A lot has changed since our last newsletter in January. We hope this newsletter finds you well and productive, but we are aware that most of us have new worries and concerns.

We want you to know that the Guild is still going strong and we have the resources to keep the majority of our programs going for the duration. We are excited to see new members joining daily.

Right now, we are aware of many things on members’ mind. We are an association first and foremost. Associations depend on membership and strive to support our members at all times. We at the Guild intend to continue to be here for the needs of business architects now and well into the future.

WHAT WE HAVE HEARD FROM MEMBERS

During this time, many of us are working from home and experiencing internet issues and interrupted supply chains. Some of us have been put on leave or even laid off.

Some of us are worried about a recession and an uncertain future and how organizations we work with or for might be impacted. We want to know what the emerging trends will be and how business architecture can help. Will there be an expanded role for business architects?

Some of us have been or are sick or have friends and family members who are ill and we are dealing with isolation and social distancing. We may want to know how our peers are dealing with all of this, or crave community, social connections and even distraction.

We’re all in this together is a phrase we are hearing a lot lately. And it’s true. Here are some of the ways the Guild is responding and some of the opportunities we are providing - whether this pandemic is impacting you in big or small ways.

POSTPONEMENTS

Our Annual Summit has been postponed until September. This is a disappointment as it was set to be one of our best and most well attended events. But even before the stay at home orders were issued, we postponed for the health and safety of all attendees and staff. If we are unable to host the Summit safely in September, we will work with OMG to host virtual workshops.

https://www.businessarchitectureguild.org/page/postponesummit

All of our local community meetings have been postponed until Q3. If we are not able to meet in person by then, the Guild will provide Go to Meeting or Zoom accounts and work with interested organizers to hold virtual meetings. In the meantime, start up conversations with your local practitioners in the forums provided on these pages:

https://www.businessarchitectureguild.org/page/communitylistings
LEARNING AND CONTRIBUTING

If you are on leave and have more time on your hands, consider working with one of our groups. They are currently more active than ever! These Industry Reference Model teams are actively looking for members - Manufacturing, Transportation and Common Reference Model.

Here’s how to apply:

https://www.businessarchitectureguild.org/page/newjoinagroup

Or you may have time to learn. We have 60 hours of recorded webinars available.

https://www.businessarchitectureguild.org/page/recorded_webinars

And, of course, the BIZBOK® Guide has over 800 pages!

Pearson VUE, who manages the testing sites for our certification exam, has shut down many of its locations as they are not considered an essential business. But if you were thinking of getting a certification, now is the time to prepare! You’ll be ready when they reopen.

You may want to connect with some of our participating vendors who will be happy to tell you how their tools can work with your organization.

https://www.businessarchitectureguild.org/page/vendor

Or you may want to take some training classes with one of our Guild Accredited Training Partner® companies. Many have shifted or will be shifting to online training. They can work with individuals, and, if your team is working remotely, provide some virtual sessions for your team.

https://www.businessarchitectureguild.org/page/gatplandingpage

JOB SEARCH

If you have been laid off or stood down or are concerned about your job security, please look at our Career Center. Not only do we list available jobs; we also provide many resources for job seekers. We are working on a way to integrate our Career Center with LinkedIn so job seekers who view a job on our site can see if they have LinkedIn connections who work at the company. You can also sign up for job alerts.

https://careers.businessarchitectureguild.org

COMMUNITY, CONNECTIONS AND NETWORKING

If you need support and social connections in this time of social distancing, please consider Social Link. We use it now mostly for business architecture questions, but it is a great way to make new member connections, and it has a lot of social features. We already have a thread about working from home, but feel free to post lists of books, recipes, movies, pictures of your dog dressed like Baby Yoda or your cat shredding your emergency roll of toilet paper - anything that you want to share as a way to get through these unusual times. We are working with our
platform vendor to enable the Online Now and Chat Now features of our website. With members on 6 continents, someone is always logged in. We will let you know when we have this feature up and running.

Our Forums and Social Link posts are also a good place to share news about your area and ideas to address emerging trends and the role of business architects.

https://www.businessarchitectureguild.org/page/SLlink

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STAY SAFE OUT THERE

As we are global and this pandemic and the ways to fight it vary from place to place, we are not posting a list of resources or places you can send your donations. But we encourage you to follow all guidelines in your areas and give where you can. Most importantly, take care of yourselves and each other and stay well.

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