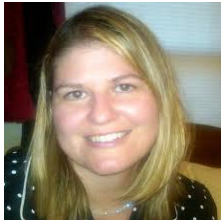


Central Iowa

Business Analyst

IIBA® Central Iowa Chapter

Message from Our President



President
Heather Mylan-Mains
Central Iowa Chapter IIBA®

Our chapter is blooming just like the tulips and daffodils are this spring in Iowa! Membership continues to grow. We are up to over 270 official chapter members in good standing. Registration for monthly meetings is well over 100 for each meeting. We are faced with a venue size constraint that is a unique opportunity for our chapter. We have seen a significant increase in registrations for our I-BADD 2012 program coming up on Friday May 11, 2012, at the Sheraton in West Des Moines. Since our chapter was awarded the inaugural IIBA® 2011 Chapter Growth Award, we continue to grow and invite interest in our little part of the IIBA® world. We are seeing a more diverse attendance base from companies all over the Metro. More and more Business Analysts are finding our community and getting involved. This is the result of each one of you reaching out and sharing about the great

network and tools available through our chapter. Thank you to everyone that shares the IIBA® story with others. Keep talking! So far our 2012 programs have been engaging. We shared our chapter results and introduced all of the work that the Board does to make this the best chapter in IIBA®. In February we learned about right sizing user stories, this was our largest meeting to date, 142 people! In March we learned about requirements for complex projects. In April we will hear from a panel of local “problem solver” Central IA Business Analysts that are experts in facilitating, documenting, and delivering business requirements. Then we will all learn together at our I-BADD conference in May. What an amazing line up in three different tracks. We have held our fourth BABOK® study group and hope to continue to see more CBAP® certifications in our chapter as a result of our work.

We continue to work at creating structure for governance of our chapter. We created two new board positions to help transition leadership and accommodate the growing work to manage the chapter. We have more committees and more opportunities to help than ever before. I encourage anyone who is interested to get involved and be part of the leadership magic. I am excited for Bev Sells, our president-elect to work closely with me *(continued on page 2)*

And the Winners Are...

The Central Iowa IIBA® Chapter's Board of Directors elections were held during March for the Director of Membership and Director of Programs. There were also two new board positions included in this year's election: President-Elect and Director of Partnership. The newly elected board members are:

Bev Sells, President-Elect. Bev has been an active member on the board and in the community for the past 3 years, and brings over 10 years of business analysis and project management experience to the group. Bev is currently the Director of Programs and also completed a short stint as Director of Membership.

Kent McDonald, Director of Partnership. Some of the ways Kent will help our Chapter continue to provide high quality content to business analyst practitioners is by partnering with business analyst training and consulting firms, and strengthening relationships with other non-profit professional groups. *(continued on page 2)*

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as chapter president in 2012. In 2013 she will transition into the chapter president role and I will become the past president. We welcome two new board members, Kent McDonald as Director of Partnerships and Andrew Walling as Director of Programs. Both of these new board members have been active volunteers and it is great to welcome them to the leadership team.

I want to thank all of the people that work on the board and committees to help each

meeting run smoothly. Each one of you is the reason we have such a great chapter. Also thank you to each chapter member for your dedication, consistent attendance, and for adding your enthusiasm for the business analysis career. Business Analysts are amazing and I am privileged to be in such excellent company here in Central Iowa! I will see you all at I-BADD 2012 and bring a friend! It will be worth the investment in your career to attend!

Happy Spring!!!
-Heather

And the Winners Are... *(Continued)*

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Denise Mernka, Director of Membership. Denise has filled in on the board where needed this past year as Director of Treasury, Director of Communications, and just completed a term as Director of Membership. Retention of all members will be a top priority for Denise, through programming, networking, volunteers and benefits.

Andrew Walling, Director of Programs. Andrew's been a Business Analyst for over 8 years, and he's served as the Monthly Meeting Coordinator for the past 2 years. Andrew's goals as Director of Programs are to grow the selection of speakers, venues available and sponsorships to provide the latest and greatest of industry best practices and trends.

You can read more about the board nomination and election process, and find additional information regarding these board positions, in the Bylaws section of our website: www.centraliowaiiba.org.

