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May, 2004

*Monthly Meeting*  
*Wednesday, May 19, 2004*  
*Awards Night*

Pre-Dinner Topic: **“ACCESS 2000 PRIMER”**  
Mike Stolarczyk, Jefferson Wells International  
Brandon Weinbaum, DTE Energy

After-Dinner Topic: **“GETTING THE MOST OUT OF ACCESS IN YOUR  
AUDITS AND DATA ANALYSIS ”**  
Mike Stolarczyk, Jefferson Wells International  
Brandon Weinbaum, DTE Energy

Date: Wednesday, May 19, 2004

Time: 4:30-5:00 Registration/Networking  
5:00-6:00 Before-Dinner Presentation  
6:00-7:00 Dinner  
7:00-8:00 After-Dinner Presentation

Location: Tapestry  
24580 Evergreen  
Southfield, Michigan 48075  
(248) 356-5602

Cost: \$25.00 Members  
\$35.00 Non-Members  
\$10.00 Students and Retirees

Reservations will be taken by Suzanne McCormick. Please make reservations by NOON on Friday, May 14. You can make your reservation online at [isaca-det.org](http://isaca-det.org) or e-mail your reservation to Suzanne McCormick at [jsmccor65@aol.com](mailto:jsmccor65@aol.com). If you do not have access to the Internet, call Suzanne at (248) 471-3075. Please include your name, certification, company, telephone number, and whether you are a Member, Non-member, Student or Retiree. All e-mail reservations will receive a personal confirmation that the reservation was received. Walk-ins are welcome.

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## *Letter from the President*

Dear Members,

The May newsletter is the last opportunity your outgoing president has to write on what is important to the Chapter. I would like to choose two topics, the educational program and the professionalism of chapter members.

We have been extremely fortunate in being able to bring a wide variety of speakers to you in the past nine months, and that is primarily due to the efforts of our program chair, Paul Haley. Through no small effort, Paul managed to bring a wide variety of speakers and disciplines to you, and to introduce to the members some materials outside the norm of IT “speak”; a prime example being the topic of Electric Choice and Energy audits presented in April by Joe McCormick. We have seen a growth in diversity of interests of attendees in our meetings and I believe Paul was instrumental in making that happen. What was very refreshing was the seamless manner in which everything happened: topics were recommended, approved, speakers selected, contacted and committed, all well in advance of the speaking dates. Thank you, Paul, for bringing an excellent program to our members. Unbelievably, Paul is already well on his way to having the 2004-2005 program year laid out!

Professional certification and the means and encouragement to attain it are critical to the continued growth of our Chapter. People will seek association with us if they perceive it to be an opportunity to better their own career, network with people of similar interest, stay current with the teachings of their profession, and give back a little so that others may also grow. To that end, the CISA certification is a means to remaining current, having high standards, and ultimately benefiting those who have it, or need the skills of individuals who do have it.

A little research on the ISACA International Web revealed that IT professionals holding the CISA certifications earned the largest gains in premium bonus pay among 39 technical skills certification programs studied by Foote Partners, LLC during 2002 and 2003. The survey noted that during 2002-2003, CISA holders had a 38% increase in premium bonus pay compared with a 5.6 % decline for all certifications surveyed. ISACA has over

35000 members worldwide and there are 31000 people with the CISA Certification!

If any of you have looked at recent employment offerings, CISA is frequently the certification requested by firms seeking IT professional auditors and other related disciplines.

Your Detroit Area Chapter has begun its annual CISA review course to prepare individuals for the annual June 12 exam. Although the deadline has passed for registration for the June exam, it is not too late to begin preparing for the 2005 June exam. There are requirements for certification which include completing the exam, experience as an Information Systems Auditor (some waivers are available), adherence to the code of ethics, adherence to continuing the professional education program, and compliance with the ISACA’s Information Systems Auditing Standards.

Two final notes:

- We promised to bring technology to you. Well, we have fully implemented the electronic newsletter to our membership and have extended that capability to electronic balloting for the election of our officers and Board.
- To end the Chapter year with a blockbuster, we are bringing to the membership two hours of concentrated Access training tailored to getting the most out of the software during an audit engagement. Mike Stolarczyk of Jefferson Wells International and Brandon Weinbaum of DTE Energy have prepared what promises to be an excellent take-away for use in future audits.

I hope to see you at the May Chapter meeting. It is our awards night and we wish to ensure a good turnout when we say thank you to those who contributed so faithfully throughout the year.

John W. McCormick, CISA, CIA  
President  
Detroit Chapter ISACA

**PRE-DINNER – AFTER-DINNER  
SPEAKERS**

**Mike Stolarczyk, Jefferson Wells International  
Brandon Weinbaum, DTE Energy**

Mike Stolarczyk is currently a Professional Consultant with Jefferson Wells International. Mike has more than 20 years of diverse experience in information technology (IT) audit supervision, IT auditing, risk assessment, systems analysis, system development, project management, and computer programming. Mike is also an instructor with Jefferson Wells University.

