



Message from the President - Jeff Bratton

Thank you to those who helped make this year's annual seminar such a success, including attendees, presenters, and those who helped with administration, and to the host Protective Life Corporation. Seminar feedback has been positive on the quantity and quality of CPE offering, and has pointed us to potential improvements which we are planning now to include in future efforts.

Looking forward, we are considering offering a day of CPE this fall, and shorter term possibly a community-oriented summer event. Any input would be appreciated and helpful. Your input is critical, and we are here to serve you!

On that note, if you have not already please take a minute to get "up to speed" on COBIT 5.0. Integrating separate frameworks allows for easier, broader, and deeper application, and promises to add value to the IT Audit profession.

Lastly but most importantly, on Tuesday, May 15th we'll have our Annual General Meeting where we address important matters including officer elections. Please read further below and schedule now to attend and help shape our chapter's direction.

Next Meeting April 17th

When: Apr. 17, 11:30-1:00

Where: Wynfrey Hotel

Speaker: Sarah Baggs,
Blue Cross Blue Shield
of Alabama

Topic:
Mapping IT controls with Reg
141 (or SOX) and SSAE 16
(previously SAS 70) to
streamline IT audit testing and
promote reporting efficiency

[Register Here](#)

Annual General Meeting - May 15th

A few aspects of our Annual General Meeting are noteworthy:

- Members will vote on Chapter Officers for the 2012-2013 term. Any member can nominate another for voting prior to the meeting (nominations cannot occur during the meeting). To nominate contact us through means below or submit a [Chapter Leadership Form on the Chapter website](#).
- Members will vote on adoption of updated Chapter Bylaws.
- Chapter bylaws require a minimum of 30 members must be present for any chapter votes to occur, so your attendance and participation are critical.
- The President will present the "State of the Chapter".
- Member survey results and analysis will be addressed.

To express appreciation to our members, a \$100 gift card Door Prize drawing will be held.

Additionally, to recognize our most engaged members, those who attended 6 or more meetings this year will be eligible for a separate \$100 gift card drawing.

Must be present to win!

Request for Member Profile and Member Recognition

We are requesting suggestions for chapter member profiles and member recognitions for inclusion in this newsletter.

Any content with the idea of connecting and recognizing members is welcome. Member profiles might include professional and personal experiences and interests, and member recognitions might include events like certifications, promotions, awards, or personal accomplishments.

Please [contact us via email](#) or through other channels below when someone comes to mind in this regard or if you have other ideas how we can better connect and recognize members.

2012 IT Audit Hot Spots

The [Audit Director Roundtable's \(ADR\) report on 2012 IT Audit Hot Spots](#) highlights global trends and can provide direction for or validation of IT Audit plans.

The ADR report highlighted several points every IT Audit department should consider:

- New developments (including cloud computing and mobile devices) are becoming increasingly critical to successful core operations and the achievement of strategic objectives.
- Recent technological and non-technological trends (such as ubiquitous data, social media, and technology as a service) are adding greater complexity to the IT risk landscape.
- Despite significant changes to the IT risk environment, Internal Audit's response to IT risks has remained static. While IT spending continues to increase, days allocated to IT Audit and the number of IT Audit staff.

IT Audit Hot Spots History and 2012 Trending

Rank	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
1	Legacy Systems	Cost Reduction Pressures	IT Investment Prioritization	Cloud Computing	Information Security 
2	Project Management	New Systems Implementation	Service Delivery	IT Strategic Planning	Cloud Computing 
3	Information Technology Governance	Malicious Insiders	Enterprise Data Management	Decentralized IT Models	Mobile Devices 
4	Disaster Recovery	Third-Party Relationships	Social Media	Social Media	Third-Party Relationships 
5	Information Security	Disaster Recovery	Quality Assurance	Disaster Recovery	Unstructured Data Management 

ISACA News & Notes

The **North America CACS** conference is coming to Orlando May 7th - 10th. **CACS** is an elite and impressive conference which includes expert speakers on a variety of current relevant topics. Visit the [ISACA website](#) for further detail.

COBIT 5.0: A Business Framework for the Governance and Management of Enterprise IT -


COBIT 5 builds and expands on COBIT 4.1 by integrating major frameworks, standards and resources, including Val IT and Risk IT.


The registration deadline for ISACA certification exams (**CISA, CISM, CGEIT, and CRISC**) has been extended to April 20th. [Register here](#)

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