

Letter from the President



Sean McAloon
Chapter President

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving, and everyone is staying safe and healthy throughout these uncertain times. As I look forward to the upcoming holidays and the new year, I can't help but think back to our last in-person meeting almost nine months ago, and how things have changed not only for our chapter, but for our industry as a whole. While we haven't had the opportunity to meet in person as we usually do, our chapter has transitioned to an increasingly "virtual-first" approach, offering shorter webinars in place of our half-day meetings. We have also adapted our education seminars as well as our certification training courses in line with this approach in order to continue offering programs to our members throughout the global pandemic. Our Board has been working diligently to pivot into this new approach, and we appreciate everyone's patience as we work through some of the challenges of adapting our programs into the virtual delivery model.

A big thank you goes out to our instructors who facilitated the CISA and CSX certification review courses over the past several weeks, as well as Clay Risenhoover who taught our CISSP review course over the last few days! For those who attended these programs, CPE will be delivered shortly in order to meet all of your year-end requirements.

As a reminder to everyone, our final webinar of the year will take place this Friday, December 11th. Ali Subhani, Director of Internal Audit at Collin College, will present on the topic of Conducting Your First Social Media Audit, a topic that is ever changing and gaining more significance especially as workforces become increasingly virtual.

Finally, if you haven't done so already, please renew your membership in order to continue taking advantage of all your membership offers you through 2021! For those with certifications, please also ensure you have entered your applicable CPE for the year and taken the necessary renewal steps.

I look forward to seeing you hopefully very soon at our monthly meetings, educational seminars, certification reviews, and networking events.

Happy Holidays and all the best to you in the year to come!

Sean McAloon, CISA, QSA
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December Meeting Agenda

When: Friday, December 11, 2020

Where: [Webinar Registration](#)

Webinar

Speaker at 12:00 pm

Topic: "Conducting Your First Social Media Audit"

Presenter: Ali Subhani, Director of Internal Audit at Collin College

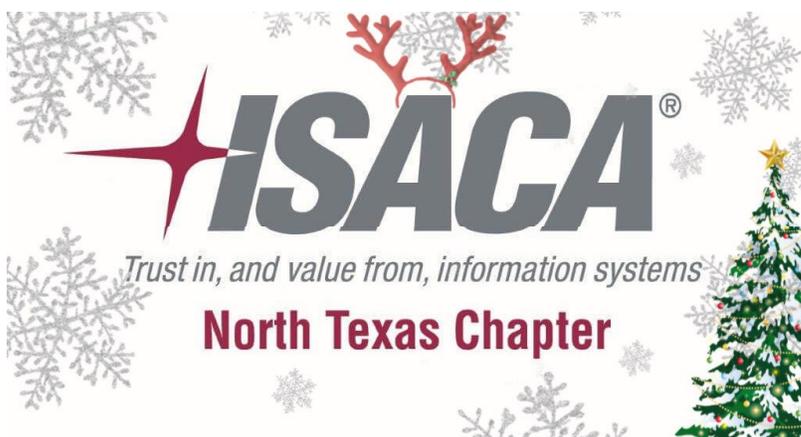
Bio: Ali Subhani serves as the Director for Internal Audit at Collin College. He is a Certified Internal Auditor, Certified Information Systems Auditor and a GIAC Systems and Network Auditor. Prior to joining Collin College, Ali served as the Executive Director of Audit Services at Texas Woman's University. His prior experience has also included managing the IT Audit function at UT- Dallas.

Description: With the increased integration of social media into our daily lives, we are far better connected than the generations from the past. However, this interconnectivity allows 'news' to spread around the world in seconds. What does this mean for you and your organization?

Learn how you can evaluate whether risks associated with the use of these evolving forms of communication are being adequately managed at your organization and in your personal life.

Objectives - Attendees will learn about:

- Recognize the risks that are associated with use of social media platforms
- Familiarize relevant configuration settings to review on specific social media platforms



Presentation Method: Online Webinar

Program Level: Basic

Category: Specialized Knowledge & Applications

****Note about Presentations:** ISACA North Texas can only post presentations from monthly meetings that are provided by the speaker with their permission. If a presentation is not on the website it either means we have not been granted permission or the speaker has not provided us the presentation to post yet.

