

IIBA Winnipeg Quarterly Newsletter

October 2016

Words from the Board

Greetings from the IIBA Winnipeg Chapter! We hope that you have had a fantastic summer and as fall begins we have a number of updates to share with you in our first newsletter! Recently we presented to the IIBA leaders how we won our Chapter Award. Our chapter was also recently named a finalist in 3 categories this year to be announced at Building Business Capability in Las Vegas, November 2016. We also had a fun, tongue-in-cheek, BA vs. PM battle on the CJOB Set for Success radio-show. This was a lot of fun and will have round 2 taking place with a panel at BA World Winnipeg. Board elections process is in progress. We hope that you enjoy all of the other details and events in this new format and look forward to your feedback.

Kevin Haines, CBAP
President

Highlights

June 2nd was the date of our inaugural Job Fair & Networking event. We would like to thank all of the wonderful Winnipeg organizations that joined us at this event to share their stories and exhibit the many diverse and exciting opportunities for Business Analysts and IT professionals in Winnipeg!

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On September 28th there was a lively discussion on "Business Analysis across the World". Thank you to all the business analysts that presented their experiences working as a Business Analyst in other countries!

Upcoming Events

Join us Wednesday October 26th for a noon webinar on what you need to know to get your BABOK 3 Business Analysis Certification. Topics covered:

- What is a BA?
- What is the BABOK?
- What are my certification Options?
- What IIBA Winnipeg has to offer?

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We are very excited to bring back BA World this year. This year's conference program features 27 innovative symposia sessions, multiple full day workshops, and non-stop networking. Our industry recognized line-up of keynote speakers will not only educate and enlighten but motivate and inspire. [Also, please join us for Sandy Foster's workshop on the BA Spectrum at the IIBA Dinner on November 8th.](#)

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Professional Development

On September 22nd, 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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Certifications

Congratulations to our members who have received their CBAP certifications during the last Quarter and to all of our certified members:

Adeola Adenekan	James Fatoki	Dorota Madziar	Darcy Postlethwaite
Bukola Akinpelu	Brian Foster	Susan McAuley	Craig Richer
John Akpabio	Kayli Garofalo	David McDow	Sara Rusak
Olayinka Ayanwale	Tosanwumi Grey	Didier Mukadi Kashinda	Rolando San Juan
Martin Bajt	Flavia Guarnieri	Akinola Obiyemi	Sharan Savadattimath
Kehinde Borisade	Kevin Haines	Anthony Oguta	Karl Schwab
Scott Brady	Kris Hiebert	Onyinye Ohagwu	Grace Senangelo
Sunil Bridgelall	Vibha Jaiswal	Fehintoluwa Oladele	Richard Strempler
Brent Byrd	Vineet Jaiswal	Akindele Opoola	Laura Thompson
Wanda-Lynn Creith	Philip Kaleta	Olusola Otegbade	Dave Timlick
Caroline Elder	Jeremy Leduc	Sanjeev Pathak	Giorgio Villa
Temitope Elemeje	Jay-Lynne Leppky	Chinyere Paul	
Bruno Falcone	May Ann Lopez	Lora Pickard	

Membership Spotlight

Welcome to Winnipeg Chapter members who have recently joined or renewed their membership:

Aayush Katkar	Alex Caldwell	Anne-Marie Chanel	Ayo Omoyeni
Babatope Makanjuola	Barb Davidson	Barbara Spurway	Benedicta Nwokeji
Cameron McKay	Chibuzor Alumba	Debra Geiger	Harish Shivananda
Inam Ullah	Jill Naworynski	Stefan Harris	Tapan Navelkar

This quarter our spotlight is on Sandy Foster.



Sandy has been helping clients improve business performance since 1994. She has led and participated in many strategic business process improvement projects for private and public sector companies around the globe in all aspects of business from the front office to the back office. She is a thought leader in ways to improve business performance. Sandra is a Certified Management Consultant, a Certified Business Process Management Professional and Trainer, a PRINCE2 Certified Project Management Practitioner, and a PROSCI Certified Practitioner. And she is speaking at IIBA Dinner event on November 8th, 2016.

We were fortunate to meet with her to talk about Business Analysis.

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

Why should a BA attend your talk/presentation session?

This session would be more interactive than my seminar on "Business Architecture" in the morning. We will also talk about global versus local BA trends, and different levels of analysis starting with Systems Analysis and going across the spectrum to Business Architecture. Is there a difference between these? Or maybe it's all one big theme. You have to attend in person to find out.

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 having varied values. And I solve different challenges each day. All of this is very satisfying.

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

Never assume. There is always opportunity to seek further clarifications and appreciate different perspectives.

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

I am very proud of my association with IIBA Winnipeg. It was very gratifying to go to BBC and see our chapter as one of the best in the world.

What is the next big adventure/vacation/thing on your list?

Desert Trip. What can be better than hearing all the rock and roll legends on a weekend in California. This is a lifetime opportunity, and I was fortunate to be able to buy tickets for my group.

What's one question you wished you were asked in this interview but were not? And how would you answer?

What is the most important skill as a BA? I work with lot of professionals and think that a good BA should be able to work flexibly with all types of people. One should be able to interact with folks have different styles whether it is Drivers, or Analytical personnel.

Essentially a good BA should have a high Emotional Quotient.

Sponsor Spotlight



Founded in 1986, Online Business Systems guides organizations across North America to strategize and realize innovative business and technology solutions. We are expert technologists who have learned the value of business partnerships and of mature management and implementation methods as critical factors for successful delivery.

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Sincerely,

The IIBA Winnipeg Chapter