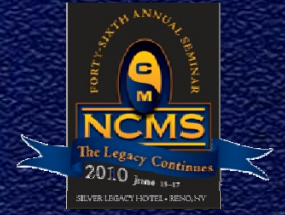# ISP Program Update
June 2010 – Silver Legacy, Reno, NV

ISP Committee

- **Dotti Bitner, ISP – Chair, ISP Certification Committee**

- **Barbara Taylor, ISP, Exam Review & Exam Coordinator**

- **Priscilla Crawford, ISP – Vice-Chair and Exam Review & Update Subcommittee**

- **Jim Hickok, ISP – Certification Program Advisor and Chair, ISP Accreditation Committee**

- **Karin Lee – Exam generation and maintenance**

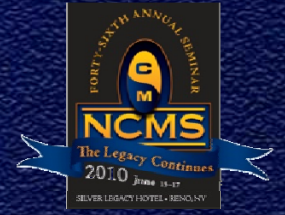- **Sharon Tannahill – On-line exam administrator and application & recertification credit application review**

ISP Committee

- **Exam Review & Update Subcommittee**
  - **Cheryl Pelton, ISP (Entire Exam); Joe Reuter, ISP (COMSEC Elective); Bohdan Stryk, ISP (Information Systems Security Section & OPSEC Elective)**

- **On-line Practice Exam Subcommittee**
  - **Leonard Moss, ISP (Lead); Patrick Dale, ISP; Ray Hair; ISP**

    - **SPeD Comparison Subcommittee**
      - **David Bledsoe, ISP; Lisa Doman, ISP**
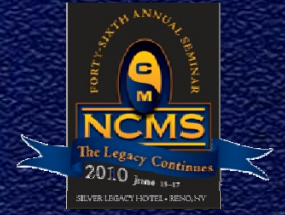
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- **SAP Elective Subcommittee**
  - **Curt Kerrick, ISP (Lead); Patrick Dale, ISP; Gary Doss, ISP; Cynthia Moiani, ISP**

- **Monitor ISP Web Page Subcommittee**
  - **Bill Uttenweiler, ISP (Webmaster); Alycia Harris, ISP (Asst. Webmaster)**

- **New Exam Questions Subcommittee**
  - **Pat Robbins, ISP (Lead); James Bailey, ISP;**
  - **Cathy Lybrand, ISP; Shona Nietsche, ISP;**
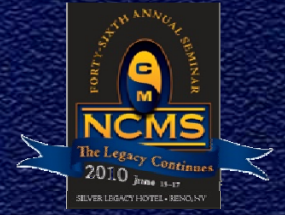 - **Robin Smith, ISP; Polly Rupe, ISP; Jeanne Young, ISP**

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- **Recertification Credit System Subcommittee**
  - **Dianne Raynor, ISP (Lead); Dotti Bitner, ISP; Alycia Harris, ISP; Conrad Hertzog, ISP; Debra Holtzclaw, ISP; Hazel Martinez, ISP**

- **OPSEC Elective New Questions Subcommittee**
  - **James Bailey, ISP (Lead); Kat Boyer, ISP; Conrad Hertzog, ISP; Shona Nietsche, ISP**

ISP Certification Metrics

ISP Program Metrics

- **Total Number of ISPs:** **251**

- **June 1, 2009 – June 1, 2010**
    - Number of candidates who passed the exam the 1st time: **56**
    - Number of candidates who took the exam for the 2nd time: **02**
    - Number of candidates who failed to passed the exam: **20**
        - Number of ISPs who did not recertify: **05**
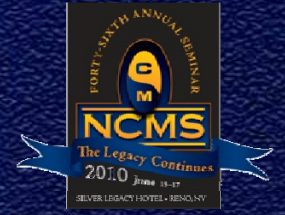
Exam Prep Program Committee

- **Bill Uttenweiler, ISP – Co-Lead EPP Mentor, ISP page Webmaster**

- **Pat Robbins, ISP – Co-Lead EPP Mentor, editor EPP Workbook**

- **Dianne Walton, ISP, CISSP – Co-Lead EPP Mentor, editor "The Annotated NISPOM"**

