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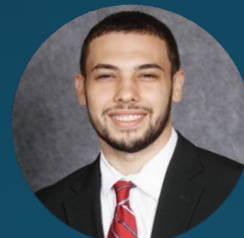
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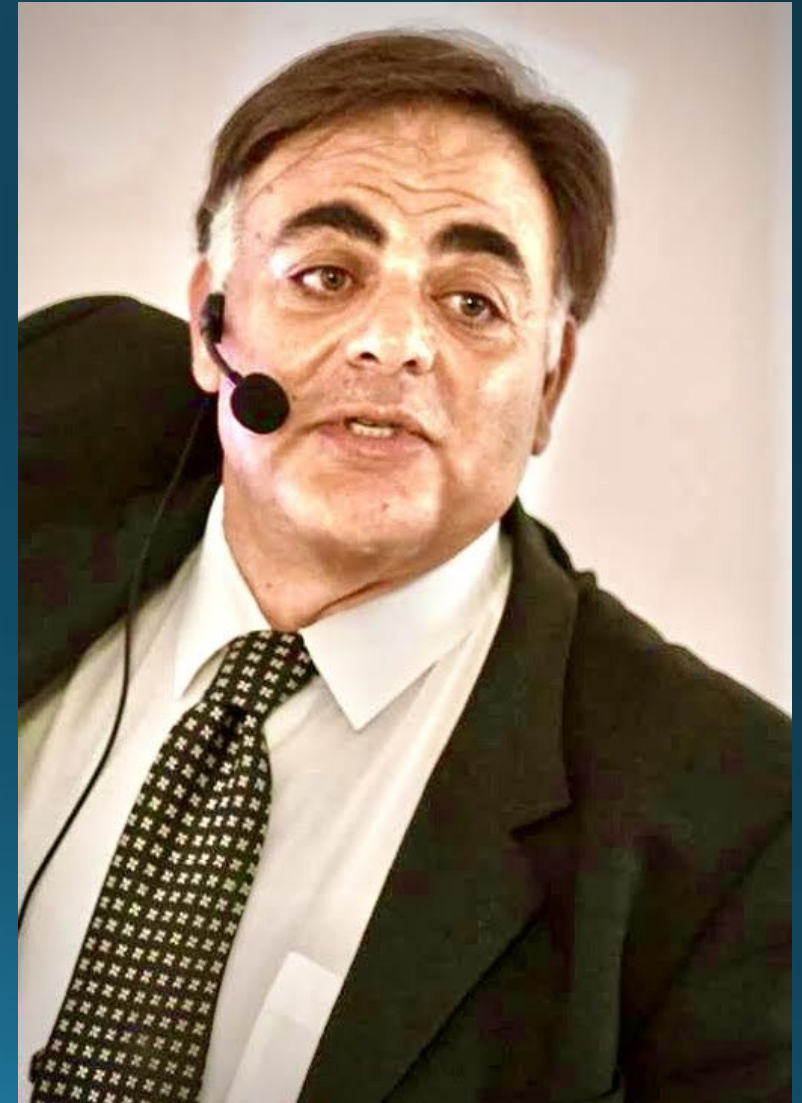
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Mehmet Cuneyt Uvey - President

Mehmet has been a platinum member of ISACA since 2002 and has served all his 20+ years in the Boards of Istanbul, Ankara and South Florida Chapters. He holds CISA, CISM, CGEIT, CRISC, and CDPSE from ISACA and ISO 27001 & ISO 20000 Lead Auditor and PMP.

Mehmet is also an APMG/ISACA Accredited Trainer for delivering CISA, CISM, CGEIT and CRISC Prep Courses. He has over 30 years of professional experience in Internal Audit, IT Audit, IT Risk Management, IT Governance, Information Security, Cybersecurity, Third Party Risk Assessment, COBIT, HITRUST and ISO-ISMS implementation and training.

