

The Mailshot

Monthly communication of ISACA London Chapter

FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I reported last month, the 2002 AGM will soon be upon us and we find ourselves in a position where some members are unable to continue to serve on your Board. Unfortunately, I must include myself in this. When I took on the Presidency last year, I had hoped to remain in the role for 2 years, as had my predecessors in London. Since then, my career and life have changed in a way that I had not anticipated just 12 months ago. I now live out in the countryside in Suffolk, near Bury St. Edmunds and find that attending Board and Chapter meetings and carrying out other duties in London is becoming increasingly difficult. With regret, therefore, I have decided to resign from the Board with effect from the AGM on 23 May.

I have been a member of ISACA for 9 years altogether and on the Board for 3 years. I was persuaded to join the Board by John Mitchell, our immediate Past President, who worked for one of my clients at the time. It was with some trepidation that I set off for the Away Day in Wokingham Park,

the event where most of the decisions for the forthcoming year are taken. I imagined that I would find it difficult to find the time to contribute very much and didn't feel as if I knew enough about ISACA to be very effective. I soon changed my mind and found that I enjoyed the healthy debate that takes place at the monthly Board meetings and wanted to do more to enhance the Association and profession if I could.

As far as who is best suited to being on the Board is concerned, all I can say is that the wider the variety of background and opinion Board members have the better. On the current Board we have members in practice, from industry and the public sector and self-employed consultants. We are currently in danger of losing all representation from the Big 5 this year however, which would be a great shame, since a large proportion of our members work for the firms. As an added incentive, serving on the Board entitles you to up to 10 CPE hours. If you are interested in taking part, please contact our Chapter administrator, Nancy

(nancy@isaca.org.uk), or alternatively, complete a nomination form, which can be obtained from the website.

We again had very good attendance at the March members' meeting and those who did come along were well rewarded by an excellent and very entertaining presentation on Project Audit by John Mitchell. He will be a tough act to follow, but our Vice President, Charles Mansour, who is also a very experienced presenter, will be doing his best when he talks to us about COBIT as a planning tool. I am looking forward to learning more about COBIT from an experienced practitioner and hope to see you on Thursday 25 April, same time, same place!

Karen

April Membership Meeting

**Thursday 25 April 2002
Commencing 5.00 pm**

"COBIT as an audit planning tool"

**Charles Mansour
ABN Amro, 250 Bishopsgate**

If you would like to attend Charles's session please email Nancy to reserve your place.

NOTICE OF AGM

The AGM will take place on Thursday 23 May at 4.30pm. After the formal proceedings Neil Jarvis will be presenting a session on "Firewalls and Middleware" The meeting will take place at the offices of KPMG, 8 Salisbury Square, London EC4. If you would like to attend, please let Nancy know.

If you would like a nomination form, please visit the website.

**Membership Meetings - 2001/2002
ABN Amro, 250 Bishopsgate, London EC3
commencing at 5.00pm**

Thursday 27 September 2001
Security Policy
Brian Shorten, CISA
WorldCom International

Thursday 25 October 2001
Third/Party Vendor Outsourcing
Karen Sharpe, CISA
Deloitte & Touche

Thursday 22 November 2001
Selling Your Recommendations
Lindsay Mercer
BAA

Thursday 13 December 2001
E-Fraud
Ian Henderson
Haymarket Management
Services Ltd

Thursday 24 January 2002
E-Systems Commissioning
Gideon Pretorius, CISA
KPMG

Thursday 28 February 2002
E-CAATS
Simon Moore, CISA
BDO Stoy Hayward

Thursday 21 March 2002
Project Audit
Dr John Mitchell, CISA
LHS Business Control

Thursday 25 April 2002
COBIT as an Audit Planning Tool
Charles Mansour, CISA
Woolwich plc

Thursday 23 May 2002
AGM/Firewalls & Middleware
Neil Jarvis
Deloitte & Touche

Thursday 27 June 2002
Continuous Auditing
Charles Mansour
Woolwich plc

Please note: the June meeting has changed. Charles Mansour will present "Continuous Auditing" in place of Steve Bailey's session "Desktop Audit".