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1. What is the Information System Security Association (ISSA)?

The Information Systems Security Association (ISSA)[®] is a not-for-profit, international organization of information security professionals and practitioners. It provides educational forums, publications, and peer interaction opportunities that enhance the knowledge, skill, and professional growth of its members.

ISSA is the community of choice for international cybersecurity professionals dedicated to advancing individual growth, managing technology risk and protecting critical information and infrastructure. ISSA has local and regional chapters throughout the world, and members are required to join a chapter in conjunction with their ISSA membership. You may also join multiple chapters if you live and work in different regions, or if you want to connect with members in multiple locals.

<https://www.members.issa.org/page/chapters#>

2. What is the ISSA-NOVA Northern Virginia Chapter?

Northern Virginia's most popular Cybersecurity Professionals Association! The Information Systems Security Association Northern Virginia Chapter (ISSA-NOVA) is an association of cybersecurity professionals. Our members live and work in one of the fastest-growing technology corridors in the nation. Chartered in August 2002, we are a member-focused organization. ISSA-NOVA hosts monthly chapter meetings at which we invite notable cybersecurity experts to share the latest information on Infosec and related cyber topics. We also offer study groups on CISSP and various venues for collaboration and discourse. <https://issa-nova.org/>

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History:

The Information Systems Security Association Northern Virginia Chapter (ISSA-NOVA), chartered in August 2002, represents one of the fastest-growing technology corridors in the nation. We are a member-focused organization whose goal is to ensure that its membership keeps abreast of the most recent information pertaining to IS topics and issues. Monthly meetings address diverse subjects ranging from technology to policy perspectives, and delivery formats include informative presentations, tag team efforts, and panel discussions.

ISSA-NOVA received two Prestigious Service Awards from ISSA International, including the 2004 Chapter of the Year and the 2004 Communication Program of the Year. This marks the first time a single chapter was awarded both recognitions.

We are proud to acknowledge these service awards and hope that it will lead to even greater efforts in service to our growing Chapter membership. ISSA-NOVA was designated Chapter of the Year, 'a prestigious recognition that the association bestows upon a chapter in recognition of their contribution to the ISSA and their community.' Normally the award is based upon three years of accomplishments. This is the first time that the award has been presented based upon only two years of activities. In addition, ISSA each year recognizes one of its chapters with the President's Award for Communication Program of the Year, 'prestigious recognition that the association bestows upon a chapter in recognition of their contribution to the ISSA and the Security Profession through the use of a chapter's efforts to communicate with its members both with its newsletter and website.'

3. When does the ISSA-NOVA Chapter meet?

The ISSA-NOVA Chapter meets monthly on the third Thursday of the month. The December meeting is the second Thursday of the month. Meetings start at 5:30 pm with a social consisting of a dinner, refreshments, and dessert. The monthly presenter speaks from 6:15 to 7:15 pm, with questions and answers following the presentation. The meetings adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Sometimes there is a social afterwards at a local establishment. Below of is a list of meeting dates during calendar year 2024.

Thursday 01/18/2024

Thursday 02/15/2024

Thursday 03/21/2024

Thursday 04/18/2024

Thursday 05/16/2024

Thursday 06/20/2024

Thursday 07/18/2024

Thursday 08/15/2024

Thursday 09/19/2024

Thursday 10/17/2024

Thursday 11/21/2024

Thursday 12/12/2024

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4. Where does the ISSA-NOVA Chapter meet?

All chapter meetings are hybrid with in person and virtual attendance options. The chapter utilizes a paid subscription to Zoom or MS Teams to host virtual meetings. The chapter provides meeting attendees with certificates of participation to document Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credits.

5. What topics will be presented during 2024?

Proposed topics are listed below:

- Analytics, Intelligence & Response
- Application Security (Dev Sec Ops, Open source)
- Container Cloud-Native Data Protection
- Cloud Security & Virtualization
- Critical Infrastructure Resilience
- Cybersecurity & Privacy Law
- Future of National Security in Cyber
- Hackers & Threats
- Health Information Security
- Identity and Access Management
- Machine Learning (ML), Artificial Intelligence (AI) & Automation
- MINSEC (Microelectronics Security)
- Mobile Security and Foreign Travel
- NIST SP 800-53 Rev5
- Ransomware
- Reverse Engineering and Code Modification Prevention
- Supply Chain Risk Management
- Talent Management of the Future Cyber Workforce
- Vehicle Security

6. What is the process to present at an ISSA-NOVA Chapter meeting?

Contact programs@issa-nova.org and provide the following information:

First and Last Name

Contact Information (Phone Number and e-mail address)

Proposed Topic

Dates available to speak. Refer to 3. When does the ISSA-NOVA Chapter meet?

Additional pertinent information, requirements, e.g., multi-media presentation, etc.

7. Who are the 2024 leaders of ISSA-NOVA Chapter?

Board Members & Directors

President — Michael D. Smith president@issa-nova.org

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President — William “Bud” Roth
You can reach the entire board by e-mailing: board@issa-nova.org

8. Why join ISSA and ISSA-NOVA?

If you are a Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), each Chapter meeting is worth two CPE credits toward continuing certification. There are also opportunities to assist in Chapter activities through committee work and Chapter-related events to earn additional CPE credits. In addition, one of the Chapter’s most popular offerings is free or greatly reduced rates on certification training, security conferences and seminars, and other educational events. The Chapter also supports the community and the security profession with the award of several scholarships each year to deserving area students studying toward advanced degrees in Information Security.

