

Welcome to DAMA Indiana News!

Hi everyone!

We had hoped to have this year's first on-site meeting, but with the upswing of the Delta variant, we will once again be meeting virtually.

The next meeting will be on October 21. It will include elections for the 2022 Board of Directors. We hope you can join us!

We are also planning to offer an opportunity to take the CDMP exam(s) in the two-week period surrounding the meeting. Stay tuned for more information about that!

Do you have a question for the board or fellow members? Are you wondering about future events? Have an idea for a newsletter article? The top of the newsletter contains the web site and social media contact information for the chapter. We would love to hear from you!

Stay well!

- Cheryl

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From the President's Pen...

By Gene Boomer

Hello Folks,

Welcome to the Fall season, or is that Autumn...guess either term will work if they mean the same, right? Which gets me to the topic of this article: the meaning and importance of a data dictionary and a business glossary. Are these the same thing or are they two different things? Let's look at each of these items. A business glossary is a collection of business terms and definitions that describe aspects of an organization's business structure, products, and operations. The main driver is a consistent view and understanding of data assets. A data dictionary is a collection of information that denotes aspects of an application, dataset, or data model. The main driver is a distinct view and purpose for data assets being used.

I've been at organizations that treated them the same, but in reality they are different. Generally, a Data Governance (DG) group would oversee the Business Glossary, either at a corporate level or a business unit level. The business terms would be vetted and approved via an intake process and then reviewed periodically to adjust for organizational or operational changes. The DG group would work with data stewards and business area SME's in collaboration to update and maintain the business glossary. A data dictionary captures metadata associated with an application component or data subject area used within an organization. This data dictionary would be built and maintained by business analysts, software analysts, and data analysts. Data architects would generally use a data dictionary to help describe their data models.

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This topic is front and center for the assignment I'm currently working on for an insurance client. We are standing up a brand new data warehouse for the Claims business area and have to engage the DG folks to understand what is in the current business glossary. We also have to put together data dictionaries for the data models and denote linkages to the business glossary. This, along with data lineage from source applications, are primary artifacts that solidify the data models. With this information available from the business glossary and data dictionary, we can generate source-to-target mapping (STM) documents directly from the data models, which is a nice productivity enhancer. I'm currently following this approach with ER/Studio, and I am assuming it would work for Erwin as well...

In the end, a business glossary is indeed different from a data dictionary. A good way to keep them straight is to view a business glossary as a "business compilation of data items" and a data dictionary as an "IT framework for data items." You can refer to publications like TDAN to get more information on these concepts. Also, a number of vendors have put together some good documentation on this topic, albeit to the benefit of whatever tool they are trying to get you to use... 😊

We could spend hours on this topic—and maybe you already have at your organization!

I hope everyone has an enjoyable and fruitful Autumn (or Fall) and look forward to folks attending our upcoming chapter meeting!

Take care...

– *Gene*

Save the Date—October Chapter Meeting and 2022 Elections

Join us on **Thursday, October 21st, 2021** for an informative afternoon you won't want to miss. The October 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, October 21, 2021
Meeting Time: 1:00-4:00pm
Meeting Location: Webex (will be sent to registered attendees)

Agenda:

- Introductions and Voting for 2022 Board of Directors
- Session 1, Moser Consulting
- Break

- Session 2, Michael Scofield
- Wrap up & Prizes

2022 DAMA Indiana Board of Directors Elections

The DAMA Indiana chapter will be conducting our annual elections on October 21, 2021, during our chapter meeting. We are seeking interested members to fill our 2022 Board of Directors positions. We encourage all current, active members who have an interest, to please have their names added to the slate for our annual election.

** Important Notes:

- Only prior board members may submit for the President position.
- Each current office holder is willing to assist the newly elected office holder, if the newly elected officer desires assistance during a transitional period.

Board of Director positions are:

- President
- VP Administration
- VP Communications
- VP Finance
- VP Online Content
- VP Programs
- VP Education

At the October 22nd meeting, when we conduct the election, only current, active members may vote on the Annual Board of Directors election.

Votes may be received from:

- Current individual members
- 3 employees from a Corporate membership

If you are interested in knowing more about the responsibilities and/or duties of an office, please review the content within our Bylaws. A copy of this announcement is also available at <https://damaindiana.org/news/announcements>.

Interested members must express interest in any of the positions directly to the VP Administration by sending an email to: VPAdministration@DAMAIndiana.org or submitting the form at <https://damaindiana.org/webform/2022-dama-indiana-board-position>.



Professional Development Opportunities

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

Caserta is hosting a Data Intelligence Summit on November 17th. This event is to guide leaders on using data to transform business. They are extending a free pass to all DAMA members. Please see the event at <https://caserta.com/data-intelligence-summit-2021/>. DAMA members may use the code DAMA100 at checkout. Price without code is \$199.



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.

Contacts

Have a question or need to contact a board member? Below are the names and e-mail addresses of board members

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