

ISSA SOUTH TEXAS CHAPTER

ISSA News Letter For December 2012



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As always, please feel free to contact me with any suggestions or requests to improve these emails or our chapter.
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Luncheon Program

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Luncheon Topic:

The Annual South Texas Chapter business meeting and elections ([info below](#)), followed by....

The InfoSec Challenge

As yet another year has quickly passed it is time again for the InfoSec Challenge Contest, the game of skill where **WE** the membership engage in a team competition to determine who has the best security skill and current cyber affairs knowledge. InfoSec Challenge is a team skills challenge event, your team consisting of the members and guests from your table. Choose where your table carefully. The contest is played in three rounds: The InfoSec Challenge Round, InfoSec Challenge2 Round where points double, and Final InfoSec Challenge where the top three tables can wager any amount up to the amount earned during the first two rounds. Features of the contest include a familiar clue/question format plus the InfoSec Double and a few surprise chances to earn significant points. The Clue/Questions are arranged in categories that are revealed at the beginning of each round. Table numbers are drawn by lot for the opportunity to provide a question that fits the clue until either all clues are revealed or time expires.

Don't Miss The InfoSec Challenge!

To allow everyone an opportunity to prepare, tune their security skills, and earn a few CPEs, material will be taken from:

- ISC)2 InfoSecurity Professional, Issues 16 to 19 (2 CPEs each by taking the test)
- ISSA Journal, Volume 10, Issues 8 to 11 (5 CPEs for any one journal subscription – one time per year)
- The four (4) most recent on-demand ISSA Web Conferences (usually 2 CPEs each)
- The four (4) most recent recorded (ISC)2 e-symposium events (3 CPEs each)
- The www.isc2.org and www.issa.org websites
- The local ISSA Chapter monthly luncheon topics
- The CISSP CBK

- For the 48 Members who attended the chapter's new training, earning at least 36 CPEs, material from the Chapter's new EH/PT class
- And some material taken from current events and other fun places

Volunteers Needed:

As in past years, producing and staging this fun event requires a few dedicated people to serve as score keepers and judges. Those willing to help produce and stage the event should contact programs@southtexas.issa.org. Also, anyone who wants to offer an idea for a category or a clue response pair please send you suggestions to secretary@southtexas.issa.org.

Our Producer:

James (aka Jimmie) Keddie, Tuscan Research

Bio:

Jimmie Keddie is a four year member of our own South Texas (Houston) Chapter of ISSA. This will be the fifth year that he and Tuscan Research have produced the InfoSec Challenge security skills contest. Jimmie, who is semi-retired, spent over forty years in software development, telecommunications engineering, security architecture, and IT management. An Operations Research and Computer Scientist by training, he has designed real time and process control solutions for the rubber industry, worked on the earliest 911 systems and tactical fire control systems, and was director and chief architect for one of the earliest cellular data networks installed in Washington DC, New York, and Boston. He then moved to Houston, where he designs secure communication systems for the oil field services industry. Now, if he could just figure out and get the hang of texting, instant messaging, and Facebook maybe he could communicate with his grandson.

2012 InfoSec Challenge Master of Ceremonies:

Gary Leibowitz, will be this years Master of Ceremonies for our Chapter's 2012 InfoSec Challenge Contest is Gary Leibowitz. Gary is a frequent attendee of Chapter meetings, regularly helps out with Chapter events, well known for his support of our Chapter both at conferences like SecureWorld. His warm lighthearted conversation and ability to communicate the mission and benefits of our Chapter compels most conference attendees to visit our booth and has earned the Chapter several new members.

Gary Leibowitz is a technology executive with extensive international experience in high-tech sales, marketing, business development, P&L and general management. Past callings include General Manager at Panda Security USA, Field Marketing VP for Americas at BMC Software, EMEA Channels VP at BMC Software and Security Sales VP at BMC and New Dimension Software. Gary is currently VP of Sales and Marketing for Dexa Systems, a strong sponsor of our Chapter.

