

Industrial Security Professional (ISP) Certification Committee Report

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Committee Members

- Priscilla Crawford, ISP – Co-Chair, Exam Review/Update Team
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- Dr. Jim Hickok, ISP – Program Advisor,
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- Jeff Bennett, ISP
- David Bledsoe, ISP – Lead, Comparison with SPeD Subcommittee
- Patrick Dale, ISP – EPP Mentor
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- Leonard Moss, ISP – Lead, On-line Sample Test Subcommittee
- Cheryl Pelton, ISP – Exam Review/Update Team
- George Quin, ISP – EPP Mentor, Ch. 10 SME
- Pat Robbins, ISP – EPP Lead Mentor & EPP Workbook Primary Editor
- Jeanne Young, ISP – EPP Mentor
- Bill Uttenweiler, ISP – EPP Lead Mentor & EPP Workbook Editor

Committee Objectives for the 2007 – 2008 Society Year

- Develop a “sample test” which can be posted on-line for those considering taking the exam.
- Compare/contrast the ISP certification with the SPeD certification(s).
- Examine the feasibility of creating a SAP elective for the exam.
- Ensure the ISP Test Sources and Study References page is up to date.
- Develop new test questions for inclusion in the exam.
- Research the feasibility of revising recertification credits to be in line with what ASIS and other organizations are doing with Continuing Professional Education credits.

Committee Accomplishments for the Quarter

Exam Prep Program

- Completed Round #4 of the EPP.
- Round #5 will begin in February and will be completed before the exam is given in June at the NCMS Seminar. All previous mentors have agreed to return for the next round of the Program.
- New ISPs continue to credit the EPP as being of great assistance to them in passing the on-line exam.
- Bohdan Stryk, who was the author of Ch. 8 of the EPP Workbook, has agreed to revise the chapter with new information published in ISL 2007-01, in which all articles pertain to the NISPOM Ch. 8, Information System Security.

General

- Reviewed several applications for the exam to ensure the applicants had sufficient experience to be able to take the exam.
- Reviewed one application for recertification that Sharon was unable to qualify for recertification.
- Wrote a response to an inquiry from a security professional (and ASIS member) in Nigeria seeking information about the ISP certification and related training.

- Made little progress on the two goals for which we currently have leads: (a) comparing the ISP and Sped programs/certifications and (b) developing a sample on-line test. The SPeD is not yet going in full force, but David Bledsoe continues to monitor this program. Requested that Leonard Moss complete a sample on-line test by the end of March for review by the ISP Certification Committee Co-Chairs.
- Sent an e-mail to Bohdan Stryk, ISP, asking if he would be willing to review the Information Systems Security primary and variant questions against ISL 2007-01, which addresses updates to NISPOM Ch. 8.
- Reviewed the ISP Test Sources and Study References page and found that numerous links to cited references were broken. This was mostly due to the changes in the DSS website. Researched new resource locations and provided new links to Bill Uttenweiler for posting on the site.
- Agreed upon who can be used as a proctor, and if an ISP is not conveniently available for any particular candidate, and who will select/approve the proctor. Clarified the section on proctor qualifications in the ISP Certification Program Manual.
- Requested the revision of the NCMS Seminar attendance certificate which includes hours of training attended, so that it can be used as evidence of training for the new ASIS recertification program.
- Discussed the issue of attaining "lifetime certification," which will allow an ISP with a number of years of retention of his/her certification to be allowed to retain the ISP certification without having to further recertify. This basic concept was agreed upon and full requirements must be incorporated into the ISP Certification Program Manual.
- Distributed the ISP Exam Proctoring Instructions to all ISPs so they will know what is expected of them prior to accepting a request to act as a proctor for a candidate.
- Updated the Test Tips document on the ISP web page with new tips from a recent ISP candidate who passed the exam.

Planned Activities

- Post the following documents on the NCMS website or the ISP web page:
 - On-line Testing Instructions
 - Proctor Affirmation Form
 - Proctoring Instructions
 - Recertification Tips
- Complete the review of Information Systems Security questions and provide revisions/deletions/additions needed to Karin Lee by the end of April 2008.
- Update the ISP Certification Program Manual with specifics about lifetime certification.
- Send an e-mail to all ISPs seeking volunteers to help achieve the other goals the Committee has set forth this year.

Respectfully submitted,

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