

San Francisco Chapter



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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PRESIDENT**

INITIATIVES TO FURTHER ENHANCE CHAPTER WILL HIGHLIGHT 2008/2009

Our San Francisco Chapter is in full swing and is having a terrific 2008/2009 year. Our continued success has been built upon the volunteer efforts of our membership, our Board of Directors, and many others. Thanks for all the hard work and your continued support of our San Francisco Chapter.

I would also like to thank our Past President, and one of our Chapter's most dedicated leaders, Kevin Fried. Under Kevin's tireless leadership, our Chapter expanded membership, executed a year of extremely beneficial monthly education sessions and our signature Fall Conference, hosted Western Region President's Council Meeting (PCM), upgraded our financial application to QuickBooks and automated our event registration process. On behalf of the entire Chapter, I would like to thank Kevin for his tremendous efforts and continued support. Of course, behind every great leader, there is a great team, and last year was no exception. I'd like to thank the entire 2007/08 Board of Directors, the Committee Chairs and volunteers, our membership, and everyone who participated in making the 2007/08 year a success!

Building on the momentum established last year, we are having a very successful 2008/09 year. Our Chapter continues to take advantage of opportunities to improve the value we deliver to our membership and promote our profession. As I mentioned at our Annual General Meeting in July, our primary goal this year is to respond to the membership's suggestions in our survey and continue to increase the value we deliver to our members. Our BOD and Committee

Chairs are working on a number of initiatives to achieve our goals. These initiatives include the build out of our annual calendar of educational events based on your responses to the membership survey, improvements in the board's documentation repositories, development of new chapter policies and procedures to enhance communication and operational efficiency, continuing to streamline the event registration and CPE certificate distribution process, reinstatement of the scholarship program for student members, and the membership outreach program.

We have witnessed great successes in the first few events this year. Our 2008 Fall Conference was well attended by more than 200 participants, including 16 sponsors, 50+ speakers and 130+ participants. Our October educational event focusing on the topic of business continuity planning had 45+ attendants. Additionally, our chapter membership has increased to 938 members as of October 18, 2008. All these accomplishments could not have been achieved without the focus and dedication of a very talented team. I would like to thank this year's officers, directors, and committee chairs which include:

- Vikram Panjwani – 1st Vice President
- Steve Owyong – 2nd Vice President
- Al Lavassani – Secretary
- Tim Stapleton – Treasurer
- Kevin Fried – Past President
- Christina Cheng – Director
- Sandra Lee – Director
- Mary Lee – Director
- Heather Ouellette – Director
- Steve Shofner - Director
- Debra Mallette – Director
- Todd Weinman – Director

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Our 2008/09 Committee Chairs are:
Simi Sohi – Academic Relations Co-Chair
Keshav Malani – Academic Relations Co-Chair
Steve Owyong – Communication Co-Chair and Membership Co-Chair
Paulina Fraser – Communication Co-Chair
Mike Nelson – Membership Co-Chair and Webmaster
Heather Ouellette – Education Co-Chair
Thej Mehta – Education Co-Chair
Vikram Panjwani – CISA Review Committee Co-Chair
Jim Lucas – CISA Review Committee Co-Chair
Grigory Barbachov – CISA Review Committee Co-Chair
Christina Cheng – CISM Review Committee Co-Chair and Marketing Committee Co-Chair
Sumit Kaltra – Marketing Committee Co-Chair
Ashok Kumar – CISM Review Committee Co-Chair
Debra Mallette – CGEIT Review Committee Co-Chair
Tim Stapleton – Fall Conference Committee Co-Chair

Steve Shofner – Fall Conference Committee Co-Chair
Carrie Deng – Policies and Procedures Committee Co-Chair
Al Lavassani - Policies and Procedures Committee Co-Chair
Bill Davidson - Policies and Procedures Committee Co-Chair and Historian
Kenny Cheng – Volunteer Chair

I am honored to take on the role as Chapter President and I'm looking forward to continuing to build on this year's growth and success. I look forward to seeing all of you at our future events. Take care!

Conny Cheng,
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PRESIDENT

An Invitation to Learn More About the San Francisco Chapter

The San Francisco Chapter's Audit Committee is recruiting for a volunteer to audit the Chapter's financial records for the period July 2007-June 2008. We are seeking an enthusiastic and energetic professional who has an interest in learning about the Chapter's financial activities. In this role, the candidate will also be actively engaged with the Chapter's Board of Directors and leadership team. The annual audit must be completed by January 31, 2009, and the estimated time commitment is about 20 hours over the next few months. Please contact Conny Cheng at president@sfisaca.org for more information about this fantastic opportunity to network and contribute to the Chapter's continuing success.

