

Industrial Security Professional (ISP) Committee Report

March 2006

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Kathy Dolan – Co-Chair
- Barbara Taylor – Co-Chair
- Cheryl Pelton
- George Quin
- Bill Uttenweiler
- Sharon Tannahill – NCMS Executive Director
- Jim Hickok – Program Advisor
- Karin Lee – Exam Generation & Maintenance

COMMITTEE OBJECTIVES FOR THE YEAR

- Develop an on-line version of the ISP exam
- Review the ISP exam to ensure all questions/answers are accurate and relevant, considering new guidance, processes, and systems
- Ensure that the ISP web site is current, relevant, and includes all useful information
- Update and improve the ISP certificate
- Determine other potential sources of recognition for ISP holders
- Determine the steps necessary to obtain official accreditation for the ISP certification
- Review recertification criteria and determine if any changes should be made
- Determine the feasibility of developing a cyber track of the ISP test
- Initiate an informal Workshop/Recognition Session for ISPs at the upcoming National Seminar

COMMITTEE ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR THE QUARTER

- Kathy and Barbara completed the review of the new exam questions submitted by Bill Uttenweiler. These questions came from the most recent ISLs and JPAS and e-QIP guidance documents found on the gateways. We compared the new questions with existing exam question bank to ensure there were no repeats. Revised and eliminated questions as necessary. Submitted new questions to Karin Lee for incorporation into the test bank. This will ensure that there are JPAS and e-QIP questions on the June 2006 exam.
- The new ISP certificates were mailed to current ISPs. Comments from ISPs are quite favorable.
- Sharon had the ISP e-mail alias developed. Now we can easily e-mail relevant news to all ISPs using the isp@classmgmt.com address.
- Kathy and Barbara are developing a presentation to give at the ISP Workshop at the National Seminar in Atlanta. We want to provide an update to existing and new ISPs about the program and where it is going in the future.
- The ISP Exam Preparation Program began in February. The program consists of 11 lessons conducted via biweekly teleconferences. There are about 10 mentors for 6 teleconferences conducted at various times on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. To date, 210 candidates have registered to participate and purchased the workbook. These candidates come from 27 states (including Hawaii) and Germany. Bill U. conducted all 6 of the first week teleconferences and will conduct all 6 of the last week teleconferences.
- Jim discovered that the organization, NSSB, with which he originally talked about accreditation of the ISP exam, is now defunct. He made contact with a representative of another organization and obtained referrals to two other organizations, ANSI and NCCA, with which we can coordinate to determine if their accreditation programs are relevant to the ISP certification.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

- Jim will continue to work the accreditation issue.
- Determine final set of recertification criteria and the number of CEUs that will be awarded for meeting the criteria. Finalize a form to be used for recertification. These must be completed prior to October 2006, which is the recertification date for several ISPs.
- Determine whether or not a sample test is a good idea, and, if so, coordinate with Karin to remove selected questions from the exam to be used on the sample exam.
- Review the COMSEC elective questions against new requirements published in the new COMSEC Manual.
- Review relevant core questions against the changes to the NISPOM once this is published.
- Continue to review the exam questions as needed to ensure accuracy, relevancy, and validity.

Respectfully submitted,

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