He has worked for more than 35 years mainly in Banking and Finance, Government, Defense, Manufacturing, Automotive, Transportation, FMCG, CPA Firms, Service, Pharmaceutical and Healthcare companies. He instructed in Graduate Programs in 5 different universities and gave lectures in countries like Serbia, Ukraine, Holland, Kosovo, Germany, Montenegro and Turkiye.



Rob Valdez – Immediate Past President



Rob is a Florida CPA specialized in helping businesses build value and manage risk with technology. He also holds CISA and CISM designations. Clients frequently include fintechs, healthcare service providers, software-as-a-service businesses and professional service organizations.

As the Past President of ISACA South Florida, Rob is a motivated advocate for building trust in technology. He is an adjunct professor with Florida Atlantic University, and he has been featured in the Wall Street Journal, TechRepublic, and the South Florida Business Journal.

He is actively involved in working for innovative projects in crypto-currency, IT strategy, analytics, cybersecurity, and Artificial Intelligence, and holds CISA and CISM certifications in addition to his CPA designation.

Ryan Barras – Vice President

Ryan is the Director of Security Operations at Lennar Homes, leading a team of 15 and responsible for eDiscovery, Physical & IT Security Operations. Prior, as a consultant Ryan advised companies on cyber threats – including enhancing awareness, Third Party Risk, Security Risk Assessments, Policy and Compliance, and efficient automation of corporate security programs. As owner of Tekesta Consulting, he helped companies with the implementation of IT Management processes and critical ITSM service owners (Change, Problem, Incident, Knowledge) and as an accredited Axelos trainer, he trained and certified several hundreds of professionals in ITIL Foundation, and the use of ITSM tools (i.e. ServiceNow) and Best Practices.

Before his IT career, Ryan worked as an Economic Trade Officer for the Netherlands Consulate General and as a Manager of the Netherlands Chamber of Commerce in the US. Ryan is also a SIM South Florida Partner Chair of the Board, and sits on the Florida Advisory Board of the US Global Leadership Coalition based in Washington DC, focusing on International Affairs & Development.



Peter Christiaans - Secretary



Peter has served the board since 2003, and was a President for 5 years. He also served ISACA International as Finance Committee Chair (including ITGI and CMMI Institute), for oversight of ISACA's annual budgeting, investments, results and advising the Board of Directors.

Peter is a Director at Huron Consulting, and has over 25 years of technology and management consulting experience across health care, higher education, and financial services. He specializes in leading complex and highly visible engagements, including implementations of cloud-based ERP, technical management, M&A, application integration, architecture, and system and business process redesign. He worked at Deloitte, lead the HR Transformation Workday practice in U.S. Delivery Centers and served as Program Manager in Oracle/Technology practice.

Peter is active in the National Association of Corporate Directors as a Board Leadership Fellow. He is also in Omicron Delta Kappa as 2023-2024 Chair of the Board of Trustees, the National Leadership Honor Society - which has 300+ collegiate circles. Peter is a member of PMI, ACHE, HIMMS, SFL Beacon Council and University of Miami Citizens Board. He holds CISA, CISM, CRISC, CDPSE and PMP designations.

Deusdedit C. Kiyemba - Treasurer

Deusdedit (DC) is an Internal Auditor of City of Pompano Beach, FL. He is involved in all aspects of internal auditing within the City's Administrative functions, and Single Audit (Federal and State Grants) with outside Auditors.

He has been with the City of Pompano Beach for 8.5 years. He has worked in Internal Audit for more than 30 years, in supervisory or managerial capacities. Prior to Pompano Beach, he has worked as an Internal Audit Manager -First Data Corporation - a credit card/financial transactions processing entity, Greenwood Village, Colorado.

He held a role as Manager of Internal Audit for the City of Aurora, CO, where he conducted business process improvement training for managers, supervisors, and other employees.



Senjoy Joseph Panavelil – Director of Programming



Senjoy is a manager in Technology Assurance Audit Practice with progressive experience in leading Integrated Financial Statement Audits. He has worked on SOC 1/2 attestation engagements, performed GAP analysis, SWIFT assessments and provided strategic recommendations for financial and banking services, retail markets and technology industries.