Date:

December 13th, 2012

Time Schedule:

11:15 a.m. Registration / Networking
11:30 a.m. Luncheon / Networking
11:45 a.m. Chapter Business Meeting
11:55 a.m. Sponsor Presentation
12:00 noon Presentation
1:00 p.m. Adjourn

Location:

HESS - Houston Engineering and Scientific Society Club

5430 Westheimer at Yorktown. (Free Garage Parking)

Advance Registration Appreciated

Meeting Business:

***ISSA SOUTH TEXAS CHAPTER
Call for 2013 Board Nominations Closed***

Members of the South Texas Chapter may review the nominations by clicking on this [link](#). Below are the approved changes to the bylaws:

On November 30th 2012 the South Texas (Houston) Chapter, ISSA Inc. Board of Directors adopted an amendment to Article IV of the Chapter bylaws by replacing the article's full text. The Chapter membership is asked to vote on ratification of this adopted text thereby creating an additional four Board positions for a total of twelve Chapter officers. The Board adopted text of Article IV being put forth for membership ratification reads as follows:

--- begin replacement text for Article IV ---

"SECTION 1. The officers of the Chapter must be general members in good standing as of the date of their election and meet the qualifications and requirements for the position they hold. These officers shall be:

- * President
- * Vice President
- * Recording Secretary
- * Treasurer
- * Membership Director
- * Communications Director
- * Correspondence Director
- * Web Site director
- * Education Director
- * Marketing Promotions Director
- * Sponsor Relations Director, and
- * Professional Association Liaison.

These officers shall constitute the Board of Directors. The President shall act as Chairperson thereof.

SECTION 2. The President shall be the executive head of the Chapter and shall preside at all meetings of the Chapter. The President shall have the power to call special meetings if deemed necessary for the benefit of the Chapter and shall have the deciding vote in case of tied decision.

The President shall cause the Chapter Bylaws to be reviewed each year by the Chapter Board of Directors. This review shall be for the purpose of familiarizing each Board Member with the duties and responsibilities of their office and to identify any changes that may be required to keep the Bylaws current.

SECTION 3. The Vice President and Program Director shall attend to the duties of the President in his/her absence or in case the President's office may become vacant for any cause whatever, and shall attend to any other duties as the President may require. The Vice President and Program Director shall also have primary responsibility for planning the program for the membership monthly meetings.

A. The Program Director may appoint up to three (3) non-voting Assistant Program Directors, with ratification by the board, who shall become coordinators of event programs or tracks as assigned by the Program Director.

SECTION 4. The Recording Secretary shall record and keep minutes of all meetings, and shall maintain the official records of the Chapter.

SECTION 5. The Treasurer shall collect all membership dues and other monies or articles of value belonging to the Chapter, and shall keep an accurate account of all treasury receipts, expenditures, and deposits. The Treasurer will assist in the development and maintenance of an annual budget for chapter operations and submitting a budget for Board of Directors approval at the beginning of the board term. The chapter member who holds the position of Treasurer is required to have been an ISSA chapter member in good standing for two years and should have prior work experience or education in financial management or financial audit.

SECTION 6. The Membership Director shall review all membership applications for eligibility. Provide reports to the Board on membership statistics and assist with the efforts to retain existing members and recruitment of new members. The chapter member who holds the position of Membership Director will uphold and abide by the privacy policies for member information established by ISSA International and the policies established by the ISSA South Texas Chapter. The Membership Director will be required to sign an agreement pertaining to the privacy, use and disclosure of membership information, and shall develop processes to reconcile with other directors as needed.

SECTION 7. The Communications Director shall establish policy for and coordinate content, methods, and consistency of overall communications between the Board and the Chapter membership. The Communications Director shall act as the publisher and chief editor for the Chapter Newsletter and announcements, that is, provide or arrange for content, as well as, collect and update important information, evaluate and recommend website function upgrades and significant changes to be reviewed and approved by the Board. The Communications Director shall also arrange for and manage the Chapter's media contracts, web hosting contract, event management tools and social media. The Communications Director shall also perform any other duties customarily associated with the office of Communications Director.

