



# SC Midlands Chapter 54 of ISACA

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### Annual Certification Renewals

The annual renewal period is underway for all certificate holders. The renewal deadline is 15 January 2010. Individuals must report their total 2009 CPE hours and pay the maintenance fee to complete the renewal process.

To renew certifications online, certificate holders should log in to the ISACA web site using their personalized login credentials. In the "My ISACA" area of the web site, a link to "My Renewals" is provided in the left navigation menu.

### ISACA Web Site Redesign Update

Once launched, the new isaca.org will help personalize members' online experiences. Utilizing formal focus groups and surveys, ISACA members and web site users helped guide the redesign project toward advancements to make isaca.org more usable,

### From the President

**Happy Holidays to all! We look forward to seeing you in the New Year!** Be sure to check out our calendar for our monthly chapter seminars. Registration is open for seminars through the end of March. The April, May and June seminars will be posted soon.

**Calling all students! Be sure to click on the Students tab and find out about our scholarship offering:** We are accepting your papers from November 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009 and will judge them to find the two best entries. The winning entries will be awarded \$500 each to be used for your tuition or books or whatever you need. Fill out your application, submit your transcripts and get writing!

**Registration is still open for our January 6th, 2010 class on Desktop Configuration Compliance presented by Derek Melber:** Derek just presented a three day session at our State Internal Audit Conference and received excellent ratings! One of only eight MVPs in the world on Group Policy, Mr. Melber is often called upon to develop end-to-end solutions regarding Active Directory, Group Policy and security. His expertise includes extensive knowledge of Group Policy Preferences and Group Policy Management. Mr. Melber is also a nationally known trainer and author, focusing on Windows Server 2003/2008, Windows XP/Vista, Active Directory, Group Policy, and Windows security. Mr. Melber has written numerous books; including The Group Policy Resource Kit and Auditing Windows Security by the IIA. In addition, he is a contributing editor to WindowsSecurity.com, RIAG Journal, and other publications.

Sincerely,  
Sue Rusher  
2009 - 2010 President

### Desktop Configuration: Security and Standardization with the Latest in Group Policy

presented by Derek Melber, MSCE, MVP

**Date:** January 6th, 2010  
**Time:** 9:00 am to 3:30pm  
(Light Breakfast at 8:30am, Lunch at noon)  
**Location:** BlueCross Blueshield of South Carolina, Tower Auditorium, I-20 @ Alpine Road, Columbia, SC  
**CPEs:** 6 CPEs

#### What you will learn:

Microsoft paved the road to increased enterprise security, desktop standardization and compliance with Group Policy. This seminar will help drive you to these goals for your Active Directory and Group Policy enterprise.

Join Derek Melber, Group Policy MVP, Microsoft TechEd speaker, and author of the "Group Policy Resource Kit" by Microsoft Press, to learn how to leverage Group Policy to lockdown computers, reduce support costs and solve issues like:

- Eliminating Administrator Rights for all users and still allowing them to run all applications
- Adding additional Password Policies to Windows 2000/2003/2008 Active Directory domains
- Reducing logon scripting with Microsoft's New Group Policy Preferences

functional and valuable as a complete professional membership and knowledge portal.

Enhancements to the web site will include:

- **RSS feeds**-Select topical feeds from various knowledge and news sections of the site to keep up with the latest from ISACA International Headquarters and thought-leading members.
- **Bookmarks**-Bookmark pages, sections, documents and ongoing conversations for easy access, sharing and reference.
- **Saved searches**-Adding to robust search and content classification enhancements, maintain frequent searches, along with targeted suggestions based on a user's interests and browsing behavior.
- **Certification verification**- Online employer verification of certification holders will allow employers and potential employers to verify certification status. This enhancement builds on the prestige and accessibility of current certification holders while also helping to grow interest in becoming a certified professional. The renovated web site is expected to go live in the first half of 2010. Additional information is available online at [www.isaca.org/redesign](http://www.isaca.org/redesign) and [www.isaca.org/chapadmin](http://www.isaca.org/chapadmin).

## ISACA Board of Directors Nominations

Board of Directors Nominations  
The deadline to submit nominations for positions on the 2010-2011 ISACA Board of Directors is drawing near. To nominate an ISACA member to serve on the board, use the form that was sent to all members with volume 6 of the ISACA Journal®, mailed in November, and is posted at [www.isaca.org/participate](http://www.isaca.org/participate). Nominations are due 28 January 2010.