Senjoy is a dependable and an organized team player with the ability to communicate effectively and efficiently. He's proficient in building trusted relationships with the client and cross functional teams at KPMG. He carries Master of Science graduate degree in Information Systems from University of Florida.

Daniel Rosenberg – Director of Corporate Relations

Dan is a Director in Kaufman Rossin's Risk Advisory Services practice, where he performs cybersecurity and compliance services. Leveraging his experience providing assurance, attestation, and consulting services from a financial and cybersecurity perspective, he helps lead the SOC practice at Kaufman Rossin. He is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) in the state of Florida and a Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA).

Dan was the Director of Programming during the 2022-23 year. He has been an active participant and volunteer for South Florida ISACA since 2018. During that time, he has assisted chapter leadership by taking on roles needed for in-person and online events, fostering his desire to add value to the South Florida Technology community, and provide ISACA membership more opportunities to learn and lead their respective businesses with the utmost confidence and skill.



Alexandra M. Lorié - Director of Academic Relations



Alexandra is a Director at RSM and leads the company's South Florida technology risk consulting practice. In her role, she helps her clients reduce compliance risk by identifying, assessing, and providing solutions to address critical and emerging technology risks. In her 20-year career, Alexandra has built a diverse background in technology governance, risk, and compliance, coupled with an upbringing in system development, integration, and implementation.

Alexandra is a graduate from the University of Miami and FIU's master's in MIS program and has been involved with ISACA over the years as a volunteer.

Alexandra is married, with two children, and for fun she enjoys boating, fishing, travelling, and hosting dinner parties for friends and family.

Gilberto Betancourt – Director of Communications

Gilberto has a Bachelor's degree in Accounting from the University of Puerto Rico, and a Masters degree in Accounting specializing in Information Systems Audit and Controls from Bowling Green State University.

He has been a member of the ISACA South Florida chapter for over 3 years, after passing his CISA exam in the summer of 2019. After successfully completing the work experience requirements needed for the certification, he became a CISA on August 2021.

He has served as the Communications Director for the last 7 months, he has spearheaded an increased communications campaign which includes more frequent messaging to members and a more active LinkedIn social media platform with almost 300% increase in followers.



Christina Duffy – Director of Volunteer Activities



As a manager within Grant Thornton's Risk Advisory Services division, Christina works with public and private companies in various industries, including Asset Management, Financial Services, Health Care, Loan Servicing, and others.

Christina's experience has primarily consisted of process and IT internal controls over financial reporting (including System and Organization Control (SOC) engagements and other risk-related engagements), loan servicing, and internal audit in various industries.

She has led and managed multiple internal controls engagements evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of controls around financial reporting in various industries.

Yosi Attias – Director of Membership

Yosi Attias is a highly experienced technology professional with over 15 years of expertise in technology and cloud computing. Passionate about supporting the South Florida Tech Community, Yosi focuses on cloud security, recognizing its critical role in today's digital landscape.

With a deep understanding of cloud technologies and their implications for businesses, Yosi is dedicated to educating and empowering organizations in the region to protect their data and infrastructure.

He actively engages in local tech events, workshops, and seminars, sharing his knowledge and experiences to foster collaboration, innovation, and growth within the community.



Vy Do – Director of Marketing



Vy has been a member of ISACA South Florida Chapter for four years. She served as Director of Communications her first year on Board, and Director of Marketing last year. She has helped communication initiatives for WOW Conference, webinars and events.

She is currently in the Risk Advisory Services Department at Kaufman Rossin where she is an active contributor of the team, executing and completing operational, regulatory, information systems compliance recommendations. Her role consists of both audit and advisory activities aimed at adding value and driving continuous improvement in client's business processes. She has a risk compliance, IT audit and consulting background and has worked in the Information Technology field for over 5 years.

Reynaldo de la Fuente – Director of Certifications

Reynaldo is a highly experienced Information Security Professional with over 25 years of IT experience. He holds a bachelor's and Postgraduate degree in Engineering in Computer Science from the Catholic University of Uruguay and an Executive MBA from IEEM of the University of Montevideo.

