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# Certification Continuing Education Units

**Responsibility of each member to submit their CEUs**

**Certificate of Attendance available upon request**

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## **ISSA International Elections 2026 July 1, 2026 to August 1, 2026**

**Our President of ISSA Central Maryland, Bill Smith, has decided to run for a Director's position on ISSA's International Board. We ask that you please show your support and cast a vote for Bill. If elected, Bill can help influence and incorporate positive changes at the International ISSA Board level. The ISSA International 2026 Election opens July 1<sup>st</sup> thru August 1, 2026.**

**You should get an email from ISSA International with voting directions. The voting deadline is August 1, 2026 5:00pm Eastern Time (US & Canada).**

**ISSA is using an online election system to tabulate votes. Each ISSA member is assigned a unique access key which can only be used to vote once and your voting choices will remain anonymous**

**If you have election questions, feedback or want to be removed from future ballot lists, please email ElectionBuddy Support at [issa@electionbuddy.com](mailto:issa@electionbuddy.com).**

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# CISSP Study Group

Norseman Defense Technologies | 10981 Guilford Rd | Annapolis Junction, MD 20701

Each Tuesday at 5:00 PM -8:00 PM (EST), September 01, 2026 - December 08, 2026 (skips 3 Nov 26)

## Why attend?

Gain credibility as a security expert.

Become a more marketable/hirable candidate.

Become/remain contractually compliant (DoD 8570.01 Manual / DoDD 8140)

Improve IT security skills and enhancing productivity.

Save money over “boot camp” style courses.

Our Study Group fosters a learning environment to better absorb and understand the material.

Our approach simply makes the information more useful and easier to interpret!

You can attend each session in-person in Annapolis Junction MD, or attend virtually on line. Your choice.

Meals are included each night for in-person sessions

Bonus: Pass your exam within 6 months; get a free year of ISSA membership on us!

Cost: just **\$450**

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# ISSA Senior Members

ISSA recognizes members who have been with the organization for at least five consecutive years and have demonstrated at least 8 years of relevant cybersecurity experience.

Senior Member status is the first step towards fellowship and requires at least 5 years of membership.

More about ISSA Fellows Program (<https://issa.org/fellows-program>). Senior Members are:

- invited to our awards gala event to be recognized in the year that they become a senior member
- listed on our website as recognized senior members of the organization
- recognized as eligible to become a Fellow of ISSA in the future.



## Senior Member Qualifications

- 5 years of ISSA membership
- 8 years of relevant professional experience

Nomination submission deadline: June 30, 2026

Learn More and  
Nominate

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# ISSA Fellows Program



The ISSA Fellows Program formally recognizes significant contributions to the cyber community, cyber profession, ISSA leadership and sustained ISSA membership. The elite status of Distinguished Fellow designation is limited to only 1% of ISSA members and Fellow status is limited to 2% of the ISSA membership.



## Fellow Qualifications

- 8 years of association membership
- 12 person-years of relevant professional experience
- 3 years of volunteer leadership in the association
- 5 years of significant performance in the profession such as substantial job responsibilities in leading a team or project, performing research with some measure of success or faculty developing and teaching courses

## Distinguished Fellow Qualifications

- 12 years of association membership
- 16 person-years of relevant professional experience
- 5 years of sustained volunteer leadership in the association
- 10 years of documented exceptional service to the security community and a significant contribution to security posture or capability

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## **Welcome, ISSA members**

As a member of the Information Systems Security Association (ISSA), you are part of an elite community of cybersecurity professionals committed to advancing the industry. At Infosec, we share ISSA's commitment to promoting a more secure digital world through education, collaboration, and professional development.

We proudly offer exclusive discounts on our security training solutions and services to ISSA members. This special partnership reflects our shared dedication to empowering security professionals and strengthening organizations' cyber defenses.

ISSA members are eligible for a discount on Infosec's training offerings. ISSA non-member subscribers are also eligible for discounts. Use your code during checkout or share with your rep to receive your discount.