December Meeting

In the News

- **Security Intelligence** - *Security Culture: Putting Digital Literacy First in Your Company.* Defense systems cannot provide 100% of the security organizations need as long as individual employees are making decisions about what to click on, who to trust and, at the leadership levels, where and how much to invest in security. This is especially true with the rise in remote work. According to an ISACA/CMMI Institute Cybersecurity Culture Report, nine out of 10 organizations do not have the security culture they want in their organizations. Leaders can signal the importance of everyday cybersecurity as a strategic goal. [Read More](#)
- **Forbes** - *14 Industry Leaders Share The IT Certifications All Tech Pros Should Pursue.* Industry leaders share exactly which certifications will net you and your company the best ROI. There are many free and paid certification courses available, it's a great way to start or accelerate a career in technology. Machine Learning, Cloud Security, Cybersecurity (CEH, CompTIA Security+, CISSP, CISM), PMP, ISACA (CISA, CRISC, CGEIT), Cisco's CCNA and other IT certifications. [Read More](#)
- **Information & Data Manager** - *ISACA to hold virtual Privacy in Practice conference.* The opportunity for privacy professionals to learn how to assess, build and implement privacy solutions for their organizations, ensure compliance with evolving privacy laws and regulations and mitigate risk at their enterprise. Privacy in Practice attendees can earn up to nine continuing professional education (CPE) hours. [Read More](#)
- **SC Media** - *The 2020 Professional Award winners.* Leaders and programs that took home the top honors in 2020, and what some of the winning companies have experienced in the the months since the award presentation in February. For 2021, list includes the top cybersecurity vendor leaders within SC's Excellence Awards and a new category of awards – Leadership Awards in the end user community. [Read More](#)
- **Dice Insights** - *15 Technology Certifications with Highest Average Pay.* Report surveyed 9,500 technologists in 159 countries, also estimates that new certifications can boost technologists' pay. Within North America, the five highest-paying certifications are in cloud computing and cybersecurity. [Read More](#)

...and in ISACA news

Checkout the new look for ISACA at isaca.org

Updates & Releases

PRIVACY

ISACA Global recently made strides into the privacy space with the new [Certified Data Privacy Solutions Engineer™ \(CDPSETM\) certification](#) and the upcoming [virtual Privacy in Practice conference](#) debuting on 8 December. Understanding the future of where ISACA is headed and the careful thinking behind initiatives can be learned via this [helpful video from Nader Qaimari, ISACA's Chief Product Officer](#).

If you have already begun the journey to CDPSE, you can now register to take the [beta exam](#), which will be conducted 11-31 January 2021.

Eligible CDPSE Beta Exam candidates receive:

- A complimentary CDPSE review manual to prepare for the exam*
- US \$50 savings on their exam fees

Limited spots are available—so be sure to act quickly, if you are interested.

**Note: A promo code for the free CDPSE review manual will be sent to candidates who register for the beta exam.*

CLOUD AUDITING

ISACA and the Cloud Security Alliance® (CSA) partnered to launch the [Certificate in Cloud Auditing Knowledge \(CCAK\)](#) to fill a gap in the market for vendor neutral, technical education for IT audit, security, and risk professionals. CCAK prepares IT professionals to:

- Understand cloud computing terminology, constitution and delivery methods and address critical challenges such as transparency, encryption, colocation, scale, and scope.

- Educate the audit committee effectively.

- Address unique cloud auditing challenges, such as technology stacks, deployment frameworks, DevOps, CI/CD, automation, and governance.

The CCAK exam will be available end of Q1 2021. [Learn more](#) and sign up to get updates.

CYBERSECURITY

ISACA is proud to help champion the cybersecurity profession as a founding member of the Cyber Security Alliance, which is delivering the UK Cyber Security Council Formation Project. The project will help support organizations and professionals seeking structured and accredited training and certification in cybersecurity, as well as access to the latest thinking and practices to tackle the challenges of the future. More information will be forthcoming in 2021.

RISK

ISACA's [IT Risk Fundamentals Certificate](#) and related training is ideal for professionals who wish to learn about IT-related risk, whom currently interact with risk professionals, or are new to risk and/or interested in working as a risk or IT risk profession.

PODCASTS

ISACA Podcast: [Strategies for Securing Remote Technologies](#)

ISACA Podcast: [Managing Malware Threats](#)

Finish the year strong...

Reminder: Renew your membership and/or certifications by the end of the year

Members have access to [free CPEs](#) to fulfill requirements

Consider following and joining discussions in ISACA Global's platforms: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Instagram](#), and [YouTube](#).

