

KAREN A. BROWN

OBJECTIVE

Freelance writer / editor for magazine, newspaper or other copy

SUMMARY

Professional and Creative Writing

- Created and maintain a web-log containing travel experiences and sailing adventures on Lake Superior and elsewhere, located at www.WhimSea.net;
- Experienced at creating and maintaining business documents used to create and maintain software packages including use cases, functional requirements, design documents and system support materials;
- Created and implemented project templates including training and instructional material for same;
- Experienced professional with the ability to translate technology needs across multiple groups including business partners, leadership, executives and information technology partners.

Information Technology Professional

- Provided successful management and leadership in a demanding environment;
- Provided various technology consulting services including managing project tasks and timelines, business and systems analysis, project document creation and reviews, quality assurance management, text creation and text execution;
- Played a key role in the development and implementation of both packaged and homegrown software.

RELATED EXPERIENCE

- 2007-current: REPORTER: *The Metropolitan*: Metropolitan State University, St. Paul, MN
- 2003-current: OWNER: *WhimSea Blog*: <http://www.whimsea.net>

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

- 2007-current: Project Consultant: Ecolab, Inc.: St. Paul, MN
- 2005-2007: IT Consultant: Cornerstone Consulting, Bloomington, MN
- 2004-2005: Quality Assurance Lead: Capella Education Company, Minneapolis, MN
- 2003-2004: Senior Quality Analyst: Capella Education Company, Minneapolis, MN
- 2001-2003: Software Developer: Capella Education Company, Minneapolis, MN
- 1996-2001: Litigation Support Supervisor: Dorsey & Whitney LLP, Minneapolis, MN

EDUCATION

Metropolitan State University, St. Paul, MN BA in Professional Writing with a minor in Literature, graduated Fall 2007