SECTION 8. The Correspondence Director shall at the direction of the Chapter President, transmit and respond to all Chapter correspondence between the Board and the Membership including transmission of the Chapter Newsletter via appropriate media. The Correspondence Director shall also maintain sufficient address information to ensure that all members in good standing are notified of meetings, and that sufficient address lists, both member and non-member, be maintained to ensure receipt of all other correspondence necessary to conduct Chapter business. The Correspondence Director shall also maintain participant lists and content of social media. The Correspondence Director shall also perform other duties customary with the position of Correspondence Secretary.

SECTION 9. The Web Site Director shall manage and maintain a well-functioning and effective Chapter web site that accurately reflects Chapter information, programs, important messages, and support information of value to the members. The Web Site Director shall arrange for web hosting support, technical support, update date of Board approved web site content, make general technology recommendations, and for the implementation of Board approved technology changes and updates. The Web Site Director will maintain links to other web sites and applications as designated by the Board, such as, an event management application, and also ensure the differentiation and appropriate access for publically available, members only, member specific, and Board only partitions. The Web Site Director is responsible for other duties customary with the position, such as, maintaining current software security updates and patches, maintain logs, and perform investigations into web site activity as requested.

SECTION 10. The Education Director shall manage and oversee all educational activities of the Chapter and will be responsible for the coordination of Chapter-sponsored educational offerings including but not limited to: certification study groups, member workshops and to serve as a coordinator for the Chapter's support of student chapters. In addition the Education Director will serve as an advisor to assist the Board in the selection of general meeting topics, speakers or presenters. All educational offerings will be approved by the Board of Directors.

A. The Education Director may appoint up to three (3) non-voting Assistant Directors of Education, ratified by the board, to coordinate education programs and tracks as assigned by the Education Director.

SECTION 11. The Marketing Promotions Director is responsible for creating and heightening awareness of the Chapter in the South Texas area through media and supporting materials, as well as, conference exhibits. Marketing activities should serve to create and reinforce a positive impression of ISSA South Texas among current and prospective members. The overall message is that ISSA South Texas offers information security professionals a membership organization that has value for members through networking, education, professional growth, and promotion of best practices. Marketing activities include, but are not limited to: meeting notification through third party media, exhibits at conferences and speaking opportunities to the business community. The Marketing Promotions Director shall develop and coordinate marketing campaigns promoting Chapter events, as well as, joint organization events. The Marketing Promotions Director shall also conduct externally facing campaigns to promote the Chapter's education events.

SECTION 12. The Sponsor Relations Director is responsible to develop and administer the Chapter's sponsorship program including annual, monthly meeting, education events, and special event sponsors. Specifically, the Sponsor Relations Director shall seek and secure sponsors for monthly luncheons and other Chapter events and courses, as well as conveying requirements regarding sponsors and sponsorship.

SECTION 13. The Professional Association Liaison develops cooperative relationships with professional association partners to provide education on security awareness and best practice. The Professional Association Liaison also coordinates professional organization participation in Chapter education events, e.g., law enforcement, healthcare, energy, and government. The Professional Association Liaison acts as a focal point for information sharing and joint program opportunities with professional associations, e.g., (ISC)2, ISACA, CFE, ASIS, and other interfaces to local conferences.

SECTION 14. All Past Presidents not holding a current office and retaining active membership shall be privileged to attend such meetings held by the Board of Directors, to act only in an advisory capacity and without power to vote.

SECTION 15. The Board of Directors shall manage the business of the Chapter. A quorum for Board business shall consist of at least half of the board members holding office. This Board may, from time to time, establish special committees for various purposes as required.

SECTION 16. In case of Board vacancy other than the Office of President such vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the President, upon the advice of the remaining Board members, and subject to the consent of a majority of the membership attending the next general meeting.

SECTION 17. On a motion and second from the membership at a general meeting, an officer shall be held before the Chapter for malfeasance of duty. A two-thirds majority of all members shall be required for removal from office.

SECTION 18. The President may appoint up to six (6) Industry Representatives to the Board of Directors from the general membership. The Industry Representatives will be used in an advisory capacity only and will have no voting power on the Board.

