Industrial Advisory Board Members

**Todd Colvin**  
SVP, Chief Information Security Officer

Todd Colvin is the Senior Vice President and Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) for Rochester Regional Health, a truly integrated health services organization. In this role, he is responsible for developing and driving a converged protection program to identify and reduce risks to the physical security of people and facilities as well as the cyber security of critical technologies necessary for the delivery of patient services.

Mr. Colvin has a Master of Science in Information Security and Assurance (MSISA) with a concentration in Incident Response and Digital Forensics. He is a member of the Upsilon Pi Epsilon Honor Society. Mr. Colvin is also an ASIS Board Certified Protection Professional (CPP), an ISC2 Certified Information Systems and Security Professional (CISSP) and ISACA CISA and CISM certification holder—representing the diversity of knowledge and experience necessary to lead a converged security program.

**Bruce E. Jones**  
SVP, Chief Information Officer

Bruce Jones is Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer (CIO) of Excellus BlueCross BlueShield. His responsibilities include the Enterprise Information Technology (EIT) operations for a family of companies which finance and deliver vital health care services to about 1.9 million people across upstate New York.

Mr. Jones was previously the Chief Information Security Officer for the Lifetime Healthcare Companies. Prior to that he was the CISO at Eastman Kodak Company where he had a successful thirty-two year career in a variety of leadership positions.

Mr. Jones holds a BS Degree in computer science from Saint John Fisher College as well as numerous industry certifications. Bruce is active in the IT Security industry speaking at conferences and webinars, publishing articles on IT Security and risk management, serving as an industry advisor for the Rochester Institute of Technology Master’s Degree in Computing Security and as Director on the Rochester Chapter of the FBI InfraGard group. Bruce founded the Rochester Information Technology Security Executive Council in 2012 which provides a forum for information sharing among the top companies in upstate NY. He has won numerous awards within the IT industry for his leadership and accomplishments in building and implementing a world class security, risk and compliance programs.

Bruce actively volunteers within his community and serves on the Board for Gates Volunteer Ambulance Services, Inc.

Mr. Jones and his wife, Kyle, reside in Rochester, New York.
Bob Kalka, CRISC, Vice President

Bob Kalka, CRISC, is Vice President of the IBM Security Business Unit. Bob has been intimately involved for the past two decades in developing IBM’s overall strategy for its comprehensive security-related investments, and currently leads IBM’s global technical professionals. He has held a number of leadership positions in product management, sales, business development, marketing management and product development.

He is a frequent international speaker on the relationship of business with Information Technology, risk management, cloud computing and cognitive security, and has had numerous papers and articles published on these topics. He also holds a United States Patent related to secure distributed computing software.

Bob received a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree in Organizational Change and Development from Syracuse University, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science from the Rochester Institute of Technology. Bob also holds a certificate in strategic marketing planning from the Indiana University Graduate School of Business.

Bob is Certified in Risk and Information Systems Control (CRISC) by ISACA.

He is an active member of the Industry Advisory Boards for the Darwin Deason Institute for Cybersecurity in the Lyle School of Engineering at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas; the Department of Computing Security at the Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, New York; and the Committee on Cybersecurity for Executive Education at the Muma College of Business at the University of South Florida in Tampa, Florida.

Bob is also a highly active musician in Austin, Texas, where he fronts several groups, spanning jazz, rock, funk, blues and worship styles.

Jennifer Kusse
CIO, Director of Information Services

Jennifer Kusse is the Chief Information Officer and Director of Information Services for Monroe County, New York. She has strategic management and oversight responsibilities for computer and server systems, networking infrastructure, telephones, help desk services; application selection, development and implementation - including a growing SAP application; and responsibility for the information and data security initiatives. Jennifer has been a PMP since 2008, has a Master of Information Systems degree and more than 18 years of Information Technology experience. She also works closely with the County’s department of Public Safety and Emergency Operations Center, as well as State and Federal agencies including Homeland Security and the FBI. Jennifer expects to finish her Doctorate in Organizational Leadership from Northeastern University early in 2020.
Garland Nichols
VP
Garland Nichols is the Vice President of Information Security for Research & Product Development at Xerox Corporation. She is responsible for leading the development and execution of an end to end approach to Information Security in the offerings Xerox delivers to their customers. The mission is to deliver standardized and proven security solutions, processes and tools to ensure that information security becomes part of our everyday business practices. These initiatives further enhances Xerox offerings by embedding security into each step of the value chain from the very beginning.