Congratulations to our newest Board members!

Name The Newsletter Contest

The Central Iowa IIBA® Chapter's newsletter committee is having a contest from now through the end of June to name our quarterly newsletter. As an added incentive, we are offering a book/DVD to the winner:

The Quest for Software Requirements, by Roxanne Miller

Please submit your newsletter

name suggestions to Teresa Celsi at Celsi.teresa@principal.com between now and June 25. You will also have an opportunity to submit entries at our April and June chapter meetings. Our newsletter committee will vote on the winning name, and publish the newsletter with the new name starting next quarter.

The members of the newsletter

committee are:

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Also, we are interested in suggestions for upcoming newsletter articles; please send suggestions to any of the committee members above. Thanks for your participation!



JOIN US FOR THE BA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE I-BADD 2012 Friday, May 11th

Don't miss it! This year's Iowa Business Analyst Development Day (I-BADD) will certainly prove to be the best ever. We have worked hard to secure some of the best speakers from all over the country. And, to ensure you benefit as much as possible, we have added an extra session to the event this year. By attending the 2012 I-BADD Conference you'll have an opportunity to gain insights from six speakers on your choice of twelve separate topics within the following three tracks:

Track 1 Tools and Techniques

Sessions focusing on key business analysis tools and techniques.

Track 2 Practitioner

Pragmatic discussions of topics relevant to Business Analysts from people actually doing business analysis.

Track 3 Leadership

Discussions about leading Business Analysts and being a leader as a Business Analyst.

I-BADD 2012

Friday, May 11, 2012 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Sheraton Hotel

515-223-1800

1800 50th Street

West Des Moines, Iowa 50266

REGISTER ONLINE

Use the fast and secure online form at www.centraliowaiiba.org.

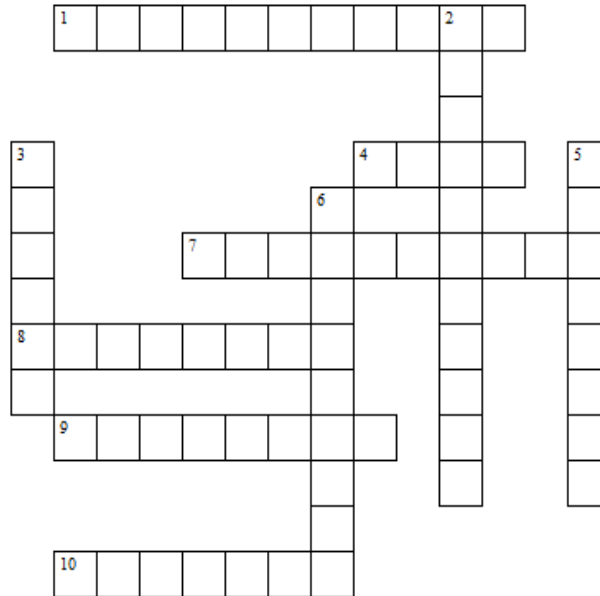
Groups may also register online.

GENERAL QUESTIONS

E-mail us at

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Business Analyst Cross Word Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 A technique used to articulate business needs using pictures.
- 4 Strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats.
- 7 An elicitation technique.
- 8 A type of thinking that involves generation of new ideas and concepts.
- 9 A diagram illustrating a process along with flows of data.
- 10 A stakeholder who authorizes product development.

DOWN

- 2 Skills used to resolve conflicts between parties.
- 3 A type of analysis that assess the effects of a proposed change.
- 5 Requirement statements of needs of the enterprise.
- 6 Another word for software engineer.

Crossword Puzzle Answers

Across

Prototyping / A technique used to articulate business needs using pictures.

SWOT / Strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats.

Interviews / An elicitation technique.

Creative / A type of thinking that involves generation of new ideas and concepts.

Dataflow / A diagram illustrating a process along with flows of data.

Sponsor / A stakeholder who authorizes product development.

Down

Negotiation / skills used to resolve conflicts between parties.

Impact / A type of analysis that assess the effects of a proposed change.

Business / Requirement statements of needs of the enterprise.

Developer / Another word for software engineer.