



# IIBA Informant

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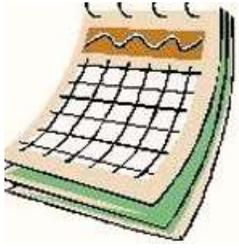
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### Dear Analyst,

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.

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## May Chapter Meeting - This Wednesday!



Click [here](#) to view maps and images of the meeting facility.

### May Chapter Meeting

**Date: Wednesday, May 20**

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

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

6:30 - 8:00 - Presentation

**Location:**

Business Tech Center

8301 East Prentice Avenue, #400

Greenwood Village, CO 80111

[303-996-2849](tel:303-996-2849) (call for directions if needed)

**Topic:**

BABOK 3.0 is here! Join us for a delightful evening with Kym Byron, past president and long time supporter of Denver IIBA. Kym will be discussing the newly released BABOK Version 3.0.

**Presenter:**

Kym Byron, CBAP®, is the National Business Analysis Team Manager for the Enterprise Project Management Office at Catholic Health Initiatives in Englewood, Colorado. She earned her BS in Finance from the University of Wyoming, and her MBA in Finance/Accounting from Regis University. After a career as a stockbroker, she moved to Business Analysis in the financial industry, specializing in stock and bond trades, mutual funds, and annuities. In 2012, she made the leap into the healthcare industry. She is the past president and vice president of education of IIBA Denver and is still actively involved with the IIBA at the international level, serving on several committees, including that which developed BABOK® v3.0. She earned her CBAP as the 10th in Colorado, and the 387th in the world. She also taught a CBAP prep class for two years. She resides in Littleton, Colorado with her husband and two sons.

There are two levels of membership: 1) IIBA National and 2) IIBA Denver Chapter with IIBA National. 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. Click [here](#) to register.

**New Meeting Format:**

At the beginning of the meeting, we will hold a 10 minute Q&A regarding any pressing issues you may have regarding your BA practice. Ask the group for help with any particular issue you may be facing, or insight into a new topic you'd like to know more about. Be prepared with your questions and tap the collective knowledge of the group.

**Event Sponsors:**

Food generously provided by [MODIS](#).

Business space sponsor is [Business Tech Center](#).

## Letter from the President

by Monte Malenke, President

With spring in full swing I hope everyone is enjoying the warmer weather and how green everything is with all the moisture! Also new for the chapter is our chapter meeting facility that we will be meeting in for the first time starting with this month's chapter meeting on the 20th. If you have been thinking about trying to make a chapter meeting, this would be a great one to make and be a part of our first meeting in the new facility. This also a special opportunity to hear Kym Byron speak on the new release of the BABOK version 3.0. This is a major update to the BABOK which is the industry standard on Business Analysis best practices you won't want to miss.

We will be having elections for the board positions that end July 1st, so if you are interested in running for an open position, please let me know ASAP. Looks like the folks in currently in these roles will also be running again except for VP of Events, but they are open to anyone who wants to run. We will be having elections for the following roles: President, VP Education, VP Marketing and VP Events. Nominations must be submitted to me by the end of May and we'll conduct the election of any position with more than one nominee the first week in June by email. Email me at [president@denver.iiba.org](mailto:president@denver.iiba.org) to submit a nomination.

See you at the May 20th chapter meeting!

## MODIS Job Search Feature

As a global provider of IT staffing services, MODIS connects the very best IT professionals to great opportunities at leading companies. And we do it every single day - for both temporary and permanent assignments and across virtually all industries. We use our insight, flexibility and expanded resources to anticipate the needs of leading tech companies and help them make exceptional connections with top tech talent.

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## Bridging the Gap

Denver IIBA is proud to announce a new Gold Sponsor for 2015! The company is [Bridging the Gap](#), a leading provider of virtual business analysis training founded by a long-time chapter member.

**Laura Brandenburg, CBAP®** is passionate about business analysis and about helping you find your place within it. Laura is the author of *How to Start a Business Analyst Career*, *Professional Development for Business Analysts*, and *How to Earn Your CBAP or CCBA in 3 Months*.

Laura offers business analysis courses to people who want to get started in a business analyst career or make sure they succeed in their current business analyst position. She is also providing exclusive discounts for those involved with the Chapter - check out the [sponsorship page](#) for more information.



## New Chapter Business Analyst Job Board

by Grant Warden, VP Communication

The Denver IIBA Chapter leadership team is proud to announce a new Business Analyst Job Board on our website. Part of our commitment to the local BA community is providing value in connecting to other BA professionals, including employers. In addition to our networking events, CBAP Study Group, and general meetings, we now offer a job board as a means of serving our community even more. Several job listing pages will be included under the "Careers" tab on the website. Some will be open requisitions from our sponsors, others may be from individual companies, and some may be from members who want to share an opportunity with the group. We are working with our affiliate companies to standardize the listings for a consistent look and feel, but open positions are currently available to view.

If you or someone you know is looking for a BA (or similar) opportunity, please encourage them to leverage the website for help. Positions will be updated regularly, so check back often to ensure you have the most current listings. If your company has open positions that are relevant to our Chapter members, please send an email to [communications@denver.iiba.org](mailto:communications@denver.iiba.org) so that we can add the listing to our site. Thank you in advance!

## Other May Events

### **BABOK® v3 Release**

The much anticipated BABOK v 3 is released today! You can get more [information here](#). Since IIBA members get a copy free, it's another good reason to become a member now!