She enjoys volunteering as a Science Consultant, teaching Science in a fun way to 4th & 5th graders. As Board President at Webster Montessori School in 2012-2014, she led a $1M+ building expansion to ensure a sustainable growth strategy. She’s also served as Treasurer for Pultneyville Yacht Club for 3 years, establishing standardized processes while managing her fiduciary duties.

Garland holds a Ph.D. in Polymer Science from University of Connecticut, an MBA from Rochester Institute of Technology, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from Rochester Institute of Technology. She is a certified Lean Six Sigma Black Belt, holds over 10 patents and has received Xerox’s President Award for extraordinary contributions. She is the 2017 Digital Rochester’s Technology Woman of the Year. She strives to continue to learn and earned her Security+ and CISM certifications.

Michael Palmer
Chief Information Security Officer

Michael Palmer is the Chief Information Security Officer at Hearst. In his role, Palmer is responsible for maintaining and enhancing the risk and cybersecurity solutions that protect the data and information assets across Hearst. A proven leader, change agent and subject matter expert in risk management, Michael is a key member of the executive team. He established and chaired the NFL’s Information Risk Management Committee that identifies threats and vulnerabilities, the associated business risks and determines how to address them. With more than 20 years professional experience across multiple industries including finance, insurance, technology and retail, Michael builds and oversees teams and budgets. Passionate about cybersecurity, he works closely with his peers, providing guidance and sharing information. Michael has US Department of Homeland Security secret clearance and holds several industry certifications.
Mike Pinch  
Director of Threat Management

Mike joined Security Risk Advisors in 2018 as Director of Threat Management.

Mike was the first CISO at University of Rochester Medical Center and held that role for 6 years, eventually running the University security program, as well as serving as CTO. During that time, he succeeded in building a robust security and compliance team capable of supporting vast clinical, research and educational enterprises. He implemented numerous new technologies designed to protect vital data, including network access control, next-generation firewalls, intrusion prevention and detection strategies, vulnerability management programs and two-factor authentication. Mike also oversaw the Medical Center’s annual HIPAA risk analysis process, disaster recovery, business continuity planning, the help desk and desktop support services.

Mike is nationally recognized as a leader in the field of information security, and frequently speaks at security and health care conferences. In addition, he has provided input into the development of national standards for health care and public health sector cybersecurity frameworks. He has been honored locally as one of the Rochester Business Journal’s 40 under 40 recipients. Mike spent many years as an adjunct professor at the Rochester Institute of Technology and is a faculty of IANS.

Mike’s focus at SRA has been in Cloud Computing and Healthcare Security. Mike built and designed the industry’s only Epic EMR cyber security program maturity assessment framework, and has led development of frameworks and methodologies for security medical devices, aimed at both medical device manufacturers, and healthcare delivery organizations. Mike’s cloud focus has been on AWS security and architecture, with additional work in Azure, and Google Cloud.

Greg Platt  
Sr. Cyber Advisor

Greg Platt is a 33 year veteran of the Defense Department and the Intelligence Community. He has held a wide range of operational and leadership positions and served at numerous overseas postings working on a variety of global national security challenges. For the past eleven years, his primary responsibilities have focused on strategic planning for the establishment and evolution of the Army’s premier Cyber Warfare unit. These duties include organizational and operational paradigms as well as, recruitment, training, and professional development of the civilian workforce.
Jeremy Pollard
Engineer

Jeremy Pollard (ANSA ’12) is an Engineer at Caffeine, a video live streaming startup, where he currently focuses on building a next-generation WebRTC CDN and promoting security initiatives throughout the engineering organization. In previous roles at Evernote Corp and Box.com, Jeremy specialized growth and reliability of infrastructure and automation of security policies. In addition to his work at Caffeine, he serves on the ACM SIGGRAPH GraphicsNET committee to architect and operate the network for the annual SIGGRAPH conference. Offline, Jeremy travels the country dancing Lindy Hop and Blues.

