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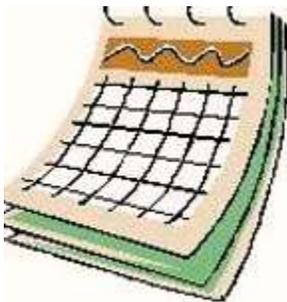
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Dear Business Analyst,

If you enjoy reading this newsletter and think that other Business Analysts, Project Managers, or Directors in your organization might enjoy it as well, it's easy to share. Just forward it to your colleagues.

Did someone forward this newsletter to you? Would you like to receive upcoming issues of this newsletter and learn more about IIBA and the Business Analysis profession? Just click on the **Join Our Mailing List** link on the [IIBA Denver Chapter website](#).

Upcoming Meeting



September IIBA Denver Chapter Meeting: Note that it's on a Monday!

Date: Monday, September 15:

5:30 - 6:00 - Check In, Networking, Food

6:00 - 6:30 - Announcements, Chapter Business

6:30 - 8:00 - Presentation

Topic: TBD

Presenter: TBD

Location: National MS Society, 900 South Broadway, Denver

Cost: There are two levels of membership: IIBA National and IIBA Denver Chapter. The meeting cost is free for members of the Denver Chapter. The cost is \$10 for non-members of the Denver chapter. Snacks are generously provided by our sponsor MODIS.

Letter from the President

by Monte Malenke

Hard to believe that we are already halfway through August! I hope everyone is continuing to have a great summer.

A couple things I wanted to highlight in this letter include the next CBAP® study group and the fall networking event, both scheduled for October. You will want to check out both of the articles about these activities in this newsletter. I would encourage everyone to take advantage of the chance to move forward with your CBAP which is a very tangible benefit to your career. The fall networking event should be a very pleasant evening on the patio at the Tavern in the DTC, so you won't want to miss that. If you looking for a BA job, be sure to check out the IIBA Denver Chapter Linked In site where we post opportunities that come our way so that everyone can be aware of them. If you know of an open BA position, please let us know and we'll post it on the Linked In site (email Communications@denver.iiba.org).

Enjoy the rest of August and the warm summer days and evenings!

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Upcoming MS Events

by Duanyelle Perry

The Denver chapter is actively involved in working with the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Thank you to all who have participated or donated to Hike MS. There is one more upcoming event:

Muckfest MS Denver

Fellow IIBA members, let's muck it a mile high at MuckFest MS Denver. We can run, swing, slosh, climb and laugh our way through a 5K course of incredible obstacles and muddy pits, trenches and craters. It's not just about the fun, there's also a mission behind the muck: 100% of your fundraising dollars go back to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Have a blast and make a difference!

Click [here](#) to join the IIBA Denver MuckFest Team September 13th, Music Mountain Amphitheater in Larkspur. For more information about the MuckFest MS Denver, click [here](#).

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society graciously provides meeting space for the chapter.

Networking Event

by Debra Urban

Plan to join the IIBA Denver Chapter for a fall networking event! The date is Wednesday October 8th. This is a great opportunity to meet fellow business analysis professionals in the front range area and interact on a social basis. The location is:

The Tavern DTC
5336 DTC Blvd

Greenwood Village, CO 80111

Educational Article from IIBA Newsletter

Simplest Way to Understand all of your Business Analyst Deliverables

Many business analysts, especially new business analysts, have questions regarding what exactly it is they are supposed to deliver. After some research and applying my personal experience, I've found a simpler way to "shed some light" on exactly what it is we're supposed to be doing.

To continue the article, click [here](#).

Companies Seeking BAs

Are you following the chapter's Linked In community? New job opportunities are posted there when information is available.

Certification Study Group

by Mary Anne McSweeney, CBAP

New CBAP Study Group Coming in October!

The IIBA Denver Chapter CBAP study group is a virtual study group, so there is no need to drive anywhere to meet as we connect via web conferencing. The goal of this study group is to cover the complete BABOK in preparation for taking the CBAP exam.

We expect to meet on the 2nd Wednesday of every month from October 2014 through March 2015. **This will be the last group to meet before CBAP Certification is based on the new 3.0 version of the BABOK**, which is scheduled for the second half of 2015.

Sessions consist of a review of BABOK content and group discussion to resolve specific questions. Give yourself, your company and your clients a huge benefit by getting certified. Hope to see YOU there! It's more fun doing it as a group!

Primary content is the IIBA Business Analysis Body of Knowledge (BABOK). In addition, the study group has specific study materials and a practice exam for each chapter.

To join the Study Group, you must be a member of IIBA and also a member of the Denver Chapter. If you are interested, please email CBAPStudyGroup@denver.iiba.org and include the following details:

- 1) Your name
- 2) Phone
- 3) Email Address
- 4) IIBA member number
- 5) Any special areas of desired interest or focus

Membership News

by Susan Futey , CBAP

Welcome new Denver Chapter members!

