

# LOGON

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*The quarterly newsletter of the Canberra Chapter Inc. of the Information Systems Audit and Control Association*

## Message from President Max

Canberra is in many ways a small and often close community. I doubt if there is anyone who has not had friends and acquaintances affected by the recent bush fires. As far as I know no current chapter members have lost their houses, although certainly past members have. Several current members have had their houses and property damaged and at least one was injured in the fire.

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On behalf of the chapter board and the chapter as a whole, I offer our sympathy to those that have been affected by the bushfires and hope that they soon get their lives back to normal.

As detailed elsewhere in this newsletter, we have an active program of activities planned for the year. The Board is also taking steps to improve

the level of service provided to members. Some of this year's proposed initiatives are:

- **Education program.** A draft education program has been produced for the year. This will include an increased number of training sessions as well as continuing an active program of monthly meetings. An outline of the draft program is included in this newsletter and we welcome any suggestions or comments. If you think there are other topics that should be given priority or potential speakers on the topics listed that should be included let us know.
- We have decided to call the monthly meetings "**Professional Updates**" rather than Technical meetings because we have always addressed Management as well as Technical issues in the meeting. We intend to have these meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month, February to November at 5pm at Ernst & Young. Please put this in your calendar as a regular event.
- **IT Governance.** We propose to take an active role in supporting a regional IT governance initiative to market IT governance. This will include a seminar of IT governance and raising awareness of IT governance by sending copies of ISACA publications to key CIOs.
- A **marketing strategy** has been developed and will be implemented,
- **Website and electronic communication.** The board has reviewed the website and established long term objectives. A working party is to develop a business case and implementation plan to take this forward.

The Board has investigated options for obtaining administrative support for our operations. It does take considerable effort from board members to support a successful program. We will trial the use of an organisation called Expert Conferences to assist in the improvement in support in 2003.

All of these activities require effort from the board. I am pleased to say that we have a

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strong board this year that is already working well on your behalf.

It has concerned the board that there is often low membership participation in a number of educational events. We have offered incentives to members to attend monthly meetings and will continue to do so. We have reviewed the educational program to try to provide an appropriate variety of topics and will seek to make some of the monthly meetings more interactive.

We would also welcome participation in chapter activities. We recognise that not everyone wants to be involved in the board. We would, however, appreciate any other level of participation, such as organising a technical session or presenting papers. If you are interested in any level of participation, please let any of the board members know. However, the more you participate, the greater the benefit you will receive from your membership.

**Max Shanahan**  
President ♦

## Chapter Fees in 2003

Due to the healthy financial position of the Chapter at present, the Board has decided that once again, the chapter component of the annual member subscription will be \$0 for 2003.

A second invoice for renewal of the international ISACA membership was sent last month. If you haven't already done so, could you please arrange to have this paid as soon as possible. Even if you received an invoice for US\$0 due, you still need to report your CPE hours. ♦

## ISACA Web Site

ISACA® has developed a new web site that offers members the ability to renew membership and/or certification in a secure online environment, as well as update their database profiles and report CPE hours. Twelve chapters were selected to participate in the debut of this system in October 2002, and access is now being offered to all members who have not yet renewed. Login credentials have been mailed with second invoices. As always, members have the option of renewing membership by returning the printed invoice to ISACA with their payment. Send comments, problems or suggestions to [feedback@isaca.org](mailto:feedback@isaca.org).

Online renewals are just the beginning of what is planned, so watch for future capabilities to be announced in upcoming issues of *LOGON*. ♦

## SOPAC 2003 in Canberra

This year, the SOPAC conference is being held here in Canberra on 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> March. SOPAC 2003 has a wonderful balance of international and Australian public and private sector presenters. There will be 2 interactive forum sessions, which proved to be very popular at last year's conference. Registrations are now being taken. ♦

## New Canberra Chapter Board – a changing of the guards

At the ISACA Canberra Chapter AGM in December 2002, new members were elected. The Canberra Chapter Board now comprises the following office bearers:

President	Max Shanahan
Vice President	Stephen Doyle
Secretary	Sian Ramsden
Treasurer	Scott MacKenzie
Director	Patrick Kevin
Director	Lorraine Stevens
Director	Roger Kauffman
Director	Diana Adams
Director	Aaron Hooper
Director	Scott Williams



The new Canberra Chapter Board from left to right, Scott MacKenzie, Lorraine Stevens, Stephen Doyle, Patrick Kevin, Max Shanahan, Diana Adams, Aaron Hooper, Scott Williams. Absent: Sian Powrie, Roger Kauffman.