## ISACA Bookstore Update

The following are the latest ISACA research projects and peer-reviewed books available in the ISACA Bookstore:

- Applied Security Visualization
- Building an Effective Information Security Policy

- Allowing restricted users to self install approved applications and ActiveX controls

- Quickly inventorying all your software licenses and other IT Assets

- Achieving compliance with SOX, HIPAA, FDCC, ITIL, and GLB

In the seminar we will discuss how to leverage Group Policy to meet the standardization, security, and compliance needs in your organization. We will look at what is new in Windows Server 2008 Group Policy, how to best employ Group Policy Preferences, how these new features function on Windows XP/2003 clients, and will give you numerous tips and techniques to immediately implement into your Group Policy administration procedures.

The class is geared towards ALL IT security professionals, including auditors, administrators, security admins, CSO/CIO, etc.

### Pricing:

Regular Registration: December 4, 2009 - December 30, 2009  
\$130 - SC Midlands ISACA Members  
\$135 - Affiliate Members of IIA, SIAA, IMA, other ISACA chapters, etc.  
\$160 - Non-Members

Late Registration: December 31, 2009 - January 5, 2010  
\$140 - SC Midlands ISACA Members  
\$145 - Affiliate Members of IIA, SIAA, IMA, other ISACA chapters, etc.  
\$180 - Non-Members

**Derek Melber, MSCE, MVP**, is the President and CTO of BrainCore.Net, LLC, an independent technology consulting and education firm specializing in Microsoft-centric solutions. One of only eight MVPs in the world on Group Policy, Mr. Melber is often called upon to develop end-to-end solutions regarding Active Directory, Group Policy and security. His expertise includes extensive knowledge of Group Policy Preferences and Group Policy Management.

Mr. Melber is also a nationally known trainer and author, focusing on Windows Server 2003/2008, Windows XP/Vista, Active Directory, Group Policy, and Windows security. Mr. Melber has written numerous books; including The Group Policy Resource Kit and Auditing Windows Security by the IIA. In addition, he is a contributing editor to WindowsSecurity.com, RIAG Journal, and other publications.

## SC Midlands Chapter of ISACA Scholarship Competition Award

ISACA is a pace-setting organization for IT professionals focusing on information governance, security and audit. IT has become essential in managing the transactions, information and knowledge necessary to initiate and sustain business. Today's organizations rely upon individuals who know how to secure systems and evaluate and report on the adequacy of system controls, security practices, efficiency and effectiveness to assure that data integrity is protected and that systems comply with applicable policies, standards, laws and regulations. ISACA's 75,000+ members address these needs as IS auditors, consultants, educators, IS Security professionals, regulators, and chief information officers.

The SC Midlands Chapter of ISACA invites essay entries for the ISACA Scholarship Competition Award. To learn more about our organization and activities, please visit our web site at <http://www.scisaca.org/>

### Competition Overview:

Candidates should submit an application defining their qualifications for the scholarship and a copy of their transcript (photo copy okay) and a paper described below. The minimum qualifications for the scholarship are a Minor or Major in Information Systems Auditing, accounting, finance, management information systems, computer information systems, information systems auditing or criminal justice, and a GPA of 3.0 or greater (undergraduate) or 3.5 or greater (graduate).

Preference will be given to those currently pursuing a career in Information Systems Auditing, IT Governance, Information Security or who have published in those fields. Grade point average, number of articles published and level of professional involvement will also influence the selection.

- Architecture
- Computer Aided Fraud Prevention & Detection: A Step-by-Step Guide
- Emerging Topics and Technologies in Information Systems
- Enterprise Information Security and Privacy
- The Failure of Risk Management: Why It's Broken and How to Fix It
- Implementing and Continually Improving IT Governance\*
- Information Technology for Management: Improving Performance in the Digital Economy, 7th Edition
- IT Governance: Policies & Procedures, 2010 Edition
- IT Outsourcing Part 1: Contracting the Partner
- The Risk IT Framework\*
- The Risk IT Practitioner Guide\*
- Securing the Information Infrastructure
- Security, Audit and Control Features SAP ERP, 3rd Edition\*
- Security Monitoring
- Technology Scorecards: Aligning IT Investment With Business Performance

(\* Published by ISACA)

Visit [www.isaca.org/bookstore](http://www.isaca.org/bookstore), [www.isaca.org/newbooks](http://www.isaca.org/newbooks) or see the ISACA Journal Bookstore insert for additional information. Contact the Bookstore at [bookstore@isaca.org](mailto:bookstore@isaca.org) or +1.847.660.5650.