- **James Bailey, ISP; Kat Boyer, ISP; Patrick Dale, ISP; John Dean, ISP; Liz Fant, ISP; Joseph Fulco, ISP; Elaine Jennings, ISP; Wayne Lund, ISP; Jim Massaro, ISP; Hazel Martinez, ISP; Scott Minke, ISP; Cynthia Moiani, ISP; Carla Peters-Carr, ISP; George Quin, ISP, CPP; Erica Simmons, ISP; Rick West, ISP, CISSP; Jeanne Young, ISP –Mentors**
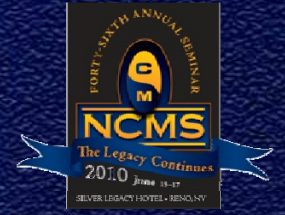
- **The ISP Accreditation Committee is working on obtaining accreditation for the ISP certification**

  - **Made various changes to the ISP Certification Program Manual**

    - **As we undergo the accreditation process, we will be making various program changes recommended/ required by ANSI for accreditation**

    - **Jim Hickock attended the ANSI training and additional information will be forthcoming regarding ISP accreditation.**
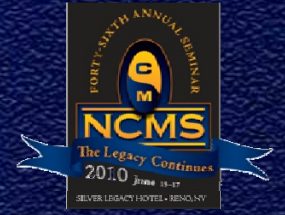
- **Implement the on-line practice exam**

  - **The BoD decided that the practice exam should be only 10 questions**

  - **Selected 10 questions, eliminating questions that were too similar to current exam questions**

    - **Will use other questions as "new" exam questions**

  - **Edited questions for proper exam format**

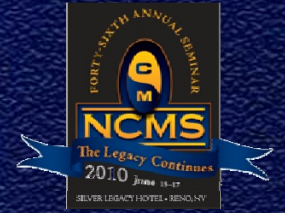   - **Will implement the on-line practice exam as soon as possible**

- **Monitor development of the SPeD program**

  - **The SPeD program has evolved into a competency model used to identify training needs**

    - **"The goal of the SPeD program is to identify, organize and provide validated training and skills requirements across the major security disciplines to support the development of a professional security workforce."**

    - **"These skills and competencies have been collated and analyzed to define the training needs for security specialists as well as generalists within the DoD."**
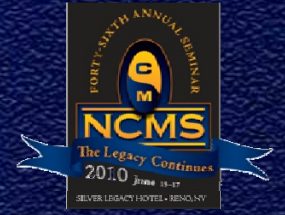
- **Review and update the ISP exam, as necessary**

  - Evaluated the questions missed by a number of candidates on the June 2009 exam administration and made minor revisions for clarity to several questions

  - Reviewed all current exam questions and made necessary revisions/deletions/moves to different sections of the exam

  - Beta testing was completed for the SAP Elective. The new SAP elective will be incorporated into a future ISP Exam.
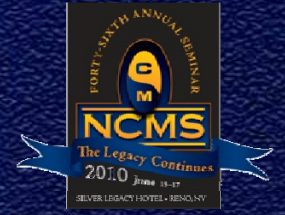
- **Implement the SAP elective**

  - **The SAP Elective Subcommittee provided 22 exam questions, based on the JAFAN 6/0, and**

  - **Edited questions for proper exam format**

  - **Obtained knowledgeable personnel to be beta testers and provide comments on the questions and answer choices**
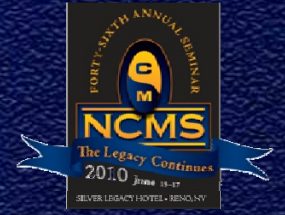
- **Implement the SAP elective**

  - Will work with the Education & Training committee to include SAP elective as part of the Exam Prep Program (EPP)

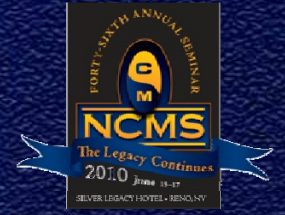 - An implementation date for the SAP elective has not yet been determined.