Reynaldo is the Managing Partner of Datasec, a leading Information Security and Cybersecurity firm with 35 years of experience in the field. He holds several ISACA professional certifications, including CISA, CRISC, and CDPSE, and ISACA's CISSP certifications. Reynaldo is also an author, a co-responsible for IT Audit and Information Security courses, and a member of several professional organizations. In 2021, he was granted a USA O-1 Visa, and lives in Fort Lauderdale with his family.



Sandra Parras – Director at Large



Sandra has been with the Board for 15 years with various roles including President, Academic Relations Director, Nominations Committee, WOW Conference Coordinator etc. She is organized, willing to serve in the community and never shies away from a challenge.

Sandra has ISO 9001 Lead Auditor, Six Sigma - Green Belt, Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA), Fraud Management (CFE); Project Management (PMP), Quality Driven Management Expert (QDM), Certified Agile Practitioner designations and works as a Program Manager in FedEx Express PMO. She is specialized in leading Acquisitions Integration, manage Strategic Programs, Process Improvement, Metrics Analysis, Business Analysis, developing features and write user stories or financial systems technical requirements and SOX Audits.

She wants to bring different and diverse programs to our community with top speakers and more content, that are focused on South Florida for the members, markets and their needs.

Domingo Castillo – Director at Large

Domingo is the CISO - Chief Information Security Officer of the Miami Dade College (MDC). He was the CISO University of Arkansas and worked as Regional Information Security and Compliance Officer at Chubb where he was responsible for implementing and managing cost-effective solutions to protect the information assets for the Company's Latin America division.

In 2018, Domingo was awarded by the (ISC)² with Best Information Security Practitioner Award during the 2018 Information Security Leadership Awards (ISLA®) in New Orleans.

Domingo holds a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science from APEC university, and an MBA from Nova Southeastern University. He also has a Master's degree in Project Management and a Master's degree in Public Administration from DeVry University. Domingo has also completed an Executive Doctorate of Business Administration Program in Cybersecurity at St. Thomas University. He holds CISSP, PMP, and CompTIA Security+ certifications.



Maria Eriz – Director at Large



Maria Eriz is an IT compliance professional with more than 20 years of experience. She began her career in IT Consulting and Audit in Mexico where she is from, and during the SOX boom in 2006, she was invited by PwC to the US to provide services as an internal and external auditor specializing mostly in SAP. She resides in Florida since 2008 and after PWC, she worked at Autonation as Manager of IT Audit Services in 2013. In 2019 she joined Playa Hotels and Resorts, where she is currently leading the IT SOX Compliance efforts and guides the organization for meeting requirements.

Maria actively participated in ISACA South Florida events, and joined the Board of Directors as Director of Certifications from 2018-2021 and then as a Director at Large from 2022 to date. She is actively involved in giving back to the profession and the members by organizing ISACA's certifications test preparation events for CISA and CISM, and volunteer in all ISACA's South Florida events.

George T. Grachis – Director at Large

As a senior security and compliance specialist, George has over 25 years experience in the tech sector. Some of his experience includes over a decade supporting the Space Shuttle program for Computer Sciences Corporation and Grumman Aerospace, security management for CFE Federal Credit Union, IT auditing & consulting for Deloitte and Citibank, and serving as Chief Security Officer for Satcom Direct. George holds both the CISSP, and CISA certifications. George received the ISSA fellow Destination in 2016 and is currently an active senior board member of ISSA. George has been interviewed by WFTV ABC TV and Fortune Magazine. He is the writer of the book “Omg, Click Here to Get Scammed! What Cyber Criminals Don't Want You to Know!” - 2011. Sold on Amazon.

George graduated from Rollins College in Winter Park, FL with a CIS degree. When not working, he enjoys spending time with family & friends, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Playing the Drums, motorcycling (HD Club Member), fitness, and writing articles for his CSOonline.com blog, and for the Virtual CISO blog he owns.



