

IIBA Winnipeg Quarterly Newsletter

January 2017

Words from the Board

The board is excited to kick off another year of great speakers, networking and professional development. Our VP's have set new goals and defined more great ways to build business analysis in Winnipeg. We look forward to seeing you at our workshops, chapter events, study groups, road shows and BA World 2017! We are looking for volunteers and speakers. Please enjoy our second newsletter and check out our calendar. We look forward to connecting with you in 2017. LEARN | SHARE | GROW

Kevin Haines, CBAP
President

What a great time I have had serving as your Treasurer for the last two years. I have greatly enjoyed this opportunity and feel privileged to have been voted into the position. I have been impressed by our members, coming together under the Business Analysis banner and helping each other to learn and grow in the field. I appreciate the efforts of all of the Board to bring these individuals together to share and improve their skills with old friends, new friends, and people from all areas of the globe right here in Winnipeg, Manitoba! Going forward, let's keep this momentum going and have a fantastic 2017 year!

Mel Love
Outgoing Treasurer

Highlights

Are you exploring newer opportunities in 2017? We have some exciting jobs posted on our Career page!

[Read more here](#)

Our 'coolest' event of the year took place on December 13th. Our Winter networking event had several members join us for drinks, appetizers, and networking. We introduced our board of directors for 2017 and shared accomplishments of 2016. Thanks to all the sponsors and winnipeg professionals joined us at the event.

[Read more here](#)

Certified Practitioners are a core part of the Winnipeg IIBA community. Our chapter felicitated all CCBAs and CBAPs during an evening of celebration and sharing on November 24th. There was a lively discussion on various topics of interests and several takeaways for participants and Winnipeg Chapter. Thank you to all the people who were able to make it and look forward to talking with others who had scheduling conflicts.

Are you looking to give back to the community? Seeking CDUs to maintain certifications? Want to learn and enhance skills? We are looking for Volunteers to facilitate our 2017 programming.

Please email at info@winnipeg.iiba.org to get in touch

Upcoming Events

We look forward to connecting with our student members at Biztek 2017. Please swing by our booth on Feb 8th to meet with Board Members and understand how BABOK assists "IT meet Business"

[Read more here](#)

Wished you knew more about Business Architecture? Had a scheduling clash during our last event? Well opportunity does knock twice. Sign up for the presentation by Bettylynn Mueller at RBC Convention Centre on Feb 9th

[Register today](#)

All members are invited to join us on Wednesday, 22nd February for the Annual General Meeting. This is your opportunity to find out where we are headed, how you can benefit (or contribute), and have any questions you may have answered.

[Register today](#)

Professional Development

On January 25th, we kicked off a new study group for everyone aspiring for the following Certifications:

Level 1 Recognizes individuals entering the field of business analysis.	 ECBA TM Entry Certificate in Business Analysis TM
Level 2 Recognizes BA professionals who have 2-3 years of experience.	 CCBA [®] Certification of Capability in Business Analysis TM
Level 3 Recognizes BA professionals who lead and have over 5 years of BA experience.	 CBAP [®] Certified Business Analysis Professional TM
Level 4 Recognizes BA professionals who advance the BA profession and have over 10 years of experience.	 CBATL TM Certified Business Analysis Thought Leader TM

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New Memberships & Renewals

Welcome to Winnipeg Chapter members who have recently joined us:

Adam Toews	Kenneth Ijebor	Peter Bode	Tammy Rerick
Akindele Opoola	Leonard Chuatoco	Rashmi Hassija	Tosanwumi Grey
Bamidele Ojo	Leslie Ternowetsky	Sajid Khan	Tracy Ouellet
Bamidele Ojo	Michelle Ducasse	Santhossh Rajamohan	Valeriia Shalamova
Eniola Abiodun	Neelabh Shandilya	Scott Sanders	Wanda-Lynn Creith
Heidi Deras	Nicole Oranu	Sergey Pochikovskiy	Waqas Aslam
Karissa Samonte	Otegbade Olusola	Steven Bennett	Tammy Rerick

Membership Spotlight

This quarter our spotlight is on Michael Aldor.



Michael is a veteran in Technology Consulting, with more than 15 years of experience in business analysis and solution implementation. Michael currently works for MNP, one of Canada largest professional services firms. Michael has a passion for learning about organizational cultures and how they find their niche in delivering services to their customers. This passion helps Michael find ways to help organizations use technology by taking what has worked in other organizations and business sectors and apply that knowledge to design innovative solutions to organizational challenges. Michael has been on the Board of the IIBA Winnipeg Chapter since 2012.

We recently caught up to talk about Business Analysis.

See next page for a few responses from Vineet's interview with Michael.

What do you like the best about your job?

As part of my different roles, I get to work with a diverse group of interesting people that have multitude of challenges whether it be people, process, tools and likely a combination of all three. Everyday I get to collaborate with my customers and my team to help innovate and meet customer objectives. All of this is very satisfying.

What's the most valuable thing which you've learned in the past year?

You can never stop learning. Business dynamics have been changing rapidly in last few months. For example, DevOps is a trending topic and extends and enhances a lot of the concepts Agile has brought to organizations. We always look to innovate and continuously improve business analysis processes and capabilities to deliver value to the organizations we work for and with.

What do you like the best about the Winnipeg Chapter of IIBA?

As part of my time as VP of Professional Development with IIBA Winnipeg Chapter, I have seen a maturing of Business Analysis skills in the region. We have seen our colleagues develop professionally and manage greater responsibilities over the years. It feels very nice to be able to give back to the community via bring educational opportunities to Winnipeg and help present the value of the BABOK (Business Analysis Book of Knowledge) and other Business analysis concepts to our community.

In the past few years we have brought BA World to Winnipeg, helped the community certify on the BABOK through study groups and facilitated some great workshop content. As I step aside from my role as VP of Professional development.

I am excited to hear what 2017 will bring, join us for the AGM in February to hear about some details.

What is the most exciting non-work thing that you have done recently?

I recently got a chance to drive a NASCAR at the office track in Homestead Florida, just outside of Miami. It was a great experience being able to drive 152 Miles per hour on the track. I do not think I have ever been as focused.

Sponsor Spotlight



Sierra Systems is a top-tier IT services and management consulting firm offering a full range of advisory services, systems integration, and managed application services.

Headquartered in Vancouver and founded in 1966, Sierra has deep expertise in our targeted industries and have earned a reputation for delivering superior solutions that strengthen our clients' operational performance.

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Sincerely,

The IIBA Winnipeg Chapter