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Entries for the scholarship will be accepted from November 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009. Recipient(s) will be selected following the entry deadline and the scholarship(s) will be presented at a spring seminar meeting in Columbia, SC.

Candidates are to write an essay on an IT and control-related topic - possibilities defined on second page. Submissions will be judged by IT and Audit professionals who are Board Members of the SC Midlands Chapter of ISACA. Essays will be evaluated based on imagination and originality, ideas, relevance, clarity of thought, demonstrated understanding of the subject matter, organization, spelling, punctuation and grammar.

**Awards:**

Scholarships will be awarded to the top two submissions as decided by the SC Midlands Chapter of ISACA Chapter Board Members. All decisions are final. This scholarship is a one time award. Each recipient will receive \$500. Send entries, questions or comments to: [president@scisaca.org](mailto:president@scisaca.org).

## Elements of a Business Continuity Program

**Instructor:** Mike Upfield  
**Date:** February 3, 2010  
**Time:** 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm (Snack served)  
**CPEs:** 3 CPEs  
**Location:** SC Pharmacy Association  
 1350 Browning Road  
 Columbia SC, 29210

**What you will learn:**

All business continuity programs should contain basic elements in order to achieve the primary goal, which is to ensure that the organization continues to provide service and support for its customers and maintains its viability before, during, and after an event that interrupts operations. During this presentation we will examine these elements in detail, as well as approaches for establishing a business continuity program.

**Pricing:**

Early Bird: August 20, 2009 - January 7, 2010  
 \$20 - SC Midlands ISACA Members  
 \$25 - Affiliate Members of IIA, SIAA, IMA, other ISACA chapters, etc.  
 \$40 - Non-Members

Regular Registration: January 8, 2010 - January 26, 2010  
 \$30 - SC Midlands ISACA Members  
 \$35 - Affiliate Members of IIA, SIAA, IMA, other ISACA chapters, etc.  
 \$60 - Non-Members

Late Registration: January 27, 2010 - February 2, 2010  
 \$40 - SC Midlands ISACA Members  
 \$45 - Affiliate Members of IIA, SIAA, IMA, other ISACA chapters, etc.  
 \$80 - Non-Members

**Mike Upfield, CBCP**, is the Manager of Business Continuity and Crisis Management for BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina (BlueCross). He has been with BlueCross since 1993, and has worked with a number of areas including Government Programs anti-fraud efforts and statistical analysis prior to developing the in-house Business Continuity Program beginning in 2004.

Prior to joining BlueCross, Mike worked as a production engineer where he was involved in projects incorporating information technology into manufacturing processes. Mike holds an M.B.A. from the University of South Carolina and a Bachelors degree in Engineering and Computer Science from Vanderbilt University.

## "The Privacy Landscape" and "Is Your Network Safe?"

The Privacy Landscape - Instructor: Linda Weeks  
 Is Your Network Safe? - Instructor: Dell Collins II  
**Date:** March 3, 2010  
**Time:** 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm (Snack Served)  
**CPEs:** 3 CPEs  
**Location:**

BlueCross BlueShield of SC  
4101 Percival Road, 2nd Floor Hub  
Columbia, SC 29219

What you will learn:

### **The Privacy Landscape**

What is Privacy? Why do you need to protect it? How can you protect it? Linda will explore the essential aspects of the various privacy laws. She will discuss what has happened to others who did not do enough to protect the privacy of others and offer best practices you can use to safeguard privacy.

### **Is your Network Safe? A new look at an old list.**

With the changing times and the current shrinking digital divide it has become necessary to take a fresh look at the old infrastructure security philosophies and best practices. This presentation is designed to leave the audience with the knowledge to begin asking hard questions regarding the security of their infrastructure; and with the ability to begin having earnest dialogs to address the current defense of critical information and systems with those who are responsible for the security of their company infrastructure.

### **Pricing:**

Early Bird: August 20, 2009 - February 4, 2010

\$20 - SC Midlands ISACA Members

\$25 - Affiliate Members of IIA, SIAA, IMA, other ISACA chapters, etc.

