

Central Iowa Chapter of IIBA®

Fourth Quarter Newsletter 2011



Personal Reflection on 2011 From Heather Mylan-Mains, President of the Central Iowa Chapter

Wow! What a year 2011 has been for the CIC IIBA. We have welcomed many new members and even been recognized as the IIBA Growth Chapter of 2011!

Congratulations to all of you for being part of a thriving community of Business Analysts! We created quite a splash at the BBC conference in Ft. Lauderdale. I am now known as "the Iowa girl" to many IIBA members for pointing out all our accomplishments in our chapter. Now many more people know how fabulous Iowa is and are excited to see us grow even more in 2012. We have had enriching programs in 2011, closing out the year with an entertaining and informative presentation created by the Board of Directors. We learned about being Problem Solver BAs.

By having a unique perspective, challenging the assumptions, brining our own experience and having confidence we can continue to create value in the companies we work in. We can question the question and solve problems more effectively and efficiently.

I encourage each of you to take risks that will give you the confidence to influence without authority and continue to create opportunities to enrich your skill sets.

Here's to a great 2012 for the Central Iowa Business Analysis Community! Don't miss our January meeting to reflect on our accomplishments and see what we have planned for 2012!

Becoming a Member is as Easy as 1, 2, and 3!

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2. Become a Member of the Central Iowa Chapter of IIBA®...

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[Central Iowa Chapter Membership Form](#)

www.centraliowaiiba.org

Year In Review for 2011

The year has gone out with a bang with for the Central Iowa Chapter who was given ***The Growth Award***, which was presented to the chapter that increased its membership by the highest percentage over the previous year. To be eligible for The Growth Award, the chapter must increase its membership by at least 15%, and this year's Growth Award was presented to the Central Iowa Chapter with an amazing 177% increase in membership over the past year! For more details and the full article, go to [Chapter Award Winners](#).

The Growth Award wasn't the only major accomplishment for the Central Iowa Chapter for 2011. The local chapter had a very successful year thanks to everyone involved in the local Business Analysis community including members, sponsors, vendors, and volunteers.

Looking back, here's some highlights of the year:

- **Monthly** – Chapter meetings were held each month with various speakers who presented on many different topics.
- **May** – Iowa Business Analyst Development Day (I-BADD) was a one day local conference offered by the Central Iowa Chapter and was made possible in partnership with several sponsors. This day was a huge success thank you to everyone involved board members of the Central Iowa Chapter, volunteers, vendors, sponsors and participants. There was record attendance for this year's development day and board members predict 2012 will draw even more people to attend!
- **July** – Mary Ducar presented a Six Sigma workshop to members where she explained the basic principles of Six Sigma along with providing details about improving processes and working with the project life cycle.

I-BADD 2012 Save the Date!

Mark your calendar for **May 11, 2012**, and remember that early registrants get a discounted rate!

- **September** – Kupe Kupersmith from B2T Training talked to members about Improving Your Communication Through Improvisation!

The Central Iowa Chapter is looking forward to even more exciting and eventful 2012 with great speakers and programs. The Central Iowa Chapter website provides details about upcoming events so members are encouraged to check the website often.

A look ahead to January 2012, members welcome to attend the annual general meeting where the chapter president, Heather Mylan-Mains will cover accomplishments of 2011 and talk about what's ahead for members in 2012.

Interested in Getting Your CCBA™ or CBAP®?

For details about each certification, click on the links below or contact a Central Iowa Chapter of IIBA® board member at Contact@CentrallowaIIBA.org

Junior-level BA Certification:

[Certification of Competency in Business Analysis \(CCBA™\)](#)

Senior-level BA Certification:

[Certified Business Analyst Professional \(CBAP®\)](#)

Best wishes as you strive toward your goal of becoming certified in what you do best every day!

Honorable mention goes to **Joy Campbell, Linda Olerich, Jennifer Burton, Chad Webb, Becci Schroeder and Colleen Pilat!** All Central Iowa Chapter IIBA® members recently certified CBAPs®.

Congratulations to all of you on earning your CBAP®!



IIBA CIC Newsletter Ideas and Suggestions

We want to hear from you regarding newsletter topic suggestions. What would you like to know more about or share with your local BA community members? Email ideas and suggestions to contact@centraliowaiiba.org

Get Involved.

Make a Difference.

Be a Volunteer.

Volunteering opportunities with the Central Iowa Chapter of IIBA® are listed on the website.

The following committees need someone like you:

- *Communications*
- *Central Iowa Chapter of IIBA® Website*
- *Membership*
- *Monthly Meetings*
- *Treasurer*

We're waiting to hear from YOU! Contact@CentrallowaiIBA.org

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