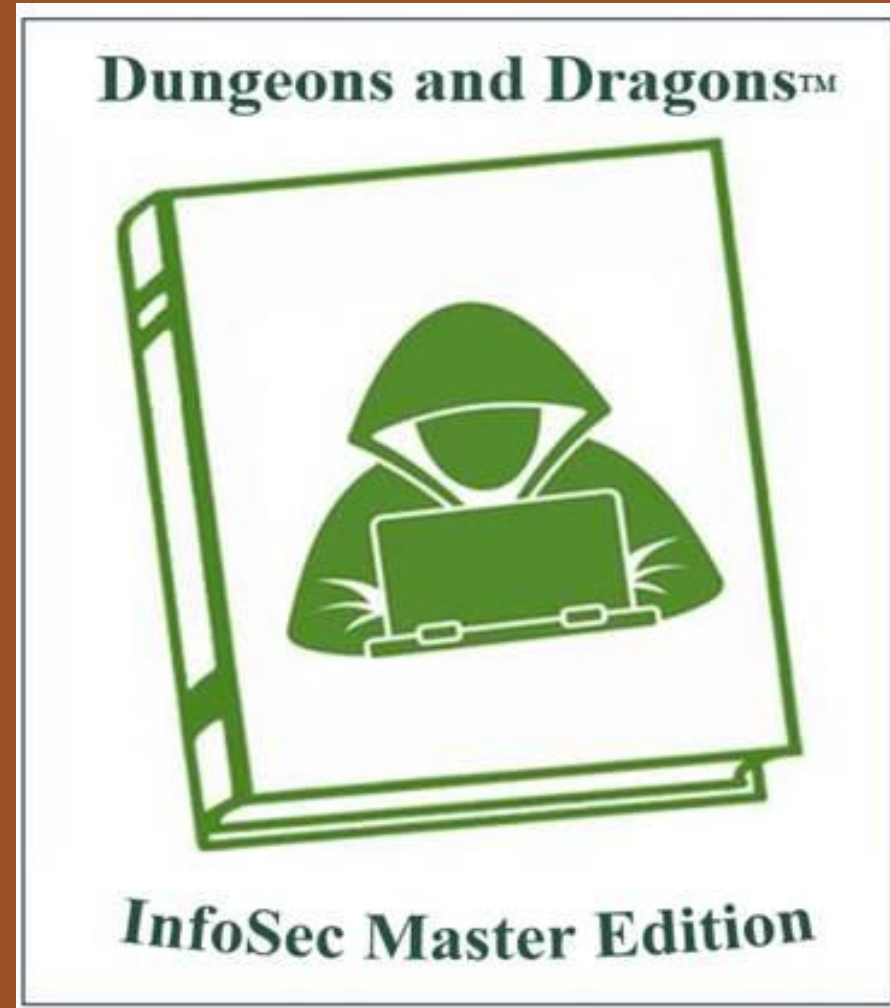


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# Panel Facilitator: John Falck



**John** worked for many years in technology, operations and business roles in the derivatives trading industry. At Swiss Bank, UBS and CME he helped manage 100s of technologists and \$100+ million annual IT budgets, working on the industry transition from manual to electronic and then automated trading. He disappeared for 10 years to co-lead two algorithmic trading start-ups. **In 2017 he co-founded vSEC, LLC**, a cybersecurity consulting firm, and has served as **virtual CISO** for many companies in the financial sector and other service industries. As a former Chief Operating Officer and IT executive, John's specialty is helping companies apply cybersecurity to meet their business and operating priorities.

**John has an engineering degree from Northwestern University, an MBA from London Business School, and a Masters in Computer Science from the University of Chicago.** He is co-inventor on obscure financial-technology patents, and authored "Information and Cyber Security for the Futures Industry" (Lothian, 2017), "How to Hedge Against Cybersecurity Risks" (Stout, 2018), and 'Defensive Programming and the Software Development Lifecycle'. He has **CISSP and QTE certifications**. He has served on multiple Local School Councils (Chicago Public Schools) and is happy to talk at great length about ultimate frisbee.

# Panelists – Sarah Khan



**Sarah**, is an experienced **Chief Information Security Officer** with a demonstrated history of working in the financial services industry. Skilled in IT Strategy, Management, Business Intelligence, Business Process Improvement, and Financial Services. Strong information technology professional with a professional and academic background focused in technology in Financial Services. Prior to joining HighTower, Sarah was the Sr. Manager of Information Technology at Calamos Investments.

Sarah holds a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from **University of Illinois** Chicago and Executive Education in Financial Services from **The Wharton School (UPenn)**



# Panelists – John Kellerhals



John, most recently the **CISO at a nationwide MSSP**, has more than 20 years of experience in information security, incident response, governance and risk management, business continuity, disaster recovery, security operations, and auditing. He currently holds the **CISSP, CISA, CISM, and CRISC certifications**. John is a governing body member of the CISO Executive Summit and the Chairman of the board for the Chicago Chapter of Infragard. John previously served as the Finance Commission Chairman for the Village of Mount Prospect.

