

Candidate Statement for Alamo ISSA Officer Board Member

Board Position: Membership Director

Name: Jaime M. Contreras

Email Address: jaime.contreras@gonzaba.com

Current Job Title/ Description: IT Security Specialist - As a security and privacy risk management professional, I am responsible for assuring information security and managing risks related to the use, processing, storage, and transmission of information and the systems and processes used for those purposes. I apply my skills to update policies, procedures, supporting documentation and action plans to achieve HITRUST certification (a Healthcare security and privacy framework). Duties include managing communications with external and internal auditors as well as information technology managers and assisting with review of network security logs.

In addition to my MBA, I have CISM and CISA certifications and I am taking the HITRUST Certified CSF Practitioner (CCSFP) test in 4th quarter of 2020.

Bio Description (Experience: ISSA/InfoSec/Other organizations):

ISSA – Membership Director since 2016.

InfoSec Career - Twenty (20) years of Information Technology (IT) audit and security experience in public and companies, academic institutions, and government agencies. Consulting experience doing extensive Sarbanes-Oxley work for diverse corporate clients in six industries. Extensive experience conducting comprehensive assessments of complex information systems to improve controls and operational efficiency. Created integrated audit procedures including training on and establishment of standard application IT procedures. Accustomed to working directly with leaders at all levels and diverse staff members. Confident presenting audit findings and providing recommendations. Seasoned business traveler, both domestic and international.

Other Organizations –

- April 2017 to present, member of the Palo Alto College CIS Advisory Committee.
- January 2016 to February 2018, Communications Chair for San Antonio Region Justice for Our Neighbors (SARJFON) a ministry of hospitality that welcomes immigrants.
- March 2017 to June 2018, Treasurer for cub scout Pack 152 and appointed by the pack committee to handle pack funds, pay bills, maintain accounts, and supervise fundraising.
- From 1989 to 1992, Chief Steward (Night Shift) for the National Treasury Employees Union at IRS and duties included recruiting members and stewards.

Statement of Interest: As the 2021 Membership Director for Alamo ISSA, I feel I can continue to contribute by encouraging others to join and become members. I consider myself a “people person” and think I am a good fit for this position.

Goals if elected to position:

- Comply with the required duties of the position.
- Recover loss of membership (due to recent events) back to 200+.
- Work with Board and Communications Director to encourage membership.