Public Service Announcement:

YouTube: <https://youtu.be/j7hTXbvUjlk>

Dive into the world of ISSA-NOVA, the Northern Virginia Chapter of the Information Systems Security Association, where professional growth in cybersecurity is at your fingertips. Based in a vital hub for government and technology, ISSA-NOVA offers regular meetings and events featuring industry leaders to boost your career through knowledge and networking. Beyond being a professional association, it provides resources for certifications and leadership opportunities, fostering your career advancement. Joining ISSA-NOVA not only elevates your career but also contributes to a safer digital world through community outreach and professional excellence.

9. How do I join ISSA and ISSA-NOVA?

An ISSA membership application can be found at the ISSA International Website, make sure to select VA – Northern Virginia Chapter as your chapter affiliation – www.issa.org. For additional information e-mail membership@issa-nova.org

Join us at ISSA-NOVA, and you will unite with the thousands of other IS professionals who together serve as the voice of the IS profession. Our Chapter is open to all Cybersecurity professionals and anyone considering a move into the IS profession. As a member, you will be up-to-date on the latest

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Cybersecurity issues, collaborate with other area Cybersecurity professionals, and share your experiences and successes. In addition, the networking and training you receive through active membership may help identify potential career and business opportunities.

Cost:

Dues for International Membership are \$95 per year; chapter dues are \$25 per year, for a total of \$120 per year. Dues for student memberships are \$30 per year. If you are already a member of ISSA and want to join or transfer to our Chapter, you can do so for \$25, which will cover the cost of Chapter membership until your National Membership comes up for renewal.

Guests:

Guests are always welcome and may attend one free meeting. After attending one free meeting, guests need to apply for either a trial or general membership. Trial members may attend a maximum of three free meetings.

10. What is the CISSP Study Group?

ISSA Northern Virginia Chapter is pleased to announce our 30th Certified Information Security Professional (CISSP) Study Group. We conduct these study groups in order to provide access to high-quality, low-priced resources to further the Information Security profession, and help our community members meet the compliance requirements outlined in DoD 8570.01 and 8140.01. Our study group sessions are highly affordable even for those who are not reimbursed for educational expenses.

Dates: To be announced Tuesday nights March 2024 thru June 2024 (13 weeks)

Time: 6:00P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

Where: TBD

Cost: \$475 for ISSA Members; \$650 for Non-ISSA Members

- Fees include: Meals, soda, and water * Soft (digital) copy of materials * Facility * Parking
- Students responsible for Textbook: CISSP All-in-One Exam Guide, Ninth Edition.

REGISTER: ISSA NOVA Members Link:

<https://checkout.square.site/merchant/MSW16RH9ATDWD/checkout/VJQNWKDTXL6A24QXXJ2L3X2L>

REGISTER: Non Members Link:

<https://checkout.square.site/merchant/MSW16RH9ATDWD/checkout/2IWKZPLDKZOREOJ33PTILPSP>

The registration fee includes attendance at the study group, textbook, and dinner! (The cost of the CISSP exam is not included.)

Reasons you should join our study group:

- Great instructors. Many of our instructors were pioneers in the information security field and personally worked with some of the people we read about in our textbook
- Low cost. Much more economical than Boot Camps or other comparable study groups.
- Group dynamics of a live, instructor-led study group

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- Time for things to sink in. This is not a one-week boot camp. We want you to learn, not cram.
- Hang out with other smart people. Meet and make friends with other people who are serious about advancing their careers. Enjoy intelligent conversation.
- Meet and network with new people working in your industry.
- Earn CPEs. Already have another certification? This will likely count toward CPEs for existing certs.
- Structure. A physical class imposes a little external discipline to your study schedule. A little peer pressure to keep up with the group can be a good thing. Some people want to go at a slower pace, but most of us need a little push.
- Chapter Membership. Join ISSA within three months of class completion and the Chapter will refund the chapter dues.

11. How does my organization become an ISSA-NOVA Chapter sponsor?

Sponsorship opportunities are available at the Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze levels. Contact sponsorship@issa-nova.org for information on sponsoring the ISSA-NOVA Chapter. A list of current chapter sponsors is located at [Sponsorship - ISSA-NOVA](#). Benefits of sponsorship: <http://www.issa-nova.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/ISSA-NOVA-Sponsorship-benefits.pdf>

12. What are ISSA-NOVA's partner organizations?

Women in Engineering (WIE) Northern Virginia (NOVA)

IEEE Women in Engineering (WIE) is the largest international professional organization dedicated to promoting women engineers and scientists and inspiring girls around the world to follow their academic interests to a career in engineering.

Mission. The mission of IEEE WIE is to facilitate the global recruitment and retention of women in technical disciplines. IEEE WIE envisions a vibrant community of IEEE women and men collectively using their diverse talents to innovate for the benefit of humanity. IEEE NOVA WIE Website:

<http://sites.ieee.org/nova-wie>