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## **ISSA Special Interest Groups (SIG)**

**<https://www.members.issa.org/page/ISSASpecialInterestGroups>**

ISSA has many opportunities for members to form and participate in global initiatives and working groups. As a member, you can choose to be active in one or more of these Special Interest Groups (SIG).

- **Board of Directors Special Interest Group**
- **Cyber Resilience Special Interest Group**
- **Emerging Technologies Special Interest Group**
- **Privacy Special Interest Group**
- **CISO Special Interest Group**
- **Women in Security Special Interest Group**

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# Free Security Training

Free training on current topics of interest (i.e. Artificial Intelligence) and certifications (Microsoft, CISSP, CEH, Cloud, etc.) are provided by several companies supporting the cybersecurity community. Links to several offerings can be found on the ISSA Central Maryland Chapter/Training web page:

## Training - Central Maryland Chapter of ISSA

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## Upcoming Summits

Summit & Training events provide an immersive training experience that arms attendees with deep-knowledge and actionable information and has a lasting impact on their careers and their organization's security programs. <https://www.sans.org/cyber-security-summit>

# SANS

Event	Location	Dates
SANS Cloud Security Exchange Summit & Training 2026	San Francisco, CA, US & Virtual	Mon, Aug 17 - Sun, Aug 23, 2026
SANS Security Awareness & Culture Summit 2026	Las Vegas, NV, US & Virtual	Wed, Aug 19 - Fri, Aug 28, 2026
SANS DFIR Summit & Training 2026	Arlington, VA, US & Virtual	Thu, Oct 15 - Thu, Oct 22, 2026
SANS Security Awareness & Culture Summit 2026	Virtual	Wed, Aug 19 - Fri, Aug 21, 2026
SANS AI Security Training August 2026	Virtual	Mon, Aug 31 - Sat, Sep 5, 2026
SANS DFIR Summit & Training 2026	Arlington, VA, US & Virtual	Thu, Oct 15 - Thu, Oct 22, 2026
SANS ICS Security Summit & Training 2027	Orlando, FL, US & Virtual	Mon, Jun 7 - Tue, Jun 15, 2027

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## ISSA Central MD 2026 Meetings and Events

Date	Speaker	Organization	Topic
Dates	Dates	Dates	Dates
<u>June 24, 2026</u>	<u>Matt Leuschner</u>	<u>Cisco Systems</u>	<u>The Evolution of Network Engineering</u>
<u>July 22, 2026</u>		<u>CodeHunter</u>	
<u>August 26, 2026</u>			
<u>September 23, 2026</u>	<u>Mike Fine</u>	<u>East Majors</u>	

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## Solutions Engineer at Cisco

Matt Leuschner is a Solutions Engineer at Cisco, where he has been helping customers transform their networks and embrace technology since 2019. With 23 years of experience across networking, automation and coding, high performance computing, virtualization, and desktop services, Matt brings a broad and practical perspective to solving technical challenges. He is passionate about technology, enjoys collaborating with others, and is always eager to share knowledge and innovative ideas. Matt has also developed several training sessions, as well as step-by-step hands-on labs, to help demonstrate the value of network automation through network simulation.

Feel free to reach out to Matt with questions, if you need advice, or want to learn more about his latest projects. Outside of work, Matt likes to spend time with his wife, Stephanie, and their Old English Sheepdog, Samantha. He's also a member of the Charm City Ghostbusters, where you might spot him cruising Maryland in a replica Ecto-1, asking "Who are you going to call?"

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## **Topic: The Evolution of Network Engineering**

What has changed in network engineering since the adoption of the Ethernet standard in 1983? No matter your role on the network, a lot has changed since 1983. Modern networks support faster speeds, greater data volume, enhanced security, and with that the expanded domain knowledge required of a network engineer. But even as network technology has evolved, we can find familiarity in the networks we operate. Ethernet is still predominant but faster, we still move packets and frames, TCP and UDP control our transport, and the network still connects our applications and services. This presentation looks at how the network and the role of the network engineer has evolved, the skills necessary for network engineers, and how AI and LLMs can up-skill and be a force multiplier.

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