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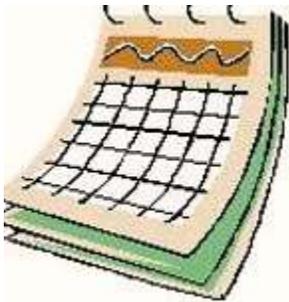
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Dear Grant,

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 Events



Next IIBA Denver Chapter Meeting is This Wednesday!

NOTE THE NEW LOCATION

Wednesday, January 15: Starting at 5:30 pm

Topic: Multigenerational Issues Confronting BAs in the 21st Century

Presenter: Stace Williams

Location: National MS Society, 900 South Broadway, Denver

Cost: The cost is \$10 for non members. No cost for Denver chapter members. Snacks generously provided by our sponsor MODIS.

[Click here](#) for information on Stace and her presentation. And [click here to RSVP](#) for the meeting.

Save the Date: The following meeting will be on March 19.

New Location for January Meeting

The National MS Society has graciously agreed to host this meeting at their location which is very centrally located near I-25 and Broadway. This location should be very convenient for most folks.

We hope to see you there.

New Meeting Location Being Considered

by Jenny Nunemacher

We have having to temporarily find different meeting locations because of FEMA taking over the Innovation Pavilion. A part of this process, we are considering finding a new permanent location, such as maybe something more centrally located, or possibly something on the north end of town and alternate between north and south meeting locations.

As part of this process, we would like YOUR input on this. Please participate in a survey we have created to find out what might work best for the chapter members at the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DKXH3RV>

Educational Article: Cloud Computing

by Scott Woodward

New article from IIBA!

Cloud Computing is generating significant interest and momentum. The cloud eco-system requires new considerations for the business analysis community to fully take advantage of cloud computing opportunities.

For full article, click [here](#).

CBAP® Study Group

by Denver Chapter Education Committee

The first Denver Chapter CBAP study group is just about to finish their studies.

Another CBAP study group will be starting up in the early spring 2014 timeframe, and will run for 6 months. Now is your chance to get moving on your CBAP or CCBA certification! Stay tuned for more details on this. If you are interested in joining this new group, please email CBAPStudyGroup@denver.iiba.org.

Certification News

by Debbie Rasor, CBAP

There are four additional people in Colorado who have earned the CBAP designation in 2013. They are:

- Mark Ward, 7/5/2013
- Jeffrey Sylla, 10/21/2013
- Rochelle Piro, 10/28/2013 (IIBA Denver Chapter Member)
- Bradley Freiwald, 12/18/2013

There is one person in Colorado who earned a CCBA designation in Colorado in 2013. She is:

- Tiffany Sailer, 6/18/2013

Congratulations all!!

Do you have any IIBA-related news?

Has your CBAP or CCBA application been accepted recently? Have you recently become certified? Let us know and we'll post it here.

Membership News

by Susan Futey

Happy New Year to our 60 active Denver Chapter members!

Not a member yet? But interested in joining the Denver IIBA 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 door prize drawings.
- Opt in to receive job notifications.
- Participate in members-only offers (e.g., volunteer opportunities at the BA World Symposium).
- Get to wear a snazzy name badge at the meetings!

Did you know that if you are an IIBA (International Organization) member, instead of paying \$10 per meeting, you can pay an annual membership fee of \$25 and attend all meetings **free**? That's a bargain! *Take advantage of this deal today.*

For those of you thinking about membership it is important to know that you do have to be a member of the IIBA in order to join the IIBA Denver Chapter. Joining IIBA can be done through their website at www.iiba.org. Membership benefits include:

- Access to a free copy of the [Business Analysis Body of Knowledge \(BABOK Guide\)](#).
- Free access to the [Online Library](#) of more than 300 books.
- Assistance with the [Certified Business Analysis Professional \(CBAP\) and Certification of Competency in Business Analysis \(CCBA\) certification exams](#).
- Knowledge sharing and networking opportunities through the [IIBA Community Network](#).
- Access to 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](#).
- And [more...](#)

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.
Thank you!

Susan Futey
VP Membership Services, IIBA Denver Chapter

Get Involved

Joining the IIBA Denver Chapter Board

Do you want to support local business analysts, the profession, and increase visibility to your company? The Chapter is looking for help with chapter sponsorship, event sponsorship, teleconference lines, door prize giveaways, and organizing the chapter meetings. **There are currently 2 Board Member openings: Technology and Marketing.** If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please respond to info@denver.iiba.org.

Joining IIBA Denver Chapter Committees

The Denver chapter is looking for help on numerous committees. For more information on how to assist the committees, go to the Volunteer Opportunities link on the Denver chapter website.

Endorsing and Recognizing the CBAP

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 as a professional certification, promotes the certification as part of its professional development goals, or otherwise endorses the designation, please let us know!

Do You Need Help With Your CBAP or CCBA Application?

Need tips on completing your application? Need BABOK study book recommendations? Debbie Rasor, who earned her CBAP certification in July 2011, has graciously offered to assist other BAs who may currently be applying for their CBAP or CCBA applications.

Since Debbie has made the journey of studying for the CBAP and sitting for the examination, she can answer your questions, review your application, and offer feedback on it before you submit it. She can be contacted at debrasor@yahoo.com.

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IIBA 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.