Jennifer Brunke
Courtney Sorensen

Active Member Count: 98

Not a member yet but interested in joining the IIBA Denver Chapter?

You'll find that it is a great way to network, share business analysis knowledge and experience, and learn about new techniques and processes. Best of all, membership is just **\$25/year!** [Join now!](#)

Benefits of being a local chapter member:

- Attend chapter meetings free or at reduced cost.
- Participate in Denver Chapter elections (as candidates or as voters).
- Participate in members-only offers such as volunteer opportunities at BA World.
- Get to wear a snazzy name badge at the meetings!
- Be the proud owner of the "IIBA Denver Chapter" mug!

If you are an IIBA member, instead of paying \$10 per meeting, you can pay an annual membership fee of \$25 and attend all meetings **free**. *Take advantage of this deal today!*

You do have to be a member of the IIBA International Organization in order to join the IIBA Denver Chapter. Join IIBA through their website at www.iiba.org. IIBA [Membership benefits](#) include:

- Free copy of the [Business Analysis Body of Knowledge® \(BABOK® Guide\)](#).
- Free access to the [Online Library](#) where you will find hundreds of books.
- Knowledge sharing and networking opportunities through the [IIBA Community Network](#).
- Exclusive IIBA monthly publications such as the [IIBA BA Connection monthly newsletter](#).
- Eligibility to join a local [IIBA Chapter](#).
- Access to a free copy of the [Business Analysis Competency Model](#).
- Access to [IIBA Webinars](#) on a range of professional development topics.
- Job search capabilities using [Career Center](#).

If you have any questions about membership or renewal, please feel free to send an email using the [Contact Us](#) link on the IIBA Denver Chapter website.

Logo Mugs for Denver Chapter Members

When you are a member of the International Institute of Business Analysis (IIBA) and then join the local Denver Chapter, you will receive a complimentary mug displaying the IIBA Denver Chapter logo. A great way to showcase your BA profession while enjoying your coffee or tea! Active Denver Chapter Members, please pick up your mug at the next chapter meeting!

Meeting Schedule for the Rest of 2014

Here's the schedule for the rest of the year. Note that not all meeting dates are Wednesdays:

- September 15 -meeting (**Monday**)
- October 8 -networking (Wednesday)
- November 19 -meeting (Wednesday)

Certification News

by Debbie Rasor, CBAP

The newest chapter CBAP holder is:

- Susan Futey, Chapter VP of Membership

The newest Colorado CCBA is:

- Barbara Griffith

Congratulations Susan and Barbara!

Susan Futey states that the exam was not easy by any means and there were some questions

that I really had no clue which answer to choose (of the 2 that were possible; because typically 2 were obviously wrong). The exam was not easy by any means and there were some questions that I really had no clue which answer to choose (of the 2 that were possible; because typically 2 were obviously wrong). But I took my time and the testing environment was comfortable (quiet, good temperature) so I could focus.

Need Help?

Need other tips on completing your application? Tips on applying for recertification? I can answer your questions, review your application, and offer feedback on it before you submit it. Contact me at debrasor@yahoo.com.

Get Involved

Joining IIBA Denver Chapter Committees

Do you want to support local Business Analysts, the profession, and increase visibility to your company? The Denver chapter is looking for help on numerous committees. There is currently openings for both VP Marketing and Corporate Programs. If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please respond to President@denver.iiba.org.

Website Help

We are in the process of our Chapter Website Migration from Joomla 1.5 to Kentico 8. We have some tutorials and templates, and are looking for a volunteer to help with the Kentico platform, either version 7 or 8. We need some expertise on an occasional basis. If you can help the chapter with this, please contact communications@denver.iiba.org

Endorsing and Recognizing the CBAP and CCBA®

The IIBA Denver Chapter is continuing to support the CBAP as the highest designation in the field of business analysis. CBAPs must meet requirements for experience, education, knowledge, skill, and ethics. The IIBA is looking for organizations that support the CBAP designation, and we would love to see strong company support right here in Colorado! If your organization reimburses you for CBAP exam fees, recognizes the CBAP or CCBA as a professional certification, promotes the certification as part of its professional development goals, or otherwise endorses the designation, please let us know!

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The International Institute of Business Analysis is a non-profit organization for Business Analyst professionals. The goal of the local Denver Chapter is to support IIBA by (1) advancing the role of the Business Analyst as a recognized profession, (2) support opportunities for members to network with, and gain knowledge from, seasoned BA practitioners as well as industry and government leaders, (3) provide access for members to a formal "knowledge base" as well as forums for sharing expertise, expressing professional opinions and building a reputation within the industry, (4) provide pathways to learn about business analysis best practices, and (5) obtain and sustain a level of financial security, sustainability, and autonomy at the local level.