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From the President

As some of you will be aware I have recently been elected by the Chapter Board to the position of Chapter President, replacing Judy Mikkelsen who has resigned. This is until the elections at the end of this year.

I would like to like to publicly express thanks to Judy Mikkelsen . She has made a valued contribution to the chapter over the years as a Board member, Vice President, Chapter President and more importantly as a colleague. We hope that as the Past President, she will have a continuing role on the Chapter.

I would also like to thank David Gray, who has also resigned, for his continuing support for the Chapter.

The new Board has been established comprising:

President	Max Shanahan
Vice President	Stephen Doyle
Secretary, Webmaster	Kris Johnson
Treasurer	Andy Edwards
Education/Tech Sessions	Patrick Kevin
CISA Co-ordinator	Lorraine Stevens

We are of course looking for new volunteers and would welcome your assistance. If you are interested have a chat to any of the current board members.

I would also ask you to keep us informed of your contact details and, in particular, any changes to your email contact. If you have not notified the chapter of your email, please let us know what it is. We can provide a better service if we use email. If we can distribute via email we will. Let the Secretary know your details if you are not currently getting information by email.

Max Shanahan,
President, ISACA Canberra Chapter

Chapter Strategy in 2002

Now that we have gotten CACS 2001 successfully out of the way we have all heaved a sigh of relief and then some of us sat down to work out what we were going to do next. Max Shanahan drafted a paper setting out the areas in which he believed the chapter needed to plan a longer term strategy. A copy of Max's paper is on the website but the main issues he believed we needed to focus on were:

- Developing a program of educational activities for the year on the basis of one or more key themes. This might involve the use of interstate or overseas speakers if they are experts on topics of particular interest to members.
- Providing administrative support for chapter activities so that they run more smoothly and reduce the load on volunteers.
- Reducing the cost of membership and providing substantial discounts to members for educational events.
- Promoting "best practice" by developing or identifying guidance material for members
- Promoting the chapter and the CISA examination
- Improving communication at the chapter level.

These issues have been discussed at Board meetings and the various issues will be dealt with in priority order. If you have any views or would like to assist we would like to hear from you, in particular, if you want us to run educational activities on particular subjects or if you know of a particularly good speaker on a relevant topic, then please let us know.

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Chapter Strategy in 2002 cont...

We took a brief survey of attendees at the CACS conference last year and tried to identify which topics were of most interest to our members. While the results were only a rough guide, they indicated the following topics in order of priority:

- IS Governance
- Advanced Auditing Techniques
- E Commerce
- Web Applications
- IS Audit Management
- Systems Development Life Cycle
- Networks

Max has formed a committee to identify the themes the Chapter will use as the basis of its education strategy this year. If you would like to contribute, please contact Max Shanahan ♦



Technical Sessions

The first technical session this year was a session on **Computer Forensics** presented by Scott Pobihun, PriceWaterhouseCoopers on Tuesday 19 February. Scott mentioned a number of sites that might be useful in this area. These are listed later in this newsletter under Web Resources.

The second session, in March, was a presentation by Stephen Doyle of Ernst & Young on the topic of **Knowledge Management - A Little Knowledge is a Dangerous Thing**.

April's technical session was presented by Max Shanahan of Max Shanahan & Associates. The topic was **Project Governance and Project Assurance**.

A number of people were able to stay after the sessions to enjoy the refreshments, and network. We are hoping this might become a regular benefit.

All technical sessions were held at the premises of Ernst & Young in Allara St Civic. We are planning to try to keep the same standard arrangements for technical sessions this year, that is same time, same venue and 3rd Tuesday of each month. This will, of course, vary for the joint sessions that we run in conjunction with IIA.

While the program for the rest of the year is not yet finalised, we do have a *tentative* program for most months as follows:

21 May: Not yet finalised

25 June: Joint session with IIA - Better Practice in Planning

16 July: Not yet finalised

20 August: Joint session with IIA - Better Practice in Working Papers

17 September: Audit Issues in Review of a Public Key Infrastructure, Tim Pearson, PriceWaterhouseCoopers

22 October: Joint session with IIA - Better Practices In Reporting

19 November: The SAP Audit Information System, Aaron Hooper, Ernst & Young.

Once confirmed, the details will be posted to the Chapter website ♦

Courses

Our first course for this year was a repeat of the very successful **Fundamentals of IS Auditing** course presented by Frank Grieco of ODAS Consulting. This was held on 21st and 22nd of March at the Diplomat Hotel, Griffith. Later in the year we are hoping to arrange an **Advanced IS Auditing** course and

possibly a repeat of the Fundamentals course if there is sufficient interest, probably around late August.

If you do have an interest in either the Fundamentals or the Advanced Course, or a course on any other relevant topic, please let Lorraine Stevens know so that we can see if there is sufficient demand to arrange it.

We are also considering arranging for Sapient College to hold one of their courses in Canberra if there is sufficient interest. The course we want to organise is a 4 day course in **SAP R/3 for Auditors**.

It is advertised as being designed for those who have to audit accounts managed using SAP R/3 and for data protection officers who need to learn about the R/3 environment. It does not aim to provide training in auditing or introduce new methods but rather to provide information on the organisational and functional features of SAP R/3 including the posting process, documentation and archiving, the authorisation concept, the Audit Information System (AIS) and downloading and query programming.

