

APLN Houston Events

4/21/10 – APLNH Chapter Meeting – 6:00pm

Program Change!

Innovation Games for Agile Teams and Organizational Change

Join us for this special preview of next month's two day training class to learn how these games can be used to help agile teams improve their products -- and their processes -- without heavy analysis, quantitative research, or other "big effort up front" methods that slow teams down.

You'll find that if you use them, you'll come to understand what your stakeholders really want. You'll have fun doing it. Perhaps more importantly, they'll have fun doing it. Armed with this understanding, you'll be able to create the breakthrough, innovative products and process changes that are the foundations of lasting success.



Derek W. Wade is a collaboration expert and team coach at [Kumido Adaptive Strategies](#). His passion for helping teams apply group-centered models — and his 14 years of experience across a broad range of industries — has enabled him to improve many group efforts, especially those leveraging distributed teams.

Derek is a Certified Scrum Practitioner (CSP), Innovation Games(tm) Certified Facilitator, Core Passion Authorized Facilitator, serves on the Board of Directors for the Agile Project Leadership Network (APLN), and is a founding member of the APLN-Chicago.

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For more info and to register go to: <http://www.aplnhouston.org/>

Meeting Logistics

APLN Houston monthly meetings are at **Sysco**. Networking is at 6 PM, program from 6:30-7:30. Park in front of both **Sysco** buildings (1370 & 1390 Enclave Parkway). If front lots are full, go to parking garage behind the 1390 **Sysco** building (off Forkland Drive.) Press the call

button for garage entry and come in building back door (look for APLN sign) or walk around the street to the front entrance of 1390 (if back door is locked.)

5/20/10 – APLNH Chapter Meeting – 6:00pm

An Agile Panel On Agility

In May you will be in the driver's seat. Where on the road to agility do you want to drive to? **Todd Little** and a panel of his colleagues are willing to go along to discuss your questions, your concerns, and your issues. Don't miss this chance to learn from the experience of some of Houston's leading agile practitioners. In our March meeting, Todd gathered some initial discussion topics for the panel. If you want to suggest additional topics send us a note at info@aplnhouston.org. Register at: <http://www.aplnhouston.org/>

5/18-5/19/2010 - Innovation Games® Training Workshop Come To Houston

Working in partnership with [Kumido Adaptive Strategies](#) and [Innovations Games, Inc.](#), **APLN Houston** is hosting the first ever **Innovation Games®** training event in Houston! Learn this powerful set of collaborative analysis techniques at <http://www.aplnhouston.org/>

Other Agile Events

Agile Conferences



Join the **Lean Software & Systems Consortium** for their inaugural conference in Buckhead (Atlanta) **April 21-23, 2010**. This is the first formal community event of the broad based community forming around application of Lean Thinking to software development and systems engineering. For details visit: <http://atlanta2010.leanssc.org/>



Two great **SQE** conferences are co-located at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas **June 6-11, 2010**.

Register for one and attend both! See more at:
<http://sqe.com/conferences>



The premier event will be **Agile 2010** held this year at the Gaylord Opryland Resort in Nashville **August 9-13, 2010**.

<http://agile2010.agilealliance.org/>

6/14-6/16/2010 – Practical Product Management - Austin, TX

Learn to analyze critical product management and marketing activities in detail using the [Pragmatic Marketing Framework](#). For registration details please click [here](#).

6/14-6/16/10 – PMI Houston Conference, George R Brown Convention Center
Program includes an Agile track of sessions.
For info or to register: www.pmihouston.org/

March Meeting

Do You Pomodoro?. Tony Akins helped us get our Activity and Do Today Lists ready to go, showing us that we are in more control of our time than we might think. By using some simple techniques along with a little focus we can all make more effective use of it.



Congratulations to our door prize winners **Paul Good, Richard Allen, Thomas Landrum, Chaitali Kulkarni, Todd Little, and Saul Fuentes**, who won either a copy of [Pomodoro Technique Illustrated](#), or their very own [Pomodoro Timer](#).

Helpful Resources

Join and participate in our LinkedIn Group today! Check out discussions and JOBS Listings



Also check out APLN National's new Ning site.
<http://agilepln.ning.com/>

Thanks to Our 2010 Sponsors

Please join **APLNH** in thanking the following sponsors for their generous support.



APLNH appreciates **Sysco's** continuing support in hosting our meetings again in 2010.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. Contact a member of the leadership team at info@aplnhouston.org or see www.aplnhouston.org/sponsors.

Growing APLN Houston in 2010

APLN Houston Volunteer Coordinator

One of our 2010 objectives for APLN Houston is to enhance volunteerism by broadening the range of volunteer activities available to chapter members and ensuring that those who choose to invest their time in APLN have a great experience in return. To that end we are very pleased to announce that **Jaynee Lafferty** has joined the APLN Houston team as our Volunteer Coordinator. She has been attending our meetings since relocating to Houston several months ago, and also helped establish the Fort Worth chapter last year. Look for more news from Jaynee as she gets our new volunteerism efforts underway. If you have questions for her or would like to get involved please contact Jaynee at volunteers@APLNHouston.org.

Webinar 4/22, noon CDT

Agile Development and Software Architecture-Crossing the Great Divide
<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/779911376>

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