## 2003 PROFESSIONAL UPDATES

The old Technical Sessions have been renamed 'Professional Updates'. This is to better reflect the true nature of these sessions. They are not always purely 'technical' sessions. The following shows the Professional Updates proposed for 2003. The ISACA Canberra Chapter website ([www.isaca-canberra.org.au](http://www.isaca-canberra.org.au)) will be kept up-to-date with changes.

February	Prince 2: Project Management
March	DSD Certified Security Auditor Scheme
April	Governance of Service Provider Arrangements (Panel)
May	Computer Forensics
June	Identity Management
July	Control and Security of .NET
August	MSF/AGILE (Panel)
September	ITIL Service Delivery/Service Management (Panel)
October	BCP Themes (Panel)
November	ISO 17799

## Roles and Responsibilities of Board Members

At the first meeting of the new Board, it was decided to allocate various responsibilities to the members of the Board. Apart from the standard roles of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, the other roles include:

**CISA/CISM Coordinator** – Roger Kauffman

**Education Director** – Patrick Kevin

**Marketing Director** – Max Shanahan

**Membership Director** – Sian Powrie

**Webmaster** – Aaron Hooper

**Research Director** – Stephen Doyle

**Newsletter Editor** – Diana Adams

In addition to specific roles, a small number of working groups have been established to address education, marketing and knowledge management within the ISACA Canberra Chapter. ♦

## Education Program

### February

SANS Auditing Web Applications  
(2 days)

### March

SOPAC 24<sup>th</sup> –26<sup>th</sup> (Canberra)

### April

IS Audit and Control Training Week 31<sup>st</sup>  
March – 4<sup>th</sup> April  
(Melbourne)

Auditing Fundamentals  
(2 days)

### May

IT Governance breakfast

AusCERT 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> (Gold Coast)

### June

Implementing CobIT  
(1 day)

### August

Auditing Projects  
(1 day)

### September

CACS 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> (Sydney)

### October

Advanced Auditing  
(2 days)

### December

AGM ♦

## 2003 CISA and CISM Exam Registration

Canberra Chapter members who wish to sit for the CISA and/or CISM exam, the registrations are being taken now.

A downloadable copy of the registration form can be found on ISACA's web site at

[www.isaca.org/cert1.htm](http://www.isaca.org/cert1.htm). ♦

## CISM Exam Coverage

The CISM exam will cover five information security management areas, each of which is further defined and detailed through task and knowledge statements, including:

- Information security governance—Establish and maintain a framework to provide assurance that information security strategies are aligned with business objectives and consistent with applicable laws and regulations (21% of exam questions will be from this area).
- Risk management—Identify and manage information security risks to achieve business objectives (21%).
- Information security programme management—Design, develop and manage an information security program to implement the information security governance framework (21%).
- Information security management—Oversee and direct information security activities to execute the information security program (24%).
- Response management—Develop and manage a capability to respond to and recover from disruptive and destructive information security events (13%).

Anyone interested in learning about what will be covered in the CISM exam can email our CISA/CISM Coordinator

[kauffmanr@waltturn.com.au](mailto:kauffmanr@waltturn.com.au) or visit the ISACA web site:

[www.isaca.org/cismcont.htm](http://www.isaca.org/cismcont.htm) ♦

## ISACA Canberra Website Update

Aaron Hooper is now responsible for the update of our local website: [www.isaca-canberra.org.au](http://www.isaca-canberra.org.au)

The website has recently been updated with details of the new Board and the 2003 events schedule, including details of Professional Updates and training courses. ♦

## Standards Update

### Standards Guidance

A comprehensive standards PDF document containing all the standards, guidelines and procedures is posted on the ISACA web site at [www.isaca.org/standard/stdownload.htm](http://www.isaca.org/standard/stdownload.htm).

### Standards Board Volunteers Needed

The Standards Board is looking for volunteers to work on the development of a guideline on privacy. Interested members should contact the research department at [research@isaca.org](mailto:research@isaca.org).

The Standards Board also is considering guidance on the following topics:

- Privacy
- Auditing web access utilisation
- Business process reengineering
- Data analysis (Benford's Law, first digit analysis)
- Business continuity planning
- E-commerce (web-based applications, web-enabled applications, intranets Internet, extranets)
- Electronic evidence—audit trail
- IS audit's role in a continuous assurance environment
- Mobile computing
- Penetration testing
- Post-implementation review

## Journal Update

The *Information Systems Control Journal* is seeking articles for volume 3, 2003, to be issued in May 2003. The copy deadline is 28 February

2003, and the theme is **IT Governance**. For more information, please view the 2003 editorial calendar at [www.isaca.org/jrn/cal.htm](http://www.isaca.org/jrn/cal.htm) or e-mail [jblader@isaca.org](mailto:jblader@isaca.org). ♦



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