

Candidate Statement for Alamo ISSA Officer Board Member

Board Position: Membership Director

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Current Job Title/ Description: Information Technology Security Specialist - As an IT Security Specialist, 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, CISA and HITRUST CCSFP certifications.

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

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 – Since April 2017, CIS Advisory Committee Member for Palo Alto College. As advisory committee member, I assist the community college with Computer Information Systems (CIS) curriculum. Member of local InfraGard since November 2015, local ISC2 chapter since February 2016 and ISACA international since June 2002.

During a prior career working for the Internal Revenue Service (pre-1997), I was Chief Steward (Night Shift) for the National Treasury Employees Union and duties included recruiting members and stewards. During my three years in this position, I increased our numbers in both areas.

Statement of Interest: As the 2024 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.
- Increase membership by a minimum of 5% while striving to obtain the highest retention rate for current members.