Erik Tomasi – Director at Large



Erik was previously a Fortune 500 CIO and Chairman and a Senior IT executive at several organizations where he lead IT restructuring, and developed innovative technology solutions. Focusing on business priorities, he was able to provide an immediate impact, turn around or vastly improve, underperforming Information Technology departments.

He has a diverse experience across multiple industry sectors. This is a result of having started two companies, working for PWC (PricewaterhouseCoopers) and IBM as a management consultant. He has also taught as an adjunct Professor at Baruch College, and other public and private institutions.

He holds CISSP, C|CISO, CIPM, ISO27001 Lead Auditor certifications and was a Past President for SIM NY Chapter. He has been a Keynote Speaker and moderator in many conferences and professional events. Erik is also the Founder and Managing Director of EMT Consulting - a cybersecurity firm focused on helping organizations proactively address Information Security and Privacy challenges.

Dionne Merritt – Director at Large

Dionne currently serves as IT Security Consultant for many clients across the healthcare and financial industries and a vCISO for a select few clients.

As a founder of a non-profit, she also dedicates much of her time to educating women and young teenagers pursuing their ambitions to enter STEM fields.

She had held several roles on both the academic and medical campuses including Manager, IT Security Governance, Risk and Compliance (GRC), Healthcare IT Risk Manager, Security Engineer and IAM Administrator.

Dionne received her Master's degree from University of Miami, a graduate certificate in Leadership and is now pursuing her studies to complete her Doctorate and Juris Doctorate degrees.

Dionne wants to champion the “She Leads Tech” activities for the chapter.



Jay Hunter Anson – Director at Large



Jay Anson is a Senior Security Analyst at Lennar with extensive experience helping the IT industry, government, and academia with solving complex INFOSEC problems.

Specializing in cybersecurity and project management, Jay uses that experience to maximize security, productivity, and return on investment. He focuses on Cyber Risk Management, FinTech, Blockchain; AML / KYC / CFT Compliance and Artificial Intelligence

As an IT, Cybersecurity, and FinTech consultant and project manager, he consistently delivers increased value and ROI through applied industry standards, best practices, and technical expertise - on time and on budget.

Jay holds CISM, ITIL-4, SEC+, A+, PMP, CAPM and a member of Infragard, Past President of AFCEA, STEM Advisory Board member, CyberSecure Florida Ambassador and has been a cybersecurity advisor to many governments and institutions nationwide and abroad.

Caroline Marie Lorenzo – Director at Large

Caroline serves as the Manager of IT SOX Compliance at Playa Hotel & Resorts. Immediately after graduating from the University of Miami with her bachelors degree in Computer Information Systems, Caroline joined ISACA and has been an active member since.

She is based out of the Ft. Lauderdale / Miami area with 7+ years of experience in areas such as risk analysis, data analytics, project management, SOX compliance, IT processes & controls, governance of enterprise IT, and improvement of internal controls. She has led and executed engagements such as internal and external IT Audits (surrounding logical access, change management, computer operations and application controls), Service Organization Control Attestations (SOC 1 and SOC 2), and Sarbanes Oxley IT Attestations.

Caroline wants to lead the Rising Professionals activities for the chapter, targeting the graduates and young professionals in South Florida.



Alon Nachmany – Director at Large



Alon is an accomplished cybersecurity, audit, risk and governance expert and industry thought leader. He was recognized in the 2023 Global Cybersecurity 40-under-40 by Top Cyber News Magazine. With extensive experience in senior leadership roles across various industries, Alon has demonstrated success in risk management, incident management/response, and offensive engineering. Holding an MBA in International Business from Tel Aviv University, he is a Certified Information Security Manager (CISM) and has contributed to several cybersecurity work groups.

Alon has experience in serving as a CISO at multiple organizations, and with ability to communicate complex technical concepts to non-technical audiences. Alon serves as the Co-Chair of the Identity and Access Management (IAM) working group and a member of the Zero-Trust working group for the Cloud Security Alliance (CSA). He also has training skills and has been a speaker and panelist in professional conferences and events nationwide and internationally.