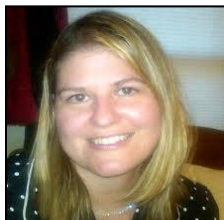


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Central Iowa Chapter IIBA®

Message from Our President



President
Heather Mylan-Mains
Central Iowa Chapter IIBA®

Fall is such a great time of year! Soon we will gain an hour of extra sleep as we 'fall back' and adjust our schedules. It's also a time for reflection as our year comes to a close. What will you remember as you look back on 2012? What accomplishments have you had? What things have provided you lessons learned to make adjustments in your work or life? What would you do differently if given the chance? Our reflections are a valuable tool if used to propel us forward and not drag us down. There is nothing that we experience from which we can't take away a lesson learned. Learning from our experiences makes every experience valuable. As I reflect on 2012 for the Central Iowa Chapter IIBA® I am thrilled at the

progress we have made and excited for how many things we can do better in 2013. In Central Iowa, organizations are creating BA communities in greater numbers than in 2011. People are discovering that they have a peer group in the BA community. We are learning about what it means to be a business analyst. Is there still confusion about the business analysis role? Is there still an uncertainty about tasks that belong to the business analysis role? Yes to both questions. We have made progress and I am confident the understanding will continue to branch out and cover more ground in 2013 than it did in 2012. Being a problem solver BA has never been more in demand and will continue to be in the future. Reap the rewards of your success in 2012 and look forward to even more success in 2013. I am grateful for all the people I work with on our board and volunteers who are contributing to our community. Thank you all for your time, talent and energy dedicated to building a stronger BA community in our little part of the global IIBA® Community!

Heather Mylan-Mains

President, Central Iowa Chapter IIBA

From the Desk of President-Elect Bev Sells

August and the Iowa State Fair have come and gone. Schools around the area are in session and high school Friday night football excitement is in the air. It's now time to get back to chapter business! I'd like to tell you what's been happening with your Central Iowa Chapter IIBA®. Here's a

- quick update:
- Planning for 2013 programming & budget.
 - The Nomination Committee is actively working on nominations for the board election in early 2013.
 - The By-Law committee is reviewing our chapter's by-laws.

Our IIBA® chapter simply couldn't exist without our volunteers. Volunteers are the heart and soul of this organization. Please join me in thanking all those who volunteer and help build and grow this chapter. Thanks to each one of you for your faithful support and attendance.

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Membership Update: IICM is coming!



Have you found chapter renewal frustrating, confusing and time consuming? Annual chapter renewal means:

- Accessing the website
- Completing the form
- Accessing PayPal to make payment
- Accessing the IIBA® website renewal page
- Accessing PayPal to make payment

It seems like an endless loop. Well, dear readers, an upgrade is coming. The IIBA® has initiated a project to combine chapter and IIBA® membership renewal. The effort is known as the IICM project (Integrated International Chapter Membership).

And, the good news is – Central Iowa Chapter has been tagged as an Early Adopter, we will be among the 1st to be able to use this new feature. Your chapter representative Barbara Allen has been participating in meetings, planning and documenting for this project since earlier this year. IICM was initially scheduled to roll out in beta summer 2012, but a necessary infrastructure upgrade must be completed before that can happen. Best guess is that Central Iowa Chapter will be in beta by 1st Quarter 2013. It will happen. And then membership renewal will be a one-step process instead of the current inefficient and often confusing multi-step process.

Would you like to learn more about more about IICM? – Check out the IIBA® website.

Introducing Benchmarks & Milestones

Share your professional successes with other IIBA® members in our new feature, Benchmarks and Milestones! Do you have a new job or have you earned a promotion? Let us know! Professional accomplishments such as awards, recognition, speeches, publications or programs are all of interest to other business analysts in Central Iowa. Click on the link below and fill in the information. IIBA® members represent quality and excellence in business analysis: We are eager to learn of your success!

<http://www.centraliowaiiba.org/wordpress/?p=5391>

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Call for Volunteers - Nominating Committee

Board of Directors nominations are just around the corner! If you are interested in helping with the nomination process we are looking for two to four IIBA® members in good standing to help with the process.

Time commitment:

2 hours during October, November

3 hours during December, January and February

3 hours during March (election is in March)

Responsibilities of the Nominating Committee

A Nominating Committee shall prepare a slate containing nominees for each Board position and shall determine the eligibility and willingness of each nominee to stand for election. Candidates for Board positions may also be nominated by petition process established by the Nominating Committee or the Board. Elections shall be conducted: (a) during the annual meeting of the membership; or (b) by mail ballot to all voting members in good standing. The candidate who receives a majority of votes cast for each office shall be elected. Ballots shall be counted by the Nominating Committee or by tellers designated by the Board.

No current member of the Nominating Committee shall be included in the slate of nominees prepared by the Committee.

If you would like to be part of this very exciting and critical committee, please contact Bev Sells at:
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Seeking 2013 IBADD Committee Volunteers

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- Have fun planning next year's I-BADD event with us!
- Feel free to commit as much time as you have available.

Committee opportunities include:

Finance
Marketing
Publications
Logistics

Partnerships
Technology
Speakers

- Gain experience, have fun and make friends while learning how the magic happens!

Contact Heather Mylan-Mains at mylanmains@msn.com if you are interested in getting involved.

Call For Volunteers – Monthly CIC IIBA® Meeting Registration

Volunteers are needed for our monthly registration sign-in. We'd like to form a team of people to share the duties. If you are interested, please contact Andrew Walling, Director of Programs, at: programs@centraliowaiiba.org.

Add the next Central Iowa Chapter IIBA® Meeting to your calendar now!

DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2012
LOCATION: John Deere Financial
TITLE: The Collaboration Dilemma
PRESENTER: Greg Goodman

An Invitation to the Central Iowa IIBA® Presentations Library

Have you ever wanted to revisit any of our monthly programs that you've enjoyed or found very helpful? Did you know we store the presentation materials provided by our guest speakers on our CIC IIBA® website? Check out our Presentations Library! When guest speakers provide their presentation materials we store them there. Visit it today and add it to your favorites:

<https://sites.google.com/site/centraliowaiiba/home/presentations>

The Presentation Library is located in the right navigation menu of our CIC website.

