

Letter from the President

As I look back on 2016, I am so grateful for all the support I have received during my first year as President of this amazing chapter. Thank you all for a wonderful year.

Looking forward to 2017 we have a lot of exciting things happening. The biggest and most anticipated is the VA Business Analysis Development Day (**VABADD**), an all-day conference, specifically geared towards Business Analysts, Project Managers, and Agile Professionals. It will be held on April 28th at the Glen Allen Cultural Arts Center. This is a pilot event for us and we are relying on your support and participation to make it successful. You can find more details at our [website](#).

I would also like to welcome our newest member to the board, David Michaels. David has been a dedicated volunteer and will now assume the position of Vice President of Administration and will manage chapter business and compliance. Welcome David!!

I wish you all a wonderful New Year and I hope to see you soon.

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

Join the IIBA® Central Virginia Chapter for our January 2017 Event on Wednesday, January 18 for **Dealing with Difficult People by Maximizing Emotional Intelligence**

Computer Resource Team, Inc. (CRT) is our sponsor for this event.

When:
Wednesday, January 18

Where:
[Impact Makers](#)
1707 Summit Ave #201, Richmond, VA 23230



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January Event

Join us on **Wednesday, January 18** for our next chapter meeting. Rob Snowden will discuss a very hot topic *Dealing with Difficult People by Maximizing Emotional Intelligence*.

Rob will describe what is meant by Emotional Intelligence; how to develop yours and apply it to all those difficult people in the work place. Conflict is inevitable, but conflict that is appropriately addressed and handled in a productive way is a good thing. Having strong Emotional Intelligence better equips you to deal with the sniper, bully, freeloader, complainer and other wonderful co-workers.

CRT will sponsor this event. Since 1995, Computer Resource Team has been in the business of making connections for IT people. Whether you are looking for the next opportunity or trying to find the right resource for your IT project, our team is ready to go to work for you. CRT specializes in temporary contract, contract-to-hire and permanent placement IT staffing services. Learn more at www.crtinc.com

Mark your Calendars! **Friday, April 28**

The Virginia Business Analyst Development Day (**VABADD**) is fast approaching!

VABADD is a full day of career development presentations and workshops for BAs and other IT professionals. There will be keynote addresses and at least two different tracks of educational opportunities.

It is not too late to register through Eventbrite www.VABADD.eventbrite.com and take advantage of the early bird special.

If you are interested in sponsoring this event or other Chapter Meetings, contact **Mark Stanfield** at dir.outreach@central-virginia.iiba.org.

Did you miss the November meeting?

Dave Mantica, president of the ASPE, Inc. Dave gave a fast moving and informative presentation on how to help move your career forward. He outlined concrete steps to increase visibility on social media, sharpen our skills and other important resources. His message was very well received. View the notes from Dave's presentation [here](#).

IIBA VOLUNTEERS – CENTRAL VA CHAPTER

First, we salute all the Board and Committee Chairs (VPs and Directors) for their significant commitments and contributions.

In addition to the Board's efforts, we must include our fantastic volunteers. The current and most recent volunteers who helped the chapter function reliably over the past few years include:

Meloni Staples

1. Program Coordination – ensured we had locations secured for events
2. Organized food and other event logistics for more than a year

Hoor Fatima

1. Served as Meloni's back up, attended strategy sessions
2. Picked up and delivered food for events
3. Always brought such a positive attitude to the effort

Jennifer Ferris

1. Attended many committee meetings and strategy sessions
2. Helped with Newsletters and other communication efforts

Adria Hogan

1. Assisted with the newsletter over the last year
2. Has attended meetings steadily for the last year

Dave Michaels

1. Has attended meetings steadily over the past two years
2. Has helped at each event with site logistics, setup and clean up.
3. Helping with the VABADD effort
4. Recently elected to serve on the Board of Directors as Vice President of Administration.

Brooke Sanders

1. One of our newest volunteers
2. Joined the committee for the VABADD event, assists with organization

Mark Holmes

Continues to help for the 8th year, including work with the VABADD team. Has helped with finance, programs, site logistics, setup, marketing and recruiting.

Volunteers Needed

If you can help 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 or visit our website www.central-virginia.iiba.org.