- **Monitor the ISP web page for currency**
  - Formed a new subcommittee to assist with this task as it is an ongoing issue
  - Updated the ISP web page to the new format/style of the new NCMS website
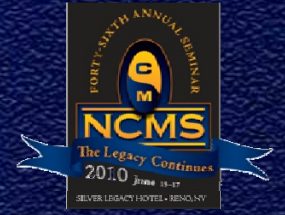 - Posted several new Intellectual property references to the Study References & Test Sources page

- **Incorporate new questions into the exam**

  - The New Exam Question Subcommittee reviewed a number of new questions to incorporate into future exams

  - Reviewed these against current exam questions – eliminated new questions that were too similar to current questions

  - Combined these with questions from the on-line practice exam not used for that purpose

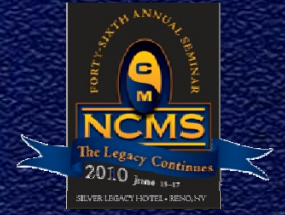   - All proposed new questions are under review by the Exam Review & Update Subcommittee

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- **Determine whether or not to change to Continuing Professional Education credits for recertification**

  - **The previous recommendation was to convert to CPE/CEU credits for recertification. This will be dependent on the recommendations that are received from ANSI.**

  - **When we do this, we will need:**

    - **An equation to convert our current point system to CPEs/CEUs and incorporate/advertise the new criteria**

    - **A method to convert those ISPs during the three-year recertification period.**
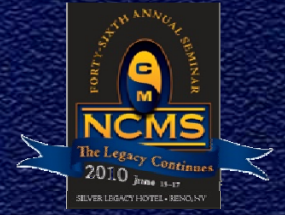
- **The OPSEC Elective New Questions Subcommittee generated 20 questions from several newly discovered references**

  - Reviewed these against current elective questions – eliminated new questions that were too similar to current questions

  - Edited questions for proper exam format

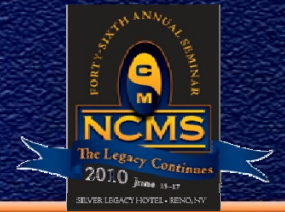 - Ten new OPSEC questions have been incorporated into the exam

- **Decided that hardcopy exams would normally be given only at the NCMS Seminar**

  - When there are a number of candidates for one sitting who want to take the hardcopy exam, e.g., a Chapter-sponsored exam, and an ISP will act as the proctor, the ISP Certification Committee may approve an exception

- **Made minor revisions to the Recertification Guide for clarity in what will be counted for credit**

  - Recertification credit is given for being an EPP Mentor and an exam Proctor
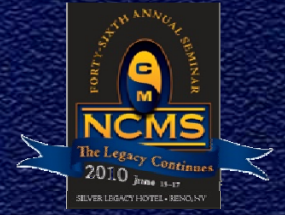
- **This voluntary program is related to, but separate from, the ISP Certification Program. It is an informal program, run by ISPs, that is designed as a method to assist candidates in preparation for the ISP Certification Examination. This program does not provide "answers" to the ISP examination questions. Rather, it provides a structured approach to studying, a platform for discussions that will assist the candidate in confirming the accuracy of their knowledge, and a refresher on test taking strategies.**
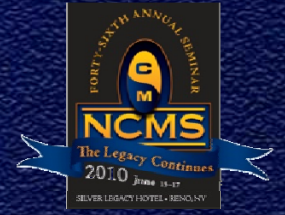
- To assist in defining the separation between the EPP and the ISP Certification Committee, the EPP is no longer shown as a "subcommittee" of the ISP Certification Committee. The Education & Training Committee now has oversight of the Exam Prep Program.

- The EPP Mentors conducted three training sessions since June 2009. The "pass rate" of the participating in the ISP prep sessions has been awesome.
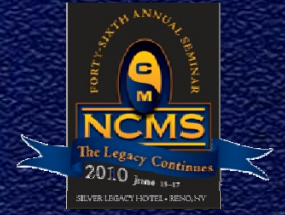
- **Program improvements:**

  - **Continue to solicit testimonials from ISPs on how the attainment of certification has impacted them and their careers to encourage others to take the exam and attain the same benefits**
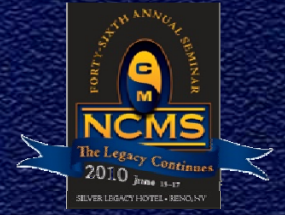
- **The ISP Accreditation Committee will continue to pursue obtaining accreditation of the ISP Certification Program**

- **Implement the SAP elective into the ISP Test**

- **Monitor the ISP web page for accuracy**

- **Continue planning for conversion to CPEs/CEUs for recertification**

- **Continue to host and improve the Exam Prep Program and the EPP Workbook**
  - **Seek new volunteer mentors as needed**

Conclusion

Questions?

Suggestions?

New Committee Members?

We do need your help!

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