\$40 - Non-Members

Regular Registration: February 5, 2010 - February 25, 2010

\$30 - SC Midlands ISACA Members

\$35 - Affiliate Members of IIA, SIAA, IMA, other ISACA chapters, etc.

\$60 - Non-Members

Late Registration: February 26, 2010 - March 2, 2010

\$40 - SC Midlands ISACA Members

\$45 - Affiliate Members of IIA, SIAA, IMA, other ISACA chapters, etc.

\$80 - Non-Members

**Linda Weeks** is the Manager of the Corporate Privacy Office for BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina, a position she has held for the past six years. In this role, she is charged with overseeing the development and execution of the corporate HIPAA privacy compliance program for BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina and its subsidiaries. Linda holds a certification as an Information Privacy Professional through the International Association of Privacy Professionals.

Prior to BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina, Linda was the Information Systems Director of Public Programs for APS Healthcare and owner of a computer consulting company providing software development and network installation and support services.

**Dell Collins II** has over 20 years of experience in infrastructure security and white-hat hacking.

## **Best Paper Contest**

Two awards of \$500 each are being offered to promote knowledge in Information Systems Auditing. In addition, the winners will have the opportunity of being published in the Information Systems Control Journal® and in the ISACA® SC Chapter website. Papers should be typewritten, a minimum of 2,500 words and follow the Chicago Manual of Style or APA Style using endnotes, rather than footnotes, to credit sources.

Minimum criteria for the paper are:

- Original material on a current topic related to Information Systems Auditing
- Well researched with the majority (>50%) of the references less than 2 years old
- Paper must be well organized and free from grammar and spelling errors
- Preference will be given to papers that are presented in a format that is easy to read and understand.

Possible topics include:

- Managing Spyware
- Identity Theft
- Patch Management
- Intrusion Prevention Systems (IPS)
- Event Log Correlation
- Computer Forensics Tools
- Securing Wireless
- Spam Filtering
- Voice Over IP (VoIP) - Security Controls/Risks
- Honey pots

Papers will be accepted from November 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009. Winners will be announced during a spring seminar meeting of the South Carolina Midlands Chapter of ISACA®.

All award recipients are subject to approval by the Board of Directors of the SC Midlands Chapter. Awards will not be given if candidates do not meet minimum qualifying criteria.

Send papers with transcripts, questions or comments to:

[president@scisaca.org](mailto:president@scisaca.org)

**ISACA® SC Midlands Chapter  
2009 Best Paper Contest Application**

Please accept my application for one award totaling \$500 being offered to promote knowledge in Information Systems Auditing for the 2009 - 2010 academic year, sponsored by the ISACA® - SC Midlands Chapter. Papers will be accepted from November 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009.

I am a full-time undergraduate or graduate student taking at least 12 semester hours, or equivalent, per term at an accredited four-year college or university in South Carolina with a declared major in accounting, finance, management information systems, computer information systems, information systems auditing or criminal justice. (Junior college, community college, and high school students - including graduating seniors - are not eligible to apply.)

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

College or university \_\_\_\_\_

How many years here? \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated graduation date \_\_\_\_\_

Academic advisor \_\_\_\_\_

I have certified to the best of my ability the following:

- Original material on a current topic related to Information Systems Auditing
- Well researched with the majority (>50%) of the references less than 2 years old
- A paper well organized and free from grammar and spelling errors
- I release my name and paper to be published in the Information Systems Control Journal® and in the ISACA® SC Chapter website and newsletter.
- Paper is typewritten, a minimum of 2,500 words and follow the Chicago Manual of Style or APA Style using endnotes, rather than footnotes, to credit sources.

I hereby certify that all of the information on this application and on my enclosures is true and correct.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Required components: Application, paper and transcripts

Applications must be postmarked by December 31, 2009. I also understand that it is my responsibility to ensure that the ISACA® SC Chapter receives all required components of my application package by the deadline. Recipients will be selected in the spring of 2010. Winners will be announced at a spring 2010 seminar meeting of the SC Midlands Chapter of ISACA®. All award recipients are subject to approval by the Board of Directors of the SC Midlands Chapter. Awards will not be given if candidates do not meet minimum qualifying criteria.

Applications and additional questions should be addressed to:

ISACA® SC Chapter Academic Relations Committee  
[president@scisaca.org](mailto:president@scisaca.org)