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October 2012	Book of the Month
	
<h3>Target Breakfast Event - November 2nd, 7:30 to 9 AM</h3> <p>Dear Gail,</p> <p>The MSP Chapter of IIBA is honored to offer a breakfast meeting sponsored by Minneapolis Target Corporation. The presentation is entitled: "Out of the Box: Positioning Business Analysts for Success with Package Software"</p> <p>How does the Business Analyst role change as more companies leverage package software? Three Target team members who have worked closely with package software share their expert tips and tricks, including how to manage changing relationships and expectations throughout the process.</p> <p>Where: Target Corporate Offices in downtown Minneapolis, 1000 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55403</p> <p>Please note that you must register in advance of this event meeting in order to attend.</p> <p><Check here to register now before reservations close and to obtain more details!></p>	<h3>In This Issue</h3> <p>President's Prize Pick of the Month</p> <p>"Our Iceberg is Melting: Changing and Succeeding Under Any Condition" by John Kotter</p>  <p>This book is a <i>New York Times</i>, <i>Wall Street Journal</i>, <i>USA Today</i> and <i>Businessweek</i> bestseller. The author, a Harvard Business school leadership and change guru, uses the narrative format of the simple fable to tell of ways in which everyone can adapt to change in a world that is constantly evolving. As the tale unfolds we are introduced to characters that resist change and those who acknowledge the looming risks that could bring about disaster. The result is a fable that shares the eight steps of</p>
<h3>November 8th Annual General Meeting Special Presentation: "Requirements Elicitation in Crisis!" with Bob Prentiss</h3> <p>Don't miss our annual November 8th meeting with a very special presentation by Bob the BA, Client Solutions Director of Business Analysis at Watermark Learning. Bob's presentation is: "Requirements Elicitation in Crisis!".</p> <p>Bob's unique presentation was recently delivered to the Atlanta IIBA Chapter to RAVE reviews!</p> <p>You will be extremely glad you attended the November 8th meeting to see Bob's interactive, fun and innovative approach to exploring some of the difficulties BAs may encounter during requirements elicitation.</p> <p>As a founding member and after eight years of relentless service to the IIBA MSP chapter, Bob will be retiring from the board of directors. Please make it to our November meeting to congratulate Bob and show appreciation for the countless contributions he has made to the success of our MSP chapter.</p> <h3>New Option for Dinner at November Meeting</h3> <p>As something new, we will be offering dinner instead of appetizers at the November meeting. The cost of the dinner varies by entree choice and, if you choose to have dinner, you will select your entree at the time you RSVP for the meeting at the link below.</p>	

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Reservations to this meeting will close prior to the meeting, so please get your reservation made prior to NOON on Friday, November 2nd.

Thank you from the Board!

<[To both RSVP for the November meeting and make a dinner reservation, if desired, click here!](#)>

November 8th Annual General Meeting Chapter Board of Director Elections

In addition to Bob Prentiss special presentation at the November annual meeting, the chapter will be electing MSP Chapter board members for 2013.

Several current board members are rotating out of their positions and new board members will be elected into these positions. Other board members will retain their seats for one more year and be up for election in November of 2013. Below is the slate of IIBA MSP Chapter board members for 2013:

- President, Paul Crosby
- President Elect; Alba Misner
- Treasurer; Bill Bates
- VP of Membership; Cheryl Pagel (CBAP)
- VP of Technology; Tom Lutz (CBAP)
- VP of Marketing; Deb Winter (MBA)
- Secretary; Nancy Turnbull (CBAP)
- VP of Professional Development; Jeanne Roffee
- VP Communications; Gail Toussaint (CBAP)

Dayle Beyer's October IIBA Meeting Presentation: Real World Risk Analysis: Transforming the BABOK's Risk Analysis Technique into Reality

In the Business Analysis Body of Knowledge (BABOK), Risk Analysis is mentioned as a technique, so how does a Business Analyst DO Risk Analysis? The presentation includes:

- Understand the 6 step process of Risk Analysis and Management
- Identify the top 5 tips that can accelerate risk analysis
- Understand when and how to do various levels of risk analysis
- Learn how to get certified in Risk Management



<[Click here to download Dayle's presentation!](#)>

President's October "Halloween" Blog: "That Creepy Thing Called Scope Creep; the Six Steps of Planning and Monitoring to Calm That Creepy Feeling"

Oh, the constant fear of the unknown! It is like every main character in any movie - scary or not - when the character ventures to make a choice or open the door to "who knows what?" Nobody can know everything, yet what we do know is important, and applying what we know is what will help get us beyond those unknowns. Just like the movie directors who draw out those storyboards to gain perspectives of the various camera shots, the analyst has to figure out what will be involved in all the project tasks believed to be in scope. Yet, figuring out scope is just the beginning... the rest is all about making it part of the plan and monitoring progress, or is there more to it than that?



<[To read more of the article click here!](#)>

October Food Drive to CEAP (Community Emergency Assistance Programs)

Thank you to all who brought food to the October Chapter meeting!!! We accumulated over 177 pounds of food and donated \$60 dollars to this worthwhile community service group. Annetta Willers; Director of Family Service was very happy to accept our donations.



CEAP is located in Brooklyn Center and provides services to many people in need. Some of those services are Meals-on-Wheels and the Youth Food Shelf. The mission of CEAP is to stabilize individuals and families in financial distress and to maximize their ability to live independently and with dignity.

recognizing and dealing with change, steps that are easy to understand for all groups in any organization.

Try your BA Hand at the Weekly BA Pop Quiz

How is everyone doing with the Weekly Quizzes appearing on the IIBA website?

These quizzes help BAs prepare for the CBAP and CCBA certifications. Or they can be taken by anyone to test their knowledge and stay current on all aspects of Business Analysis. The quiz questions are taken directly out of the BABOK and the answers are provided to give instant feedback to you.

<[Look for the links under Recent Posts to try a BA Pop Quiz today!](#)>

RSVP Policy & Related PDUs

The MSP Board has established a policy stating that PDUs (Professional Development Units) will only be awarded to members who attend an event. People who RSVP and do not attend the event will not be awarded PDUs for that event.

RSVPs allow the MSP board to gauge attendance, set food and seating arrangements and plan for future events. But, we also track people's commitment when it comes to attending events.

While we appreciate your thoughtfulness in making the commitment to attend, as an RSVP indicates, please do not RSVP if you have no intention of attending.

Thank you from the Board!

[October Quote of the Month](#)

"All generalizations are false, including this one" by Mark Twain; American author and humorist.
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