camp for CISA, CISM, CRISC** (one day, webinar), 7 CPEs,
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 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 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.

Expect more classes cvents links at the next newsletter as follows:

ISACA has introduced 2 new certifications called ITCA and CET. Stay tuned.

Note: All exam review classes do not include the actual certification/ certificate exam.

Please go to www.isaca.org and search exam to register for the exam

CORPORATE RELATIONS

Committee Chair: David Nickles

The Corporate Relations Committee is charged with developing and maintaining relationships with business and regulatory leaders in the audit/assurance, information security, cyber security, IT risk, internal controls, and governance fields to: obtain guidance for education offerings; support employee membership in ISACA; and promote the value of ISACA certifications, education and professional events.



Please feel free to reach out directly to me if you have any questions related to Corporate Relations for the ISACA New York Metropolitan Chapter, david.nickles@isacany.org.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the New York Metropolitan Chapter members for the opportunity to serve on the Board in 2020-2021. We worked hard as a team to deliver a new style of programming for Corporate Relations via Fireside Discussion which received positive feedback. Please continue to share your feedback so we can make our events as engaging and relevant as possible for each and every Chapter member.

2020-2021 Fireside Discussion Summary:

- Glen DeVries, co-CEO and co-founder of Medidata Solutions
- Scott Mullins, Managing Director of Worldwide Financial Services Industry Go-To-Market for Amazon Web Services (AWS)
- Michael P. Cangemi, President and CEO, Cangemi Company LLC

Highlights:

- Attendance across the three fireside discussions was over 200 chapter members.
- Average grading across these events (based on member feedback) was 4.5/5.
- Topics we focused on in these discussions were emerging trends in IT across various industry verticals.

Thank you to everyone again for the opportunity to improve the offerings we provide to our Chapter members.

ACADEMIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Chairperson: [Eugene Levin](#)

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 am looking forward to 2021 Annual Virtual Gala and Wasserman Award Presentation on June 24th where winners of the 2021 Student Cybersecurity Case Study Competition will be announced. They all have done a terrific job analyzing Harvard Business School case of "Data Breach at Experian". Students in all 3 winning teams will receive scholarships.



FE Consultants:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=34X8VGCYdPg>
- <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1FEDPPpkayPBOqecjYe93NwNeULWwn3P1/view?usp=sharing>

C-Suite Security:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Emswe6oxU>
- <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1fRO9ah8bvCr05TDmEDOHPuGOAsIpgph/view?usp=sharing>

Mitiguard:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e6NtFbUGq84>
- <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1sx210kx131aZ3apNOiZdglN7ZzvHV2SE/view?usp=sharing>

We will also announce the first ever awards for:

- Outstanding ISACA Student Group
- Outstanding Student Contributor
- Outstanding Academic Advisor

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 and have made a significant impact on students.

Contact: eugene.Levin@isacany.org

CSX LIAISON & CYBERSECURITY EDUCATION LEADER

Chairperson: [Farid Abdelkader](#)

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 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](#).

Spotlight Topic – Colonial Pipeline Hack

For more info: [Source 1](#) / [Source 2](#)

On May 7th, 2021, cybercriminals hacked the Colonial Pipeline, forcing a shutdown of the pipeline that carries millions of gallons of fuel each hour to the East Coast of the US. The pipeline runs 5,500 miles from Texas to New Jersey and carries gasoline, diesel fuel, and natural gas. In order to contain the threat, Colonial shut down parts of the pipeline's operations, causing disruptions in fuel supplies and gasoline shortages in the Southeast. The incident is under investigation by Colonial Pipeline and security firm FireEye, who identified the ransomware group known as Darkside as responsible. According to an anonymous US official, Colonial paid nearly \$5 million in ransom to the cybercriminal group to restore its disabled network. The Colonial Pipeline has resumed operations; however, it will take additional time to restock gas stations. While Colonial Pipeline has not disclosed how it was breached, security experts have identified a few ways hackers could have gained access. The hack had significant financial impacts on the firm and threatened the United States power grid. According to Rob Lee, CEO of critical infrastructure security firm Dragos, his firm has seen a notable increase in ransomware targeting industrial control systems and critical infrastructure as they are the most sensitive and high-value targets for attackers. As organizations increasingly connect their operational technology systems to the internet for increased efficiency and remote automation, the vulnerabilities in the VPNs used by companies to connect to the networks leave them more exposed. Energy companies have come under greater pressure to enhance their defenses against cyberattacks. President Biden's \$2 trillion infrastructure plan allocates \$100 billion to the transmission grid, and continuous funding and research will be necessary from businesses and the government to keep ahead of cybercriminals. FireEye published [a blog](#) that includes key indicators of compromise (IoCs) that organizations can use to determine if they have been compromised.

IT Audit Updates

- Assessing Results of Protiviti's 2021 Next-Gen Internal Audit Survey [Source 1](#) / [Source 2](#)
- Client Success Story: Development of IT Controls for DevOps Leader, Atlassian [Source 1](#)

Cyber Breaches & Threats

- New Cybersecurity White House Executive Order [Source 1](#) / [Source 2](#)
- Cloud Misconfiguration by App Developers Exposes Data of 100+ Million Android Users [Source 1](#) / [Source 2](#)

Cloud Technology

- SpaceX and Google Cloud Strike a Deal [Source 1](#) / [Source 2](#)
- Working from Home 2.0: Microsoft Mesh [Source 1](#) / [Source 2](#)

Data & Privacy

- Google to Develop Healthcare Algorithms with HCA Patient Data [Source 1](#) / [Source 2](#)
- UK Government Discourages Use of End-to-End Encryption in Messaging Apps [Source 1](#) / [Source 2](#) / [Source 3](#) / [Source 4](#)

Enabling Technology

- PCAOB Releases May 2021 Data and Technology Research Project Update [Source 1](#)

- NFTs – Introduction and Security Concerns [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.

ISACA New York Metropolitan Board Members:

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Information and Communications Committee

Thank you for reading the newsletter.
Positively: Mary Namayanja and Jotham Nyamari

Please let us know your thoughts about the content at corresponding.secretary@isacany.org



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