

Letter from the President

I ran across a quote the other day that I feel is rather fitting right now. It reads, "Growth is never by mere chance; it is the result of forces working together." by James Cash Penney. Why is this fitting you ask? Because it takes several people, working together to bring you events and networking opportunities with your fellow Business Analysts. The recent Give Back event for Safe Harbor (sponsored by Impact Makers) that we held in July, was a huge success. We had so much fun and collected boxes and boxes of donations for the Safe Harbor Shelter. We couldn't have done it without our dedicated volunteers, so thank you!

We have some exciting opportunities coming up for the BA community here in VA. We are looking into the possibility of spinning up a branch of our chapter in Southwest VA which has a large, under-served contingent of BAs. Our VP of Professional Development, Dawn Board is leading this effort. We are also planning a BA Professional Development Day in the spring which will be AWESOME!!!! How often do we have a full day conference, at an affordable price, dedicated to BAs, right here in VA? Not often enough!!!! I am really excited about it and I hope that you all will take advantage of the opportunity. Keep an eye out for more communications on both of these topics as well as other things we have in the works.

In order to really be successful in these ventures, we need volunteers to help. As our Chapter grows, we will be able to offer more and more value for our members, but in order to grow we need "forces working together." Please reach out to us via our website if you would like to volunteer or if you have any thoughts on these (or any other) IIBA initiative. We would love to hear from you.

Our next Chapter even is September 21st at Libbie Mill Library. Details are below. I hope to see you ALL there!



Best wishes,
Cynthia Siewert
IIBA® Central Virginia Chapter President
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Chapter Event

Join the IIBA® Central Virginia Chapter for our September Event on September 21.

Kay Fudala, an organizational change management expert will introduce creative facilitation techniques Business Analysts can use to drive and manage organizational change.

[CRT](#) will sponsor our event and refreshments will be provided.

When:

Wednesday, September 21

Where:

Libbie Mill Library
2100 Libbie Lake E St
Henrico, VA 23230



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September Event - Let's Talk About Change

Kay Fudala, an Organizational Change Expert and IT Management Consultant will introduce us to some creative facilitation techniques that BAs can utilize to drive and manage Organizational Change. Look for more information on our [website](#).

Did you miss our August meeting?

At our August meeting we heard from *Jenn Miller* of [Safe Harbor Shelter](#) about the services they provide to survivors of sexual and/or intimate partner violence. *Tom Anderson* of [IT4Causes](#) encouraged us to use our skills in support of a non-profit. *Anika Horn* of [Impact Makers](#) explained what B-corps are; the designation and what it means.

Panelists Needed

If you used to be a Business Analyst, we would like to hear from you. We are looking for people who currently work in

Business Intelligence, Organizational Change Management, Enterprise Architecture, or other positions in which they utilize the skills they learned as Business Analysts to participate in a panel discussion at one of our chapter meetings. If interested, please contact us at volunteers@central-virginia.iiba.org.

New Spotlight at Meetings

Starting at the September meeting, a **jobs table** will debut where recruiters can post jobs and job seekers can post resumes. Stay tuned for more details!

Sponsor News

Computer Resource Team (CRT) is our September meeting sponsor. Please contact them at crtinc.com. For more information regarding CRT, contact Hillary Citarella at 804-273-1822.

If you are interested in sponsoring a Chapter meeting or event, contact **Lata Gupta** at dir.outreach@central-virginia.iiba.org

News from National

Helping You Enhance Your Leadership Skills: New IIBA® Webinars

Register now to attend an all new webinar series focused on helping you build your leadership skills. The new webinar series will help connect the challenges that individuals/leaders face with the essential practices of outstanding leadership.

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New IIBA® Portal

IIBA® is pleased to announce that its new Portal is now live. If you have not visited the Portal, you will need to request a password and/or register. The Portal was designed to provide a platform to connect and interact with IIBA® as an individual and as a key contact of a business, educational organization, academic institution or IIBA® Chapter. Once you log in you will be taken on a tour to understand how the Portal works and how it is organized. Experience the benefits of the Portal now!

New BA Competency-based Certification - Coming September 2016

For the latest information on the multi-level, competency-based certification program, please visit our Certification 2016 webpage.



BA Tool Kit

The BA Tool Kit lists several resources available for professional development targeted at Business Analysts, Business Systems Analysts and Project Managers.

BA World businessanalystworld.blogspot.com

Modern Analyst www.modernanalyst.com

BA Times www.batimes.com

What & Why of Usability www.usability.gov

Bridging the Gap www.bridging-the-gap.com

Practical Analyst www.practicalanalyst.com

Business Process Modeling & Notation (BPMN) www.bpmn.org

Project Management Institute www.pmi.org

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- Leading-edge tools
- Events
- Networking
- Study Groups
- Volunteering
- Certification and Recognition

Registering and setting up a profile with your current contact information allows us to communicate with you and inform you of current events, webinars, presentations and local employment and enrichment opportunities.

Follow us on social media:

LinkedIn Group [IIBA Central Virginia Chapter](#) and **Twitter:** @IIBA_CV, #BAOT, #RVABAs

Volunteers Needed

If you can help out with IIBA Communications or Technology, please email volunteers@central-virginia.iiba.org

Please send us your feedback, suggestions, or questions about the newsletter, website, or events.
We want to hear from you. Contact us at info@central-virginia.iiba.org.