

November Meeting

Boost your Business Analysis Career!

Give your career a boost! This uniquely interactive BA professional development program format is back by popular demand! The evening will feature 5 talks on common career questions along with an opportunity for an individual mini-coaching session on your career.

Each talk will be approximately 15 minutes in length covering the following topics:

- BA Career Paths
- Working with a Mentor
- Benefits of Professional Membership and Certification
- Professional Networking Skills
- Leveraging Your BA Expertise for New Business Roles

Attendees will also have the opportunity for a mini-coaching session with a seasoned professional. It's often through talking with others that we find new insights or opportunities. If you are looking for advice on your professional situation or current career challenge, our coaches are here to help.

Agenda

6:15 - 6:25 - Program Opening - BA Career Paths - *Greg Kulander, Brett Banich*

Greg and Brett each share a brief synopsis of their career path in Business Analysis and review the many opportunities available.

Learning Point: Careers come together in different ways. Wherever you are in your career today, you can take a step forward to wherever it is you want to be

6:30 - 6:40 - Working with a mentor - *Jay Adami*

Learning Point: Working with a mentor can be a powerful way to boost your career

6:45 - 6:55 - Professional Membership and Certification - *Beth Weiss*

Learning Point: Professional membership helps you define your career by being a part of a global community of practitioners.

Certification sharpens key competencies, improves your employability and earning potential

7:00 - 7:10 - Professional Networking - *Scott Miller*

Learning Point: Tips for getting the most out of your networking efforts

7:15 - 7:30 - Leveraging your BA Expertise for New Business Roles - *David Heidt*

Learning Point: There are career paths to transition oneself from a traditional BA role to a business role where their BA competency sets them apart. Tips are also shared on how to be an attractive recruit for these business roles while avoiding some common pitfalls.

Date & Time

Wednesday, November 5, 2019

5:30 – 8:00 pm

Location

Allstate North Plaza

Meeting Agenda

5:30 - 6:00 Registration, Networking,
and Light Dinner

6:00 – 6:15 Announcements & Chapter
Business

6:15 – 7:30 Evening Presentation

7:30 – 8:00 Closing and Door Prizes

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Business Analyst World is the largest series of conferences for Business Analysts in North America. These industry leading events feature expert speakers representing every sector, from all reaches of the globe.

Upcoming 2020

Kris Slaboszewski and Marci Watts have been appointed as Co-Directors of Elections.

The following offices are up for election for a two-year term starting in April 2020 going through March 2022.

- President
- Vice Present of Marketing and Relationships
- Vice President of Finance

The election schedule is as follows:

Now—Nominations are open!

February 28, 2020—Nominations close

March 1—March 31, 2020—Vote!

April 4, 2020—Announcement of new officers

If you are interested in developing Leadership Skills and Learning, this is the opportunity for which you have been looking. Nominate yourself or someone else! Join our team and grow with our chapter.

For more information is on our website chicago.iiba.org

If you have questions, ask at the meeting or contact elections@chicago.iiba.org

Looking ahead: February Meeting

Friends, Romans, Countrymen, bring me your...problems?

Problem solving starts with good problem identification and definition. Many business analysts are not included in the problem identification phase of a project and are brought in to deliver solutions. NO matter the stage at which a BA joins a project some problem analysis should be performed. This puts the analyst in a position of knowledge and understanding of the project purpose.

Familiarity with the problem-solving process is key; understanding the relationship between analysis and the problem-solving process helps analysts to see just how critical the problem analysis phase is.

A view on how to tackle problem analysis is presented, together with some guidance on how to document impactful and meaningful problem statements. The relationships between problems, objectives and benefits is highlighted to enable understanding of the importance of the early, accurate definition of problems.

Presenter

Nadine Millner is a Professional Business Analyst and a Certified Business Analysis Professional. She holds a Diploma in Business Analysis (Pass with Distinction). Nadine is the current VP of Education for the IIBA Chicagoland Chapter.

IIBA Benefit: Business Analysis Competency Model

A competency model is a framework for defining knowledge, skills, abilities, techniques, and personal characteristics that together define successful performance in a work setting, in any chosen profession.

Effective competency models define the characteristics necessary for success and indicators that can be used to assess if individuals display that competency on the job.

Assess your skills

Use the IIBA Business Analysis Competency Model to assess your understanding of BA foundational skills, tasks, techniques, and personal characteristics necessary to perform as a business analyst.

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Gallagher Global Corp Headquarters
2850 Golf Road
Rolling Meadows, IL 60008

The tool is designed for:

- **Business Analysis Practitioners:** to determine your knowledge level, and plan for the next steps in your professional development
 - **Leadership:** team leaders and managers utilize the model for needs assessments, resource management and coaching
 - **Organizations:** find the tool critically helpful in recruiting talent, setting benchmarks and aligning competencies to roles and mandates using an IIBA Business Analysis Licensing Agreement.
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Many opportunities to get involved!

Be a part of the Core Team

Join the Chicagoland Chapter Core Team. The Core Team works together to plan and deliver Chapter activities. We usually meet the third or fourth Wednesday of the month, 6:30 – 7:30 pm, via a dial-in web meeting.

As a regular participant in the Core Team you will be eligible to claim CDUs so you can keep your IIBA Certifications current. There's a sign-up sheet on the Registration Table.

Be an Ambassador

The IIBA Chicagoland Chapter Ambassador Program is designed to improve chapter outreach by recruiting individuals willing to distribute chapter news and other valuable Business Analysis resources to their colleagues.

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