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Dear ISACA-KM members,

Happy February. I promise to keep this short and brief but wanted to reach out to you our loyal members to thank you for your continued involvement in the Kettle Moraine chapter of ISACA International.

On behalf of the ISACA-KM board, I want to wish a special "Thank You" to those of you that have renewed your memberships again this year. We appreciate your confidence in us, and our ability to provide value to you as chapter members and hope that you are finding the education and certification opportunities helpful to your careers. I'd also like to send a special "Welcome" to our new members that have joined our chapter recently. Our ISACA-KM membership ranks continue to grow and we are pushing the 400 mark with 395 members which is an all-time high for our chapter. We look forward to continuing to enhance your skills and networking opportunities so that you can continue to enhance IT governance, security, audit and assurance within your organizations.

A special congratulations go out to our newly certified members who passed the CISA (11 members) and CISM (2 members) this past December. Many of them took advantage of the exam preparatory class that we sponsored and the quality instruction offered by Burt Carroll. It's just another great benefit provided by your local ISACA chapter. Speaking of certifications, the deadline is fast approaching if you want to apply for grandfathering under the new CRISC certification. The Certified in Risk and Information Systems Control™ certification (CRISC™, pronounced "see-risk") is designed for IT professionals who have hands-on experience with risk identification, assessment, and evaluation; risk response; risk monitoring; IS control design and implementation; and IS control monitoring and maintenance. The CRISC designation will not only certify professionals who have knowledge and experience identifying and evaluating entity-specific risk, but also aid them in helping enterprises accomplish business objectives by designing, implementing, monitoring and maintaining risk-based, efficient and effective IS controls. Professionals with 8 or more years of IT and business experience can now earn ISACA's new CRISC designation under its grandfathering program but act quickly as the application process ends in March! For more information, go to the ISACA web site to learn more (<http://www.isaca.org/certification>).

It has been an exciting year thus far for our ISACA-KM chapter. As you probably noticed, we introduced a new process for managing the event registration and payment process through the use of CVENT. We would welcome any feedback or comments from your perspective both good and bad. The transition to CVENT was relatively smooth and we believe will provide the professionalism and organization for our events that we have all been seeking. Remember, as an added benefit to you our chapter members, attendance at our monthly education seminars is FREE and if you attend at either the Milwaukee or Madison locations you will get CPE credits. You can't get a better deal than FREE CPEs and it's just one of the many benefits of being an ISACA-KM chapter member.

I hope that all of you have found the speakers this year to be of the high caliber and quality that you have come to expect from ISACA. I would welcome any insights, suggestions or ideas that you might have for how we can continue to serve your needs. We are continuing to focus on raising the bar for this upcoming calendar year with quality speakers, additional certification reviews and other exciting events that you will hear about in the near future. Please do not hesitate to reach out and provide feedback or ideas and thank you again for your continued membership.

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ISACA-KM President