John holds a **Bachelor of Science in Nuclear Engineering** from Northwestern University.

# Panelists – Steve Weber



Steve is currently a **Board Member of the InfraGard Chicago Member Alliance (ICMA)** and a **Consulting Security Executive with IT Assurance LLC**. Steve previously served as the Information Security Officer with Catamaran Corporation, a health service company. As Information Security Officer, Steve built Catamaran Corporation's information security and IT compliance program over 6 years. This required extensive integration capabilities for complex IT environments in a heavy regulated industry with HIPAA, NIST, SOX, PCI, HITRUST and URAC compliance and external SaaS/SOC needs. At the time UnitedHealth Group's Optum division acquired Catamaran in 2015 for \$21.5B, the program was responsible for protecting 45M+ patient records and 1B+ annual business processing transactions.

Steve has an additional 13 years of combined **cyber security experience spanning the healthcare, logistics, manufacturing, judicial system, and the insurance industries**. In addition, Steve previously held information security and IT audit management positions at CVS Health (formerly CaremarkRx), as well as senior positions at Sears and Arthur Andersen.

Steve holds **CISSP, CISM, and CISA professional certifications** and has been a conference presenter and panelist for several local professional associations or industry events.

# CISO Panel - Discussion Topics

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- Cybersecurity Threat Environment and Threat Actors
- Insurance, Business and Regulatory Trends for Cybersecurity
- Cybersecurity Tools and Services
- Top Things To Know and Do
- Best / Worst Feeling as a Cybersecurity Professional in Past Year
- Questions / Answers
- Overview of Chicago CISO of the Year Program





CISO Panel – Thank you!

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# Overview



- Founded in 2012, and patterned after the Chief Information Officer (CIO) of the Year Award sponsored by the Association of Information Technology Professionals (AITP Chicago), SIM-Chicago and the Executive Club of Chicago, the Chicago CISO of the Year program recognizes outstanding CISOs for their contributions to their organizations, the Information Security profession and the local community.
- The award is overseen by the Chicago CISO of the Year Program, a not-for-profit affiliated with AITP Chicago, and managed by local area security leader volunteers.
- The **CISO of the Year Award** lets the Chicago CISO community
  - celebrate the achievements of leading Chicago security executives
  - elevate the visibility of the CISO role within the Chicago business community
  - strengthen the community of Chicago CISOs
- The program is volunteer, non-profit, peer driven (by CISOs for CISOs)
- Supported by partnering professional associations (including ISACA)
- Supported by selected sponsoring security vendors

# How it works



- Each year, we solicit peer and colleague nominations for Chicago CISO of the Year
  - From co-workers, colleagues, partners and vendors – anyone with **direct experience** working with the nominee
  - Goods and/or services may NOT be exchanged for a nomination
  - Two CISO categories, ENTERPRISE (>\$4bn revenue) and MID-CAP (< \$4bn)
- Nominees submit applications for the award and, if accepted, are interviewed by a panel of peer judges (CISOs, CROs, CIOs)
- Judges and peer CISOs meet the nominees through a series of mixer events
- A formal scoring method is employed to select two finalists in each category, who are interviewed by CEO judges and the winner selected
- Winners are announced in October
- More information at <https://chicagocisoofttheyear.com>

# Partners



- Most nominations come from members of our partnering professional organizations
- We work together to promote the information security profession and to create opportunity for present and future CISOs
- More information at <https://www.chicagocisoofttheyear.com/partners>



# Past winners



- 2022 – Mahmood Khan - CISO, CNA Financial Corporation (ENTERPRISE) and Walter Lefmann, Director of Security, Chicago Trading Company (MID-CAP)
- 2021 – Ricardo Lafosse, CISO, Kraft Heinz Company
- 2020 – Paige Adams, Global CISO, Zurich Insurance
- 2019 – Jill Rhodes, CISO, Option Care
- 2018 – Bradley Schaufenbuel, CISO & VP, Paylocity
- 2017 – Erik Decker, Chief Security & Privacy Officer, University of Chicago Medicine
- 2016 – Todd Fitzgerald, CISO, Grant Thornton International Ltd.
- 2015 – Kevin Novak, CISO and Technology Risk Officer, Northern Trust Bank
- 2014 – Arlan McMillan, CISO, Department of Innovation and Technology, City of Chicago
- 2013 – Jason Witty, CISO & SVP, US Bank



## 2023 Chicago CISO of the Year Winners



### ENTERPRISE

Darin Hurd

CISO, Guaranteed Rate



### MIDCAP

Neil Witek

CISO, Oak Street Health

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