



From the IAIDQ President

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Dear fellow IAIDQ member,

We got off to a good start in 2008 by launching the development of an Information Quality Certification program for the IAIDQ. While the work is still in the early stages, we have already gained a greater understanding of what's needed to pull a professional certification program together. We have formed multiple work teams, each with separate deliverables for the program.

The feedback from you, the members, was overwhelmingly positive and supportive. More than 40 members have signed up to help us with the development of the certification program, and I am extending my personal thanks to all of them, especially the individuals who have volunteered to take on leadership roles. The teams now face the challenge of putting the required work plans in place, and of delivering and demonstrating value later this year. I'm confident that we have a sound structure in place for the teams to be successful.

We also made some good progress in the area of Communities of Practice (CoPs), and expect two new CoPs to officially form soon. The first CoP is forming a local group in the South Africa region, while the second group will be focused on IQ benchmarking. My thanks to the members that have volunteered to lead both new CoPs. Expect to hear more about this shortly.

I trust you have all received a Members Communication email announcing the resignation of both Lisa Dodson and Pam Ryser from the IAIDQ Board for family reasons. The Board has elected Lynda Heij as Secretary / Treasurer and myself as President, confirming our acting roles over the last three months. A Call for Nominations has been announced for two positions, namely VP for Operations and VP for Partner Relations. If you would like to step into a leadership role in the IAIDQ, please submit your nomination forms by April 18.

Also on a sad note, we were all shocked to learn about the passing of Dave Wilson, one of our former IAIDQ Board Directors. He was a terrific fellow who contributed in many ways to the association, and for two years was the driving force behind our annual North America IDQ Conference. We will miss him.

Sincerely yours,

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