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CPE Credit

- Ensure you signed into the Zoom webinar using the details you provided as part of registration or you may not receive CPE credit
- CPE credit will be sent out approximately 2-3 weeks following the completion of the session
- Members have access to free CPEs. Take the Journal/CPE [Quiz](#)



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ISACA North Texas Events Policy

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The ISACA North Texas Chapter offers three types of fee based programs: Chapter Monthly Meetings, CISA® and CISM® Review Courses, and Seminars.

The chapter strongly encourages advance registration and payment for all events, as this reduces chapter expenses and the capacity for many of our events is limited due to the size of the event locations. Therefore, seats may not be available on the day of the event for walk-up registrants. The table on the final page of this newsletter summarizes the chapter's payment and cancellation policies.

Payment Policy

- All advance, online event registration payments will be made through CVENT. For advance, online registrations, payment is accepted via Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover and PayPal.
- Advance registrations will not be accepted after the time noted above unless otherwise noted in online event details.
- For walk-in registrations, credit card via Cvent, check, cash or Paypal payment is required.

Cancellation and Refund Policy

The North Texas Chapter of ISACA (ISACA NTX) strives to provide appropriate facilities for meetings, seminars and certification review classes. Since facility providers and/or speakers require advance notice and financial commitment, ISACA NTX must balance those obligations against our members' periodic need to cancel a reservation based on job requirements, illness or other circumstances.

Upon receipt of e-mail notification to reservations@isaca-northtexas.org, ISACA NTX will refund prepaid fee according to the following deadlines:

- **Monthly Program Meetings** - cancellations must be received by 6:00 PM three days prior to the meeting.
- **Certification Reviews** - cancellations must be received at by 6:00 PM eight days before the first class.
- **Seminars** - cancellations must be received by at least one week prior to the first day of the seminar. If unusual cancellation terms are required based on speaker and/or venue, details will be included in the online event details.

Attendee substitution is permitted at any time until the event by contacting the Registration Coordinator at reservations@isaca-northtexas.org and is subject to any additional charge for non-member fees.

Cancellations and refund for advance registrations are allowed if cancellations are submitted to reservations@isaca-northtexas.org by the deadline noted in the table above.

Advance registrants who do not attend the event or do not cancel by the date noted in the table above are not eligible for a refund.

Attendee substitutions are permitted at any time until the event, subject to any additional charge for non-member fees. Inquire with Chapter Registration Coordinator at reservations@isaca-northtexas.org.

In the event that North Texas Chapter of ISACA (ISACA NTX) cancels an event, registered participants will be notified via email from reservations@isaca-northtexas.org.

Current Career Opportunities

Job Title	Company	Location	Category	Career Level	Post Date	Exp. Date
<u>IT Cybersecurity Examiner</u>	Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas	Dallas, TX	Full-time	Non-Management	10/19/2020	11/30/2020
<u>IT Auditor Senior</u>	Independent Financial	Dallas, TX	Full-time	Non-Management	11/01/2020	01/31/2020

The following table summarizes the chapter's payment and cancellation policies:

Policy	Chapter Monthly Meetings	Review Courses	Seminars
Payments			
Advance registration payments accepted	Credit Card** (Visa/MC/AMEX/Discover) and PayPal**	Credit Card** (Visa/MC/AMEX/Discover), PayPal**, Check, or Purchase Order (Invoice payment must be received by the pre-registration deadline)	Credit Card** (Visa/MC/AMEX/Discover), PayPal**, Check, or Purchase Order (Invoice payment must be received one week prior to the first day of the seminar)
Advance registration cutoff date	6:00 PM three days before the event (May be earlier if a joint event with another organization that requires earlier registration counts)	6:00 PM eight days before the first class.	6:00 PM two weeks prior to the first day of the seminar.
Walk-in registration payments accepted	Credit Card** (Visa/MC/AMEX) and PayPal**	All attendees must pre-register for this event. Walk-in registration is not permitted.	All attendees must pre-register for this event. Walk-in registration is not permitted.
Cancellations			
Cut-off date for cancellations	6:00 PM three days prior to the event.	6:00 PM eight days before the first class.	At least one week prior to the first day of the seminar.
Substitutions permitted for cancellations after cutoff date?	Attendee substitution is permitted at any time until the event, subject to any additional charge for non-member fees. Inquire with Chapter Registration Coordinator at reservations@isaca-northtexas.org	Attendee substitution is permitted at any time until the event. Inquire with Chapter Registration Coordinator at reservations@isaca-northtexas.org	Attendee substitution is permitted at any time until the event, subject to any additional charge for non-member fees. Inquire with Chapter Registration Coordinator at reservations@isaca-northtexas.org
**Credit Card and Paypal only if you register electronically via Cvent on the chapter website			

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