### **Kym Byron Fundraising**

Kym Byron, a long time member, supporter and past president of the IIBA Denver Chapter was diagnosed this past summer with cancer. The Denver Chapter would like to support Kym during her difficult times.

For more information about Kym's story and to make a donation, please click this link and give what you can:

[Kym Byron's Fundraising Website](#)

For additional information and updates,click [here](#).

## April Networking Event Recap

by Jay Galecki

The IIBA Denver Chapter hosts two networking events each year: one in the spring and one in the fall. The spring event was held in April at the Breckenridge Brewery in LoDo. With about 45 people in attendance, it was a great opportunity to meet other Business Analysts, recruiters, and industry experts. We would like to thank MODIS for sponsoring and providing the food for everyone!

Some of the activities held at the event included announcements and introductions, a raffle of door prizes, and a speed networking session in which participants could meet other attendees. This gave everyone an opportunity to mingle with people around the room, not just the people at their table.

Keep an eye out for the fall networking event, and come with plenty of business cards!

### Call for Speakers

We are looking for speakers to speak at our chapter meetings on topics relevant to business analysts. If you have an interest in being a speaker, being part of a panel of speakers, or if you know someone who would make a great speaker, please contact Heidi at [Education@denver.iiba.org](mailto:Education@denver.iiba.org). Some topics that have been suggested are listed below, but of course our interests are not limited to this list.

- BABOK Review
- Agile Extension to the BABOK
- Process Mapping
- BA Diagramming & Modeling
- Elicitation
- Enterprise Analysis

### CBAP® Study Group Continues

by Mary Anne McSweeney, CBAP

#### Interested in attending a new CBAP Study Group?

*It will be the last study group to meet before the CBAP and CCBA Certification exams are based on BABOK v3.*

This is a virtual study group, so there is no need to drive anywhere to meet as we will be connecting via web conferencing. The goal of the study group is to cover the complete BABOK in preparation for taking the CBAP or CCBA exam.

Sessions consist of a review of BABOK content for each session and group discussion to resolve specific questions and insights we have. Attendees will facilitate each of the 6 sessions. Materials are provided by IIBA.

Give yourself, your company and your clients a huge benefit by getting certified!

**We need to register at least 5 participants to start a new Study Group. If you are interested, please send an email to [CBAPStudyGroup@denver.iiba.org](mailto:CBAPStudyGroup@denver.iiba.org), including:**

- 1) Your name
- 2) Email
- 3) IIBA member number
- 4) Indication of whether or not you are a IIBA Denver Chapter member
- 5) Phone
- 6) Any special areas of desired interest or focus

**Note:** In order to participate, you **must either be a Denver Chapter member**, in addition to your IIBA membership, or **pay the \$25 Study Group fee**. The cost to join the Denver Chapter is \$25/year. To register, please go to our Membership Application page located [here](#).

### Membership News

by Susan Futey, CBAP, VP Membership

Looking forward to seeing you at the May Chapter event!

Barbara Holder  
Steve Maegley  
Anita Maresh  
Deborah Pyykkonen

**Active Member Count: 96**

### **Not a member yet but interested in joining?**

It's 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
- 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

IIBA member, but *not* a Denver Chapter member, your cost = \$10 per meeting. IIBA member *and* a Denver Chapter member (annual membership fee of \$25) your cost = **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](http://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.

### **Get involved!**

Do you want to support local Business Analysts, the profession, increase visibility to your company, or gain recertification credits? The Denver chapter is looking for help on several committees.

### **VP Events**

This position will be open starting in July. If you would like to make our two networking events each year a reality for the next two year term, please let me know about your interest and we'll make sure you are considered during our elections this summer. You could even help Debra with our next event happening this April to get a head start on seeing what she does.

### **Corporate Programs**

There is currently an opening for Corporate Programs in the Marketing Committee. If you are interested, contact [marketing@denver.iiba.org](mailto:marketing@denver.iiba.org).

## Future 2015 Meetings/Events

Future meetings are scheduled every other month. The remaining meetings are:

- July 15 - Meeting @ Business Tech Center (Wednesday)
- September 16 - Meeting @ Business Tech Center (Wednesday)
- Fall Networking event - Not scheduled
- November 18 - Meeting @ Business Tech Center (Wednesday)

## Thanking our Volunteers!

The chapter can't run without many volunteers. Thank you to all the volunteers who make this chapter run!

We would like to give a special thanks to **Debra Urban** who has been the VP Events and will be finishing her term this July 1. She organized the last three networking events and helped make two networking events per year a reality. She is also willing to consult with whoever the new VP Events will be, so we appreciate her continued support of the chapter.



## Certification News

by Debbie Rasor, CBAP

### Congratulations to the newly certified Coloradoans!

- John Douglas, CBAP, Denver, May, 2015
- Natalia Parker, CCBA, Littleton, April 14, 2015,
- Mary Zarba, CBAP, Vail, April 11, 2015
- Barbara Lobermeier, CBAP, Castle Rock, March 21, 2015
- Jimmy Camden, CBAP, Peyton, February 3, 2015
- Melinda Davis, CBAP, Westminster, December 29, 2014

### Need Help with your CBAP or CCBA® application?

Need another set of eyes to review your application before you submit it? 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](mailto:debrasor@yahoo.com).

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