President’s Corner — August 2021

Fellow ISSA-COS Members,

Welcome to August! I hope everyone is doing well and staying healthy. I also hope folks are enjoying the great weather despite the smoke from the forest fires. Our hearts go out to those who have suffered significant losses from the fires. Hopefully we will receive enough precipitation to quench the fires and allow them to become contained or extinguished.

Looking back at the month of July, we continued our monthly meetings with several great speakers and highly engaging topics. Our presenters this year have proven to be remarkably informative with great content to share with our chapter. I hope many of you enjoyed the presentations we received from the following speakers: Ms. Marcella Licciardi, Cybersecurity Analyst, Jacobs; Dr. Jim Borders, Lead Operational Space Intelligence Engineer, Mr. Wes Spencer, External CSO & VP ConnectWise, and Mr. Mark Heinrich, Former VP of Training, ISSA-COS. Altogether, these knowledgeable and gifted speakers provided our chapter and our community with valuable information and technology updates regarding various aspects of our industry and our professional development. Preparations for our annual Peak Cyber Symposium (www.peakcyberco.com) are well underway this year. This is we are returning to an in-person format at the DoubleTree Hotel. The symposium dates are September 14 – 16 and will include the Peak Cyber Job Fair, Capture-the-Flag Challenge, and 2 days of keynote speakers, breakout sessions, and an exhibitor hall. Also taking place at this event will be our chapter’s 30th Anniversary celebration and ribbon cutting ceremony. Early bird registration remains open and offers FREE registration for all members of ISSA (regardless of their chapter affiliation), along with .mil, .gov, and .edu members of our community. Please help support this event by sharing the promotional announcements via email and social media to all your professional contacts. The Call for Sponsors and Exhibitors is still open.

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Colorado's Consumer Data Protection Laws: FAQ's for Consumers

News you can use from the Colorado Attorney General

Who is impacted by the changes to Colorado's consumer data protection laws?

Almost every Coloradon. A growing list of entities — including your employer, your doctor, your insurer, your bank, and many online companies — collect and maintain your personal information. The updates to Colorado's law are designed to keep your information as safe as possible and to ensure that you are notified quickly if your personal information is compromised.

How have the laws changed?

There have been three major changes:

• First, there have been updates to the law that requires entities, both commercial and governmental, that collect personal identifying information to dispose of it when they no longer need it, and to ensure that it is rendered unreadable upon disposal.
• Second, a new law requires entities that

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- Collect your personal identifying information to take reasonable steps to protect it from being compromised.
- Third, there have been updates to the law that require entities to notify consumers when their personal information may have been compromised. In most instances, notification has to happen within 30 days of the entity determining a breach has occurred that may lead to misuse of your information. Also, the notice must provide certain information that could help you to protect yourself against identity theft.

**What is the effective date of these changes to the law?**
The changes are effective as of September 1, 2018.

**Where can I get more details about these changes to the law?**
Additional information can be found here.

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**How can I find out more about how to protect myself against identity theft?**
Visit the [Identity Theft Fraud Center](https://coag.gov/resources/data-protection-laws/faqs-for-consumers/) to learn more about how you can prevent identity theft, and what to do if you believe you are a victim of identity theft.

**Where can I report violations of the law requiring disposal and protection of personal identifying information and notification of security breaches?**
You may file a complaint from the Attorney General’s website [here](https://coag.gov/resources/data-protection-laws/faqs-for-consumers/) or by calling 800-222-4444.

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For more information about Colorado’s Consumer Data Protection Laws, click here:
https://coag.gov/resources/data-protection-laws/

Visit the [Identity Theft Fraud Center](https://coag.gov/resources/data-protection-laws/faqs-for-consumers/) for additional information on ways to protect yourself.
For this month, I completed:


This book is about 400 pages. You should be able to get a used paperback copy online for under $35.00, including shipping. The Pikes Peak Library District also has a copy.

As you know from my review of *The Art of Invisibility: The World’s Most Famous Hacker Teaches You How to Be Safe in the Age of Big Brother and Big Data*, some people I greatly respect are not happy with Kevin Mitnick or his exploits. So why would a law-abiding, rule-following guy like me go to the trouble to read his books?