Prior to joining Jefferson Wells International he was an IT Audit Supervisor at Kmart Corporation. Previously Mike worked at Ford Motor Company for over sixteen years in the audit department and various systems areas. He also has over seven years retail experience in the electronic and bicycle industries in management and sales.

He is a Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA) and holds a BA in Economics from the University of Michigan. He is past Vice President of the Detroit ISACA chapter and a member of the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA).

Brandon Weinbaum is currently an Information Technology (IT) Senior Auditor with DTE Energy. Brandon has more than 10 years of diverse experience in IT arena ranging from IT auditing to ERP project management and from risk assessment analysis to data mining.

Prior to joining DTE Energy he was an Oracle System Administrator at Kelly Services Corporation. Previously, Brandon worked at numerous public accounting firms for over five years in the IT audit department.

He is a Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA) and holds a BS in Accounting from the Miami University (Ohio). He is a member of both the Detroit ISACA chapter and Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA).

**PRE-DINNER – AFTER-DINNER  
TOPICS**

**“Access 2000 Primer”  
“Getting The Most Out Of Access In Your  
Audits And Data Analysis”**

Come and listen to Mike and Brandon present a “crash” course in Access 2000 in the pre-dinner presentation. They will take you through the Access 2000 basics of tables, queries, reports, macros and switchboards. They will demonstrate the basics using sample databases and easy to follow examples. See how this all relates to a risk assessment database that Mike had developed in Excel and has converted into Microsoft Access. All attendees will receive a copy of this risk assessment database.

After dinner Brandon and Mike will take you through a series of examples that will show you how to develop queries and reports to support your audit efforts and data analysis. They will discuss various CAATs (Computer Assisted Audit Techniques) that can be developed using Access. Learn how to develop tables, queries and reports that can help you zero in on fraudulent activities, identify duplicate payments to vendors, overpayments to suppliers, suspicious or erroneous transactions, or ineffective controls. They will share valuable tips and techniques from their vast experiences with Access in the real world.

All attendees will receive a CD-ROM that contains all of the examples and exercises discussed during the presentation. It will also contain Mike’s risk assessment model, sample access databases, queries, modules and reports. Rumor has it that Mike will also bring his usual bag of prizes so don’t miss this chance to win some fabulous(?) prizes.

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## YEAR AT A GLANCE

May 14, 2004  
May 19, 2004

Reservations due by noon for the May 19 ISACA dinner meeting  
Chapter Meeting  
“MS Access – How to Use in an Audit” – Mike Stolarczyk and Paul Haley  
Above topic and speakers for both pre-dinner and after-dinner  
CISA and CISM Exams

June 12, 2004



RCG is currently seeking highly skilled Auditing Professionals for the following direct hire opportunities:

- IT Auditor
- Internal Auditor – Financial and Operational

Position requires 5-7 years of auditing experience. Ideal candidates will have experience applying COSO principles and risk analysis techniques to a variety of business environments. Sarbanes-Oxley analysis and documentation experience is highly preferred. Candidates that possess a CIA, CPA, CISA, CISSP, CISA or CISM are also preferred. There will be 30-40% travel. Salary is commensurate with experience.

To learn more about these and other opportunities  
Please contact Allan Kochanek, RCG Program Recruiter at  
(248) 538-8894 x247 or [akochanek@resourceconsultinggroup.com](mailto:akochanek@resourceconsultinggroup.com)

## 14th WORLD CONGRESS ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

**CONGRESS THEME: “The Future is Now”**

**ATHENS – GREECE, 19-21 MAY 2004**

**MAIN TOPICS:**

**Day 1, 19 May 2004 – Telecommunications**

**Day 2, 20 May 2004 – Information Technology**

**Day 3, 21 May 2004 – E-democracy/E-government**

**PRE-CONGRESS FORA, 18 MAY 2004:**

**IT SECURITY FORUM \* BROADBAND & WI-FI FORUM \* GRID SERVICES FORUM \* E-BUSINESS W@TCH FORUM**

To view details about the fora and confirmed speakers please visit  
[http://www.worldcongress2004.org/category.php?category\\_id=213](http://www.worldcongress2004.org/category.php?category_id=213)

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Our Program Chairperson, Paul Haley, poses with the pre-dinner speaker at the April meeting, Brett Valentine, who is a Senior Associate, Technology and Data Services Practice, PricewaterhouseCoopers.

This is the last issue of the Databyte for the 2003-2004 chapter year. Look for this publication in August when we start production for the 2004 – 2005 chapter year with our September issue. During the summer months, have a great time and come back to the meetings in September refreshed and ready for another exciting year. A big thanks goes to Mike Ross for his pictures taken during the past chapter year. Unfortunately, we have had room for only a few of the great pictures

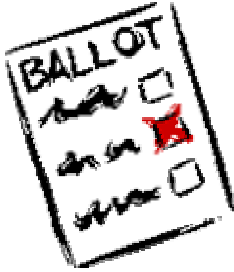


Paul Haley with the April after-dinner speaker, Joseph A. McCormick, Manager, Budget and Management Information, Electric Choice, Detroit Edison.

MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THE MAY 19 ISACA DINNER MEETING  
AWARDS NIGHT  
EXCELLENT SPEAKERS AND TOPICS  
SPECIAL MEAL  
YOUR LAST CHANGE TO WISH YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS A GREAT SUMMER

## Electronic Ballots

This year, for the first time, electronic ballots were sent to the majority (only 12 hard copies had to be sent) of the members of the local ISACA to vote for the slate of officers and board for the 2004 – 2005 Detroit ISACA Chapter year. So far, 52 ballots have been returned with the votes marked. Be sure to return your ballot and make your voice heard. The slate for officers and board for the coming year are:

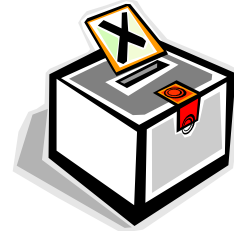


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Vice President – Patti Earl-Cole  
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Secretary – Michael Forrest

### DIRECTORS

(3 Year Term)  
Andrea Stromar  
Jamshid Sadghiyani  
James Watson



## COMING IN OCTOBER

**30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF DETROIT CHAPTER ISACA**

**REUNION OF PAST PRESIDENTS AND MEMBERS**

**GOURMET MEAL, PRIZES, SPECIAL SPEAKER**

**LOOK FOR DETAILS IN YOUR SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER**

**DON'T MISS OUT**

## Recent ISACA Certifications

### CISA Certification

Bryan Linton Cartwright  
Christine Lydick

### CISM Certification

Lisa C. Bryson  
Brenda Fantroy-Johnson  
David J. Lee

John C. Pearson  
Patrick A. Powers  
Jerry L. Raymor  
Antonio D. Robinson

Mark Paul Stifter  
Timothy Charles Whitmer  
Michael Laren Yaskanin



Shown in the picture at the left is the 2003 – 2004 President, John McCormick, the Vice President, Karine Wegrzynowicz and the Program Chairperson, Paul Haley.

## **Make Use Of Your Resources Go To WWW.ISACA.ORG**

COBIT has been developed as a generally applicable and accepted standard for good Information Technology (IT) security and control practices that provides a reference framework for management, users, and IS audit, control and security practitioners.

COBIT, issued by the IT Governance Institute and now in its third edition, is increasingly internationally accepted as good practice for control over information, IT and related risks. Its guidance enables an enterprise to implement effective governance over the IT that is pervasive and intrinsic throughout the enterprise. In particular, COBIT's Management Guidelines component contains a framework responding to management's need for control and measurability of IT by providing tools to assess and measure the enterprise's IT capability for the 34 COBIT IT processes. The tools include:

- Performance measurement elements (outcome measures and performance drivers for all IT processes)
- A list of critical success factors that provides succinct, nontechnical best practices for each IT process
- Maturity models to assist in benchmarking and decision-making for capability improvements

Much of COBIT is available for [download](#) on a complimentary basis. Hard copies are available for purchase from ISACA.

COBIT components include:

- *Executive Summary*
- *Framework*
- *Control Objectives*
- *Audit Guidelines*
- *Implementation Tool Set*
- *Management Guidelines*

### **What's New**

- Webcast presents new guidance on importance of IT controls for Sarbanes-Oxley
- COBIT from Cyber India Online
- COBIT Adopted by Paraguayan Superintendency of Banks
- COBIT IT Control Framework Adopted in Argentina and Uruguay
- COBIT Online
- Uruguay Central Bank adopts COBIT for entire Uruguayan Financial Market
- Ernst & Young
- Make IT Governance an Integral Part of the Enterprise

### **Articles**

- [Quality Model Mania](#)
- [IT governance: is it the answer?](#)
- [Guidelines Meld IT Governance, Sarbanes-Oxley Compliance](#)
- [Setting IT Priorities When There's Too Much To Do](#)
- [Stop the Merry-Go-Round and Let Me Off!](#)

## Monthly Highlights

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## Menu – May 19, 2004

### DINNER BUFFET

FIELD GREENS with  
Mandarin Oranges & Raspberry Vinaigrette  
SLICED SIRLOIN with  
Portabello Mushrooms and burgundy Wine Sauce  
BREAST OF CHICKEN PICATTA with  
Asparagus and Mornay Sauce  
LASAGNA with Traditional Italian Meat Sauce  
SWEET CORN with Peppers and Onions  
GARLIC-MASHED YUKON GOLD POTATOES  
RASPBERRY SORBET



**OPEN BAR**  
BEER AND WINE ONLY  
NO OTHER LIQUOR AVAILABLE  
VEGETARIAN PLATE AVAILABLE  
(VEGETARIAN PLATE AVAILABLE BY PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY)

The Chapter must provide the number of reservations by **NOON** on the Friday before the meeting. To ensure that we can accommodate those who wish to attend and the facility can provide the best service possible, please make your reservations early. If you have made a reservation and cannot attend, please call Suzanne McCormick at (248) 471-3075. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

### New Detroit Chapter Members

Michael M. Chitavi  
Melissa Amanda Williams

### April Drawing Winners

Ed Barszcz  
Ron Murphy  
John Quaine  
Kevin L. Warner

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