February Seminar Topic:

**A ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION:**

**2005 – Audit Challenges and Plans for the New Year**

Our February meeting offers a great opportunity to join with your peers in IT Audit and Security in an open discussion of the plans and challenges you and your industry are facing in 2005.

Ernie Mehaffey will review some of the themes and trends we’ve seen over the past year, and then facilitate our discussion of what 2005 may bring.

Listed below are a series of topics taken from articles appearing in recent issues of “The Information Systems Control Journal.” Are these the “hop topics” relevant to your industry?

- Continuous auditing and reporting
- Audit and security of wireless networks
- Effective controls for printing negotiable documents
- Sarbanes-Oxley ensuring on-going compliance
- Audit software products and automated workpapers
- Audit and security of corporate e-mail
- Internet security and managing e-commerce risks
- Implementing an encryption strategy and PKI
- Windows server maintenance and patch management
- Computer forensics and the chain of custody
President’s Message:

Dear Fellow Members,

I hope each of you had a safe Christmas and New Year and enjoyed them to the fullest! I truly do hope that you got the opportunity to enjoy this time of year with family and loved ones. Hopefully, we were able to get some much needed rest over the holidays in order to be energized to embark on year 2005. Also, I’d like to ask each of you to keep our Armed Forces in your prayers and the Tsunami victims.

Now, let’s get down to some business . . .

I want to thank everyone for coming out to our half-day seminar held at the Harbison Environmental Education facility. It was a huge success and the catering by Shealy’s was outstanding! I would also like to thank Shirley Johnson and Alvis Bynum, Jr. from the SCANA Corporation and Michael Ruano from Palmetto Health, for their presentations on Regulatory Compliance, Privacy & HIPAA, and Audit and Security concerns. Their presentations were thorough and very informative while relating to much of our professional lives today.

Please plan now to attend the February 10th meeting which will be held at the Columbia Conference Centre (formerly The Sheraton). Ernie Mehaffey will lead a roundtable discussion of 2005 audit plans and challenges. This should be a great opportunity to join in a great discussion on what each of your companies have as their vision for 2005 audit challenges. Thanks Ernie . . . See ya there!

Respectfully,

Jan C. Bennett
SC Midlands Chapter President

**FEBRUARY 2005 * ISACA SEMINAR**

**DATE:**
Thursday, February 10

**Time:**
Registration: 10:30 AM
Round Table: 11:00 AM

**CPE / COST**
1 Hour
$ 25.00 (includes lunch)

**LOCATION:**
Columbiana Conference Center
2100 Bush River Rd
Columbia, SC 29210
731-0300

**REGISTRATION:**
Contact Ernie Mehaffey by Monday, February 7
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- Fax or mail registration: Member $335.00    Nonmember $455.00

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To contact the certification department, call +1.847.253.1545, ext. 471 or 474; or e-mail certification@isaca.org.

Thank you,
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**ISSA of the Midlands**

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**ISSA of the Midlands** is extending an invitation to all ISACA members for their first general meeting. ISSA of the Midlands is a newly formed ISSA group within the Midlands. We have a great agenda planned for our first meeting and meetings thereafter. We will be discussing topics from each security domain and will be alternating Best Practices with Book Reviews (every other meeting). Until our website is implemented, we encourage you to find out more about ISSA via the national website (National ISSA website at [http://www.issa.org](http://www.issa.org))

**Meeting Details:**
- Date: March 2, 2005
- Time: 12:00 pm - 1:15 pm
- Place: TBD
- RSVP: February 22, 2005 to tgerringer@scana.com

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