Because I think he is an expert in his subject matter! I do not have to approve of someone’s actions to recognize skill. The value of *Ghost in the Wires* is in learning what forces made him the way he was. If you feel there is value in cybersecurity professionals understanding how hackers are created, operate, and can be caught by law enforcement, I recommend this book. It is certainly not a hard read, and much more of a story than many of the other books I review. Here is the Table of Contents, modified to make sense to a potential reader:

Part I: The Making of a Hacker (His personality and early life)
Part II: Eric (Someone who shared his hacking interests)
Part III: On the Run (How he kept ahead of law enforcement)
Part IV: An End and a Beginning (How he got caught)

My take is that he was exceptionally clever-smart, curious, not in a disciplined/structured home environment, and found risk fulfilling in the way a gambler does about his vice. As a former high school teacher, I see how schools can miss out on opportunities with students like Mitnick. Again, I do not approve of his actions, but I hate talents to be wasted.

I have another 175 pages to read in another of his books, *The Art of Deception: Controlling the Human Element of Security.* I strongly suggest before presenting to anyone on the subject of social engineering, read or re-read this book. Full of great examples, it really grabs you with the thought ‘Would I have fallen for that ploy?’ Rewards to all those who conduct security awareness training!

I have on order the final one for me of his published works, *The Art of Intrusion: The Real Stories Behind the Exploits of Hackers, Intruders and Deceivers.*

*Back to you next month—Happy professional reading!*

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**A Note from the Director of Communication**

For the past three years, I have been the Director of Communications and have enjoyed maintaining the Social Media accounts and sending emails for ISSA-COS. I will be leaving at the end of the year, so my position will be up for election this fall.

So what does the Director of Communications do? The Director of Communications is an elected position and a voting member of the board. Each week, the director compiles the inputs from the chapter to send out to ISSA-COS members as well as others in the community. The information that is in the emails also gets put on Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, and Instagram to let the community know what is happening in our chapter and community. Creating the monthly meeting and mini-seminar registrations on Eventbrite are also part of the position responsibilities. The Director of Communications also works with the IT committee and the Newsletter author, making sure monthly meetings, mini-seminars, and symposiums are on the chapter website and ready for chapter members to sign up.

If you are interested in becoming the next Director of Communications, contact me at communications@issa-cos.org. We can work together to make sure the next director is trained in the tasks and ready to run for election.

Thank you!

Christine Mack
Director of Communications
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Looking forward to August, we will continue our monthly meetings with more exciting presentations. In closing, I remain proud of the many volunteers helping to keep our chapter up and operating. This month am highlighting our Past Presidents to continue to strongly support our chapter and many different levels and with many different tasks. Without their continued support, some activities with our chapter simply would not happen. Thank you, Colleen Murphy, Frank Gearhart, Pat Laverty, and Mark Spencer. We greatly appreciate all your dedicated support of our members, our chapter, and our community at large.

Sincerely,

Ernest Campos
President, ISSA-COS

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• https://www.instagram.com/issa_cospings/

Membership Corner: Are you up for renewal?

Please check to see if your membership renewal is due by going to the ISSA Member Portal. Renew Online - Information Systems Security Association (issa.org).

We need all members to spread the word that we are looking for new members to join our great organization!

Top 10 Reasons Cybersecurity Professionals Join ISSA

⇒ Build professional relationships
⇒ Keep up on developments in information security/risk/privacy
⇒ Content of chapter meetings
⇒ Professional development or educational programming offerings
⇒ Earn CPEs/CPUs
⇒ Learn practical/best practices solutions
⇒ Career information and employment opportunities
⇒ Advance the profession
⇒ Give back to the profession
⇒ Develop the next generation of cybersecurity professionals

Welcome to our July 2021 New Members:

Caleb Brogden    Robert Rodriguez    Chris Brown

Our membership is hanging in at ~344 members as of the end of July 2021.

Please watch the newsletter, communications and eVites to ensure you stay aware of what is going on in the chapter. As always, if you have any membership questions don’t hesitate to contact me or Craig Westerfield, Deputy VP-Membership.

Thanks, Steven Mulig, VP-Membership
membership@issa-cos.org
You May Have Noticed...
The newsletter has a new format and a new editor!
My name is April Frost, and I have been a member of the Colorado Springs ISSA chapter for about 4 years. I am an educator in the community, and I am looking forward to this new adventure with you.
The format has changed, and due to some summer scheduling challenges, it is still in the works. The new format ready soon! With our updated format, any member will be able to review and print the most current news and information at any time from our ISSA-COS.org website.
What would YOU like to see in OUR newsletter? Your contributions and suggestions are always welcome. Your peers and I would appreciate any topic suggestions, links to articles, and especially your own personal contributions.
I always welcome feedback to improve our newsletter! You can send any communications for the newsletter to: Newsletter@issa-cos.org
Thank you,
April Frost
ISSA-COS Newsletter Editor