

Welcome to DAMA Indiana News!

Hi everyone!

Our next chapter meeting will be on April 21, and we will once again be meeting virtually. Go to the Upcoming Events page on the website (<https://damaindiana.org/upcoming-events>) to register. We hope you can join us!

For those of you who are wondering if you are still eligible to come to chapter meetings, if you were a member during 2021, we are extending your membership until 6/1/2022. So please take some time and make sure you renew your membership!

We welcome everyone who is interested in data!

Stay well!

— Cheryl

From the President's Pen...

By Gene Boomer

Hello chapter members and other interested data folks,

For this “Pen,” am going to discuss an initiative I am working on with the DAMA-I Presidents’ Council (PC). For those not familiar with the Presidents’ Council, it is made up of the presidents of all active DAMA chapters throughout the world. We meet virtually every month and there are usually one or two DAMA-I board members who also participate in our meetings. The current Chair of the council is Marilu Lopez of DAMA Mexico. Marilu, as the Chair, represents the chapters as “our voice” to the DAMA-I board. Marilu has put forth a few initiatives for the PC to work on for 2022 with the blessing of the DAMA-I board. One of those initiatives is “Creating Value for Members.” The stated goal for this initiative is “to produce practical guide for Chapters with recommendations to create value offering to both attract and retain members.” The initiative team consists of the presidents from four chapters: Chicago, Montreal, Calgary, and Indiana. We have a starting list of topics to cover that includes Events, Content, Digital Networking, Study Cases, and CDMP Certification.

At the most recent PC meeting, held March 24th, I had the opportunity to present a couple of slides on our CDMP training and certification effort from last year. I took this opportunity to present our chapter’s effort as an example “Study Case for CDMP Certification.” I only had two slides (not counting the title slide), one showed the training schedule we used last year and the other showed the metrics of the training towards certification (see next page).

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I did receive very positive feedback from the PC, with regards to both the training approach and results. I would say, for the approach, the concept of using our own members to lead the sessions and spreading out the training over multiple weeks/months garnered the most positive response. A few of the council members liked the “Friday lunch time slot” for the training sessions. I garnered even greater positive response to our overall results, which showed 50% of the training participants attempted the exams and 91% of those passed. The pass rate is what really caught the eye of a lot of council members. Great job...!!!

So, the end result of the presentation is that we, the initiative team, will use DAMA Indiana’s case study as a template for chapter CDMP Certification. We will also review other chapters’ approaches to CDMP training and enhance or add additional training templates as needed.

I would like to take this time to thank Deron Hook, VP-Education, for spearheading the training effort last year (and getting it kicked off again for this year). And I especially want to thank all of the DAMA Indiana members who participated in the training, put together and presented the sessions, and enrolled/took the CDMP exams. You all are the reason DAMA Indiana exists and will continue to exist for years to come...!!!

Until next time, take care!

– *Gene*

Save the Date—April Chapter Meeting

Join us on **Thursday, April 21, 2022**, for an informative afternoon you won’t want to miss. The April meeting will be a virtual event.

Please register via the DAMA Indiana Events page: <https://damaindiana.org/upcoming-events>. Registered attendees will receive Webex information a few days before the event.

Meeting Date: Thursday, April 21, 2022
Meeting Time: 1:00-4:00pm
Meeting Location: Webex (will be sent to registered attendees)

Agenda:

- Data Governance – Deron Hook
- Snowflake – Andrew Bittermann



Professional Development Opportunities

Check out the DAMA Indiana Events page for upcoming events. <https://damaindiana.org/upcoming-events>



Check out <http://tdwi.org> for conferences

DAMA Chicago

DAMA Chicago holds six bi-monthly meetings and other events. Their web site is: <http://www.damachicago.org/>

Reminder: Attending conferences and professional meeting counts towards CBIP and CDMP recertification credits. Be sure to record these in your log!

Here are other area events that may be of interest to data professionals:

IndyPASS (Professional Association for SqlServer)

Events are updated on their web site.

Their main web site: <http://indypass.org/>

INOUG (Indiana Oracle Users Group)

Check inoug.org for more information.

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