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Welcome to our Newsletter!

Hi, Ellen -Welcome to issue #1, volume 5 of EBG's eNewsletter, *Success with Requirements*.

In this eNewsletter, I share my experience planning and chairing the 2010 Agile Summit, a role that helped me plan the upcoming **Business Analysis and Requirements Workshop**. Also in this eNewsletter: learn more about practices for **successful retrospectives**.

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Chairing the Agile Summit

I had the honor to plan and chair the Agile Summit entitled "The Power, Promise, Praise and Pain of Using Agile Practices" at Project World/ World Congress for Business Analysts late 2010. I designed the Summit to be practitioner-focused. We integrated numerous interactive

techniques including World Café, a panel, and a final retrospective into the event. Here's a 2.5 minute summary of how the Summit was structured:

Success with Retrospectives

Whether you are using iterative and incremental delivery or more traditional approaches, one of the best ways to improve your product and process are with retrospectives.

Learn more about:

- the value of slowing down to speed up
- appreciating what works (as well as what needs changing)
- the value of Norm Kerth's Prime Directive
- using a neutral facilitator
- how safety and trust are central to successful retrospectives

Watch this video.

Ellen Chairing *Business Analysis and Requirements Workshop* in June

Successful software projects rely on good business analysis to deliver the right software for the business. Organizations need people who can make that happen by defining clear and unambiguous requirements and helping steer projects to deliver systems that customers need and value.

Thus begins the value proposition for the Business Analysis and Requirements Workshop. I am honored to again chair this 2-day learning-packed event. It takes place as a "conference within a conference" at this year's Better Software/Agile Development Practices Conference in June in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA.

We've got a fantastic program planned. Your learning facilitators will be Joy Beatty, Kent McDonald, Linda Rising, Doug Talbot and me. Read more here.

Upcoming Events

1. Ellen Gottesdiener presents at the ProductCamp in Boston on April 2, 2011.

2. Ellen delivers a webinar on Agile Requirements for the IT Metrics and Productivity Institute (ITMPI) on April 6, 2011. Register here.

3. Ellen facilitates an interactive learning workshop "Requirements Exploration with Tester Collaboration" at Quest 2011 in Boston on April 7, 2011.

4. Sue Burk conducts two full day workshops on Acceptance Testing and Business Rules at ProjectWorld/ BusinessAnalystWorld in Toronto, Canada on May 16-19, 2011.

5. Mary Gorman presents "Sharing the Secret Sauce: Lessons from a Business Analysis Mentor" in an IT Metrics and Productivity Institute webinar on May 26, 2011. Register here.

6. Ellen presents a webinar on Nonfunctional Requirements to the global community IIBA on June 1, 2011. (Registration link will be provided in forthcoming eNewsletters, so save the date!).

7. Ellen chairs, facilitates, and presents a Business Analysis Workshop at Better Software and Agile Development Practices West on June 6-7, 2011.

8. Ellen delivers Agile Requirements training, sponsored by Cejeka ICT Diensten, in Brussels, Belgium on June 27-28, 2011.

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