

The Mailshot

Monthly communication of ISACA London Chapter

What Happens After the AGM?

As you are probably aware, the Annual General Meeting in May appoints the Chapter Board for the coming year. What many members are not aware of is the sequence of events that takes place after a new Board has been appointed, The following may be of interest to any Chapter member who is considering Board membership.

The first thing to happen is that the entire Chapter Board attends a full day strategic planning meeting shortly after the AGM to plan objectives and activities for the coming year. This planning meeting is known as the 'Away Day'. It was previously held in the country away from London, but we plan to hold it at a Central London location early in June.

At this meeting, specific responsibilities are allocated to Board members (other than the Chapter Officers - President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary). These are;

- Publications
- Events
- CISA
- CISM
- COBIT
- Research

- Standards
- Academic Relations
- External Relations
- Chapter Administration Liaison
- Chapter WEB site

In addition to the Board members' responsibilities, we also reach a consensus on what we hope to achieve over the coming year.

There follows a review of Chapter finances, which are closely analysed in conjunction with the proposed objectives for the coming year. A decision is then made about Chapter (as opposed to the International ISACA) membership fees for the next year.

Once the responsibilities have been allocated, the Board members work to achieve them, and brief other Board members by means of written reports which are reviewed at the monthly Board meetings.

I hope that these words have helped to provide an insight into the governance of your Chapter.

If you wish to make any observations about the way you'd like to see your Chapter developing in the coming year, please contact myself or any other Board member, so that we can consider them for discussion at

the 'Away Day'.

Standards Boards.

ISACA are seeking volunteers from Chapters to act as members of Standards Boards. These are international in nature, and involve reviewing standards published by ISACA on various subject matters that members in which members have experience. ISACA also publishes detailed procedures associated with Standards, and Standards Board members also review these.

If you're interested, then please let me or any other Board member know, and I'll give you the contact details.

April Chapter Meeting

We are fortunate in having John Mitchell, a London Chapter Board member and one of the most experienced IT Audit speakers in the World to present on the topic of 'CRSA (Control and Risk Self Assessment) and the IT Auditor'. John's presentations are always well attended, so make sure that you plan to attend the meeting to hear more on this important topic.

April Membership Meeting

**24 April 2003, 5.30pm
 ABN Amro, 250 Bishopgate
 'Control Risk Self Assessment
 and the IT Auditor'.
 John Mitchell, LHS Business
 Control**

This month's presentation will concentrate on the control side of risk management and will examine why the IT auditor needs to enlist the help of the IT department in order to meet the Turnbull requirements. Turkeys and Christmas spring to mind and John will give examples of the various responses that he has received to this initiative! On the other hand he will provide examples of IT departments that are now not only fully committed to control self assessment, but who are also pressurising their external auditors to accept its results. The importance of the control environment will be stressed and an audit hierarchy based on its effectiveness, or otherwise, will be introduced. John will discuss the various ways of documenting the risks and controls and will provide some humorous examples of its implementation and the subsequent findings of audit compliance testing. Finally, CRSA will be contrasted with the direct audit approach and its position in the audit tool box will be evaluated. Will sixty minutes be enough? Not for Mitchell, that's for certain. It's a good job that there is a bar afterwards otherwise he would never stop talking about this very interesting subject!

**John Mitchell, Managing
 Director, LHS Business
 Control**

John has been a member of the London Chapter since 1986 and has served as President, Treasurer, External Relations and Academic Relations directors. He is very active on the ISACA conference circuit and co-authored a book on Digital Signatures as part of an ISACA research initiative. John has been instrumental in introducing IT Governance to UK companies and he is a recognised authority on corporate governance and risk management. He is a Certified Information Systems Auditor, a Chartered Engineer, a Certified Fraud Examiner, a Fellow of the Institute of Internal Auditors (UK) and a Fellow of the British Computer Society, where he is a past member of its governing Council and past Chair of its Information Risk Management and Audit specialist group. He is currently the editor of one journal dealing with control issues and is on the editorial panel of another. He has been featured in a major British computing publication as the IT Detective. His doctorate in risk analysis techniques for audit planning was awarded by City University, London, England. His MBA in financial control was awarded, with distinction, by Middlesex University, England.

If you would like to attend the meeting, please email Nancy to reserve your place.

**Membership Meetings
 2003**

24 April 2003
CRSA & the IT Auditor
John Mitchell
 ABN-Amro, 250 Bishopgate

22 May 2003
*Data Protection - What's coming up &
 implications for systems
 (preceded by AGM)*
Stewart Dresner
 ABN-Amro, 250 Bishopgate

26 June 2003
Forensics
Ian Henderson
 ABN-Amro, 250 Bishopgate

If you wish to attend any of the above meetings, please email Nancy to reserve your place. Please note that the meetings are free to members but a fee of £20 will be charged for non-members.



