

## Note from the President

Hi Everyone! What a year we've had! The winter snow storm bumped our February meeting off the map. But, we had a quick recovery in April and kicked off our speaker series with Rob Snowden's enlightening presentation on PMI's new BA certification. By all accounts, June was a hit with our Where Do We Go From Here expert panel and interactive discussion on career path options for business analysts.

There has been quite a bit of news from IIBA® headquarters with the April release of BABOK®v3 and the new certification exam set to begin in October of this year. Our Chapter was tapped to pilot the new web platform that rolled out at the end of third quarter last year. We've since heard there may be another platform to take its place in the near future.

Behind the scenes, we are working with our colleagues and sponsors to increase awareness of and participation with our local chapter and with the IIBA® overall. As we prepare for this year's upcoming election cycle, we've already had a changing of the guard and received several calls to participate and grow our chapter to newer heights and deeper depths. I am so excited about the new energy and enthusiasm we've had on our Board of Directors!

After nearly 20 years, I still remain passionate about Business Analysis and the direction I see it heading. New technologies are being introduced with lightning speed -- delivery methods, business models and best practices are constantly being tweaked and modified to meet the swiftly changing needs of customers across the globe. The Central Virginia market is accessing local talent in Government, Healthcare, Finance/Banking, Data management and mining, Manufacturing and Retail to meet those needs.

One thing I have learned about my experience as a Business Analyst is that you can always count on change to be the norm. In August, our chapter is doing something new. We are giving back to our local community. Won't you join us in preparing personal kits for families and individuals transitioning from homelessness? Look out for the invitation in email or on our website for more details. Follow us on Twitter and LinkedIn for more interactive discussions. Whew! And it's only July!



Thank you for your continued support of our chapter. Get involved. Get informed. Get focused.

Kind regards,

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*"BAs do it better because they know the requirements!"*

## News

Many thanks to **Macon IT** for sponsoring the June 17th Chapter meeting at Marke! As part of a panel discussion, Brock and Gregg Barnett offered valuable insight on the skillsets employers in Richmond are typically looking for in a BA and how to catapult your career in Business Analysis.

If interested in sponsoring a Chapter meeting or event, contact us at [sponsorship@central-virginia.iiba.org](mailto:sponsorship@central-virginia.iiba.org).

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## What's Going on?

### Programs Committee

Needs volunteers! If you can help out, please email [info@central-virginia.iiba.org](mailto:info@central-virginia.iiba.org)

### October Elections

Board of Directors Chapter Elections will occur in October for the **2016-2017** term:

- President
- Treasurer
- VP Communications/Marketing
- VP Education (Open 2015-2016)

### Membership Report

Total members: 597  
Companies represented: 200  
Total Certified: 61

### August Chapter Event: Central VA IIBA Gives Back!

Come network with fellow Business Analysts while we put together supply kits for St. Joseph's Villa. You are welcome to bring items to donate, although no donation is required beyond your time. Food will be provided.

**When:** Wed, 19-August  
5:30pm - 7:30pm

**Where:** Gayton Public Library  
10600 Gayton Rd  
Henrico, VA 23238

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