Highlights from the 2008 Fall Conference

What Attendees Said

“For the price, the conference was one of the best values I’ve ever received in my professional career. Once again, my compliments to the team for a job well done.” – Eric Grant

“I think this year’s conference was the best one I have attended so far. They just get better every year. The material was current and highly relevant to the issues we are dealing with on our team. For the most part, the instructors were well prepared, the handouts were very detailed and the information was well-presented.” – Sheila Goodson



A group of attendees enjoying themselves at the raffle luncheon that took place on the second day of the conference.

Attendee Charles Wood, left, is all smiles after receiving a great raffle prize from Symantec.





Doug Feil, left, and Todd Weinman are members who've attended their share of SF ISACA Fall Conferences.

Riya Farias, right, is among the many attendees who made off with alluring prizes at the raffle luncheon.



Chapter Members Approve Updated By-Laws

A special membership meeting was held on October 23 to approve an updated set of By-Laws for the Chapter. As Chapter President Conny Cheng and By-Laws Committee Chair Bill Davidson explained, the revisions were mostly minor improvements in language, structure, and organization, and several changes requested by ISACA International.

ISACA Wants ... Your Friends

The ISACA 2009 Member-Get-A-Member (MGAM) Campaign is underway. This is the second time that this campaign will be offered. It is an exciting opportunity for ISACA constituents to share the benefits of ISACA membership with their colleagues, while also earning a chance to win prizes for their recruiting efforts. All members will receive a personal e-mail from ISACA International inviting them to participate in the campaign. Members should access the campaign using the specific URL provided in their unique invitation to participate. The program will be available through 29 April 2009. Prizes for the campaign are:

- **GRAND PRIZE (US\$ 1,000)** ~ For the member who recruits the most full-dues* paying new members;
- **SECOND PRIZE (US\$ 500)** ~ For the member who recruits the second highest number of full-dues* paying new members,
- **RANDOM DRAWING (US\$ 500)** ~ One randomly selected winner will be chosen. Each member will receive one entry in the drawing for each full-dues* paying new member recruited.

*** Full-dues paying members are those who pay US\$ 130 + local chapter dues (if applicable) + the new member fee.**

ISACA International is very excited about the new MGAM campaign! We welcome and encourage you to help the membership grow.

New Members in 2008

Stephen Scheiman
Sharon Kao
Patin Ma
Ronnie Chow
Kenneth Chi
Tatiana Hodges
Jaylen Luan
Vincent Samuel
Monica O'Reilly
Donald Tai
Gary Kopel
Timothy Howe
Mihoko Fujita Ward
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Alfredo Lopez
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Chris Mandeville
Alan Corker
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Paige Chaney
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Sampo Laine
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David Van Vleck
Abhay Damle
Tom Icabone
Barbara Braasch
Paul Poteete
Sam Rollins
Robert Van Zant
Cathalina Kung
Shahram Sangari
Lloyd Miller
Hassan Javed
Nigel Smith
Gray McDowell
Ronald Rittinger
Samantha Fordyce
Leslie Lambert
Pw Carey

Rowel Padilla
Pedro Zuniga
Kamal Nabjee
Vinnie Lui
Andy Hilliard
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Feven Amanios
John Westbury
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Michael Dore
Laurel Bellon
Paul Grojean
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Eric Chiang
Justin Clarke
Laura Rosete
Edgar Guerra
Venetia Thornton-Robinson
Jeff Teixeira
John Kaveski
Laura Ling
George Polivka
Matthew Michaelson
Lon Quellos
Jeffrey Barret



San Francisco, California

December 2008 - SF ISACA Holiday PARTY

Please come join the SF ISACA Holiday PARTY at the Hotel Nikko.

You are cordially invited to join us for an evening of food, drink, networking, and Chapter recognitions. Come and mingle within the Chapter and walk away with some great gifts. For an extra \$20, please bring a guest! We will be honoring the GISA and GISM individuals who have recently passed their exam.

Hors d'oeuvres as well as cocktails will be served.

Details are as follows:

***Cost: SF ISACA Chapter Members Free
June 08 GISA/GISM Passers Free
Non-SF ISACA Chapter Members \$20.00***

Date: Tuesday, December 16th

Time: 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (7:00 pm GISA/GISM Recognition)

Where: Hotel Nikko

***Address: 222 Mason St. (between Ellis & O'Farrell)
San Francisco, CA 94105***

Register: <http://www.sfisaca.org>

*****THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 11TH.
(We are trying to establish a headcount, so please RSVP!)***

Cancellation Policy: If after submitting your reservation you determine that you need to cancel, please do so at least 72 hours prior to the event by contacting the registration coordinator. Our Chapter is billed for reservations made with our facilities provider, and we will have to pass the charges on to you. Thank you for your cooperation.

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