

## Austin Area Chapter Association of Certified Fraud Examiners

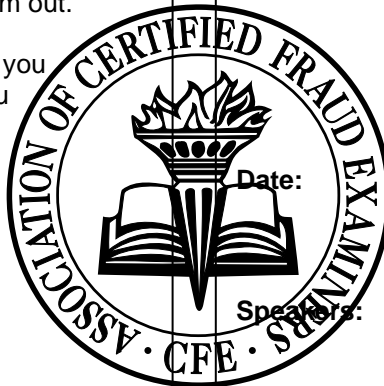
### President's Corner

#### Shari Daffern, CFE, CIA, CPA

It is time to begin the process of electing the Chapter Officers and Board Members. We are forming a nominating committee and the information will be sent out soon. Please consider serving in any capacity. Officers and Board members serve for two years, so everyone is up for election in April.

The Chapter has several interesting DVDs on various fraud schemes and fraud detection methods. If you are in need of such a program or want to review one, Tracy Bohmar has them. She can send you a list of what is available, and you are welcome to check them out.

Remember to let any Board Member know if you have suggestions for speakers. Whether you have worked on an interesting case or know someone who would be willing to speak with us, please let us know. We want to continue to provide interesting and relevant topics at our meetings and seminars so you can meet your required hours of fraud CPE.



### Chapter Meeting Schedule

**Time:** 12:00 to 12:50 p.m.  
Lunch served promptly at 11:45 a.m.

**Location:** Nuevo Leon Restaurant  
1501 East, 6<sup>th</sup> Street

**Cost:** \$11.00 – Chapter Member  
\$13.00 – Non-Chapter Member

#### **This Month's Meeting**

February 4, 2008

**Speakers:** Martin Cano, Assistant Chief  
Criminal Investigations Division  
Comptroller of Public Accounts

and

Jimmie Archer  
Division Chief  
Comptroller of Public Accounts

**Topic:** Comptroller of Public Accounts Cases

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# What You Missed

## Mike Garner, CFE, CIA

If you were not able to attend the January 7, 2008 chapter meeting, you missed a presentation on "Using Geographic Information System (GIS) for Analysis" by Ms. Corrie Stokes, CIA, CGAP, Assistant City Auditor, City of Austin. Ms. Stokes has been with the Office of the City Auditor for over eight years and has audited a variety of areas that involved using GIS as an analysis tool. GIS is a collection of computer hardware, software, and geographic data for capturing, managing, analyzing, and displaying all forms of geographically referenced information.

Ms. Stokes provided an overview of GIS showing the spatial features combined with the tabular or attribute data for a sample of the Austin schools. The spatial data included a map and location of the schools, the tabular data included enrolment. In addition to the schools she then added layers of School Districts, roads, and bodies of water. GIS data comes from a number of sources including manual creations such as drawings and geo-coding; conversion of available information; aerial and satellite photography; and Global Positioning System data.

She provided examples of using GIS in the City of Austin in the fields of infrastructure management (listing of buildings, roads, fences, etc. and their current condition identified through color codes); public safety (area crime statistics by location and type of crime committed); planning (zoning of property and the needed buffer zones, identification of citizens effected and their addresses to keep them informed); and routing and tracking of city vehicles and available resources. Discussed using GIS analysis through spatial queries (where are the schools); attribute queries (schools with populations greater than 1,000); overlay analysis, proximity analysis, modeling, and network analysis.

Ms. Stokes then discussed how she used GIS analysis for audits and investigations. Examples included revenue auditing including sales tax, franchise fees, property tax, and other location based fees; identifying exceptions in the data (jurisdiction conflicts); identifying patterns and trends in the data (food stamp redemption locations, Medicare/Medicaid usage locations, serial crimes, energy loss, etc.); and visual address locations (address matching, verifying address legitimacy, and GPS tracking of the addresses).

GIS data is available from your own organization; local data sources (cities, counties, planning organizations, and universities); state data sources (TNRIS and Texas State

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Data Center); and national data sources (census/TIGER files). Other GIS resources include ESRI at [www.esri.com](http://www.esri.com) (ArcUser Magazine, newsletter, and various GIS books); the Urban and Regional Information Systems Association (URISA) at [www.urisa.org](http://www.urisa.org) ; GIS Lounge at [www.gislounge.com](http://www.gislounge.com) ; and Geo Community at [www.geocomm.com](http://www.geocomm.com) .

She explained how GIS data was used to identify over 300 businesses that were in Austin but were not identified as being in Austin. A lot of these businesses were in Lakeline Mall which is in the Austin city limits but the mailing address is in Cedar Park. GIS information was also used to verify franchise fees (gas, cable, telecommunication, etc.), sales taxes, property taxes, and utility charges. Ms. Stokes can be reached at [corrie.stokes@ci.austin.tx.us](mailto:corrie.stokes@ci.austin.tx.us) or (512) 974-2468.

# The Spotlight's On You!

A special feature focusing on members of the Austin Area Chapter of ACFEs

**Tracy Bohmer** has been a member of the  
Chapter  
for the past  
**5** years.  
But maybe you didn't know...



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**Job Description:**

Consultant

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**What I'm working on now:**

Various projects

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**Best part of my job:**

Variety of work

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**Ambition and/or Goals:**

Retire early

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**Years of State service:**

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**My first job:**

Clerk-Couvert Chevrolet, Bastrop TX

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**Hobbies:**

Motocross riding & fishing with the family

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**Favorite Movie:**

Not sure

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**Last book I Read:**

Think & Grow Rich

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**Favorite foods:**

Mexican & Steak

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**Favorite Restaurants:**

Maudie's & Texas Roadhouse

**My pet(s):**

Little Bit- Miniature Pinscher,  
Ranger-Rat Terrier  
Maxxy-German Shepherd  
2 cats, 3 full size horses, 7 miniature horses, and  
1 donkey

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**It's a good day when:**

I get my to do list done

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**Pet Peeves:**

Traffic

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**What I would do with a surprise  
afternoon off:**

Go to the lake

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**I'm most proud of:**

My family

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**Most people probably don't realize:**

I have a candle business