Richard Savacool
CSO

Rich Savacool is the Chief Security Officer for Nixon Peabody, LLP, a law firm based out of Rochester, N.Y. He has over twenty five years of experience in networking and systems security for both commercial and government sectors. Rich holds numerous industry certifications including the CISSP, CEH, CCE, and GPEN, and has a Master of Science degree in Computing Security and Information Assurance from Rochester Institute of Technology. When not at work, Rich is an assistant instructor of Aikido at the Eastern Sky dojo in Fairport, NY under the tutelage of Paul Gardner Sensei."

Kristian Stokes
Systems Engineer

Kristian Stokes is a Systems Engineer for FUSE Engineering, a professional services company serving the U.S. Government Intelligence Community. Mr. Stokes earned a B.S. in Applied Networking & Systems Administration from Rochester Institute of Technology. After completing his undergraduate degree, Mr. Stokes was awarded the Department of Defense Information Assurance Scholarship to continue graduate studies in Computer Security & Information Assurance at RIT. Since graduation Mr. Stokes has served as an engineer to deploy specialized data communications technologies for the Department of Defense. Outside of the office Mr. Stokes spends his time skeet shooting and on home improvement projects.
Steve Surdu
Principal of Surdu Consulting

Steve Surdu is the Principal of Surdu Consulting. He assists clients in a variety of computer security and general management areas such as: managing incident response investigations and the associated remediation efforts, assuming interim senior executive roles in security products and services organizations and consulting with information security product and service companies to improve their capabilities and execution.

From 2007 until 2014 Steve was the Vice President of Professional Services at Mandiant. At Mandiant Steve oversaw all aspects of Mandiant’s consulting organization – including sales, business development, service delivery, research, recruitment, personnel development, process improvement and financial management. During his time at Mandiant his group conducted approximately 350 investigations while working for more than 30% of the Fortune 100. The work included investigating site defacements, personally identifiable information thefts, ACH account fraud, payment card thefts, ATM cash drawdowns and intellectual property thefts. Earlier in Steve’s career he held management positions at Foundstone, BBN, Cerner Corporation and Accenture.

Steve earned a Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Max Wandra
Director, Product Cybersecurity CoE

Max provides leadership and oversight in the strategic planning, development and assessment of Eaton products. He is responsible for the Secure Product Development Lifecycle Policy and compliance; including the research, design, development and implementation of security technologies for products, systems and software applications.

His role works cross-functionally with corporate officers, business and functional leaders. He acts as the voice of Eaton on product cybersecurity matters, interfacing with various government entities including the Department of Homeland Security, customers, industry forums and other industrial control security organizations.

Industry Experience
- Held leadership roles at Symantec, Lucent and Siemens
- Member, NEMA Cybersecurity Council.
- Member of ISA 99/IEC62443 working group for Technical Security Requirements for IACS components, product development requirements and IACS security metrics
Education, Awards and Accomplishments
- MSc in Engineering Management (MEM), Robert Morris University, Pittsburgh
- MS in Computer Science, City University of New York College of Staten Island
- BSc in Computer Science, New Jersey City University

Max is a Certified Information System Security Professional (CISSP) and also holds a GIAC Security Leadership Certification (GSLC)

Timothy Watt
Software Engineer

Timothy Watt is a Software Engineer with Parsons Government Services within Parsons, Inc. He received a B.S. in Software Engineering from Rochester Institute of Technology in 2005 and a M.S. in Computing Security and Information Assurance from RIT in 2012. He designs, develops, and supports software to meet clients' needs and requirements.

Ryan Weeks
Chief Information Security Officer

As Chief Information Security Officer (CISO), Ryan is responsible for directing and managing Datto's Information Security program. Ryan spent 11 years securing enterprise applications, systems and sensitive customer financial data at FactSet Research Systems, where heorchestrated all facets of the global information security program. Ryan holds a B.S. in Computer Information Systems from Ithaca College, a M.S. in Information Assurance from Northeastern University and has industry security certifications including the Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) and the Certified Information Security Manager (CISM)