The cost of the course would probably be around \$2500 (GST inclusive). We need a minimum of 8 attendees to have the course run in Canberra so if you are interested, please contact the Chapter Secretary (preferably by the 13 May). If there is sufficient interest then we will go further and arrange dates, times etc ♦



Chapter Library

As you might know, the chapter does have a library of books available to members. It is currently maintained by Lorraine Stevens at the ATO. The complete list of books we currently have is on the chapter website. Please contact her if you wish to borrow.

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Chapter Library cont...

While we have a large selection of books, many of them are out of date and we are considering a major investment in new material depending on members' interest. Some new books purchased recently:

Windows NT Security - Microsoft Technical Reference

Developing Trust - Online Privacy and Security - Matt Curtin

Complete Windows XP Reference Guide

We are also hoping to be able to take new material along to technical sessions where possible so that members can see what is new. If you have any suggestions for resources you think we should buy, please let us know ♦

ISACA International

The website for ISACA International is worth visiting if you have not done so recently. The URL is <http://www.isaca.org>.

One service it offers is to allow you to change your membership details on line. It is important to have these details up to date if you want to receive information about technical sessions, courses etc, so please check the details on the invoice you received at the end of 2001 and if you need to make any changes, please do so. This service is in the members-only area of the site so you will need a user id and password which are normally supplied with your membership renewal receipt. If you don't have them, please contact the Chapter Secretary

The international site also has an extensive collection of resources useful to those in the information systems audit and control profession.

Most of these are part of what is now known as K-net (that is, Knowledge-net, it used to be the Global Information Repository). Some are available to all while other items are restricted to members.

Subjects which it covers include IS Audit and Control issues specific to particular environments, eg Windows NT/2000, SAP R/3, Unix, Java, Lotus Notes etc, as well as more general topics of IS Security, IS Governance, Project Management and Professional Development. Take a look and see if there is anything of use to you ♦



Web Resources

We have been attempting to put copies of presentations we sponsor onto our website for members to access, for example the presentation by David Gray on Auditing Vendor Management is there.

We will try to add to these resources this year if presenters are prepared to allow their papers to be displayed on the website. But don't forget that other chapter's websites are often a good source of information.

The Chapter Webmaster hopes to continue to survey other chapters to identify resources that may be of interest and intends to add links to those resources to our website where possible.

She has started with the chapters in Texas (only because that is where she is planning to take her next holiday) and found a few things other members may be interested in.

The Houston chapter (<http://isacahouston.org>) has two interesting papers at the moment (under Meetings/Seminars - Notes from Previous Meetings):

- ISS as an Audit Tool - Powerpoint Presentation by Dick Kern and Joe Morrison of JeffersonWells International

- Policy: Your Number One Security Tool - Powerpoint Presentation by Kimber Sambers, PentaSafe Security Technologies

The North Texas Chapter (Dallas) chapter (<http://www.isacantx.org/>) also has two interesting papers on web applications (under Services>Downloads):

- Anatomy of a Web Application (pdf) - White Paper by Sanctum Inc
- Securing Web Applications - Powerpoint presentation by Steve Pettit of Sanctum Inc

Finally, the Austin Chapter (<http://www.isacaustin.org/>) has a handout (under Events>Past Programs>Handouts) on:

- Intrusion Detection and Prevention (pdf) - Brandon Hines.

Bear in mind these papers are apparently the result of recent presentations to members of those chapters and may only remain on the web for only a short time.

At his presentation on **Computer Forensics**, Scott Pobihun also mentioned a number of websites that might be of use to those of you who want to know about E-crime law enforcement:

Dealing with E-Crime
<http://www.afp.gov.au/page.asp?ref=/Crime/E-Crime/Cybercop.xml>

Interpol - Information Security and Crime Prevention
<http://www.interpol.int/Public/TechnologyCrime/CrimePrev/default.asp>

Australian Institute of Criminology
<http://www.aic.gov.au>

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Web Resources cont...

Scott also mentioned a "frontier" site which provides information on hacking and how to prevent it. It is the website of the HoneyNet Project at

<http://project.honeynet.org>

Of course no endorsement of any resource by the chapter or by the presenter is intended. The information is provided simply to assist members and they must use their own professional judgement to decide its accuracy and relevance

We will continue to try to locate things of interest, but in the meantime, if you come across a useful resource on the web, please let us know ♦



Canberra Chapter Website

In case you have forgotten, the URL is
<http://www.isaca-canberra.org.au>

The Webmaster has not made a great deal of change to the website over recent months (she has been busy planning her holiday to Texas) but intends as far as possible to keep it current with details of all upcoming events once they are finalised.

As a trial we will include details of upcoming Board meetings. Remember any member is free to attend. It is also intended that the minutes of Board meetings be posted to the website as soon as they are confirmed by the next Board meeting so that members can be kept informed of the plans being made.

The minutes of the January, February and March meetings are currently on the website, together with draft minutes from the 2001 AGM.

In addition, any strategy papers developed as a result of the move to develop a longer term chapter strategy will also be posted there once they reach a sufficiently advanced stage.

Over the course of the year the Board would also like to expand and reorganise the list of resources currently posted on the site. We have found that the identification of suitable resources is best done by those who have a particular interest in a topic and are in a position to assess the quality of the resource. So if you have any particular field of interest and have located resources you find useful in that field, please let the Webmaster or someone else on the Board know ♦

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