SECTION 19. When the Board considers, approves and votes upon matters concerning the chapter outside of the boundaries and procedures of a normal board meeting, that is when all board members are not in synchronous and concurrent attendance, as is the case in group email messaging, the board must follow a procedure that ensures: (i.) quorum requirements are met (ii.) that motions put before the board are clearly defined in writing and distributed to all voting board members (iii.) a time period is defined in which voting board members have to debate and discuss before a vote is called. (iv.) the motion and second is reintroduced by the presiding officer and a reasonable time period is defined during which votes are to be submitted. (v.) when the time period has expired or a majority of the quorum has voted, whichever happens first, the vote will be recorded by the recording secretary and the action made by the board on the motion is in effect. (vi.) at the next board meeting a special minutes of board actions will be submitted to the board for approval after the reading of the last meeting minutes."

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Registration:

Monthly meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at the following location:

[Houston Engineering & Scientific Society \(HESS\) Club](#)

5430 Westheimer at Yorktown. (Free Parking).

Time: 11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: December 13th.

Meetings are open to all members and visitors who are interested in Information Security.

NOTE: We now ask for members to include their ISSA membership number when registering. A current ISSA membership is required to qualify for member meal prices and workshop fees. If you do not have your membership number available when registering on-line through Eventbrite, please bring your membership number with you to the meeting for check in and payment.

We encourage members and guests to make reservations [via Eventbrite](#) prior to 5:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before the meeting to help the chapter plan for enough meals and seating. Advanced reservations may also qualify for a discount on the meeting charge.

NOTE: For security reasons, ensure that you close your browser after booking your lunch reservation through Eventbrite .

Advance Registration Appreciated

LuncheonMeeting Fees

	Advance Registration	Late - On line or Walk in Registration (after 5:00 pm Tuesday)
Luncheon Meeting (11:15 am - 1:00 pm)		
Chapter Members	\$20.00	\$25.00
Non Members	\$30.00	\$35.00

CPE Credit:1 hour for the luncheon presentation

Pre-Requisites: None, or as specified in the event.

Dress Code: Business or Business Casual Attire

Questions?: Visit the chapter web site for contact information (<http://southtexasissa.org>)

Upcoming Training Opportunities

As usual, our prolific education director is busy preparing educational opportunities for our chapter members at remarkably attractive prices .

1. CISSP Overview Class:
 - Nothing Currently

Once again, please contact Joanne Ashland (education@southtexas.issa.org) with any questions.



Please check our Eventbrite registration site at <http://southtexasissa.eventbrite.com>

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Upcoming Regional Training Opportunities:

Austin:

- Nothing currently listed

Houston: (non ISSA)

- **January 17** – Mark Sloan, Harris County Homeland Security and Emergency Management: The Future of Emergency Management – A Dynamic Threat Environment.
- **February 21** – February Luncheon, with Porter Broyles, ACL Expert: Two sessions on Continuous Auditing, Audit Analytics, and ACL.
- **February 22** – Tentative date for a joint ISACA/IIA seminar: 6 hour Overview of COBIT 5 with Don Caniglia, an authorized COBIT 5 ISACA Trainer.

ISSA International:

- Nothing currently listed

Sponsorships Available for Future Monthly Meetings

If your company is active in the information security business, you should consider taking advantage of the opportunity to raise awareness of your company to our members.

Each month we solicit a sponsor for the luncheon presentation as well as any special workshops.



The charge is quite small and it provides you the following benefits:

- (1) your logo on our chapter web site
- (2) five minutes at the beginning or end of the presentation to present your company, and
- (3) the opportunity to conduct a drawing, if you would like to, in order to collect business cards



Please contact Josh Locker (marketing@southtexas.issa.org) or any member of the ISSA chapter board to express your interest.

For CPA CPE candidates:

Our TSBPA CPE provider number is 008915.

Objectives: See description above

Content: See description above

Prerequisites: None

Experience Level: Moderate

CPEs: Varies by event (1 to 40 hours)

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