



Events

2/11/09 – APLNH Chapter Meeting – 5:30pm

Hear **Mike Alexander** talk about how requirements change in an agile world. This presentation will provide tips and techniques analysts can use to add value in an agile world. Audience members will participate in a highly educational and fun activity in which they will build Lego helicopters with varying levels of detailed requirements.

Please register at:
<http://aplnhouston20090211.eventbrite.com/>

3/11/09 – APLNH Chapter Meeting – 5:30pm

APLN Houston presents a panel of local agile practitioners **Victor Certuche**, **John Fuqua**, and **Jennifer Brownson** who will discuss the issues of today. Come ask your own questions of our panel and learn from the experience of those dealing with agile transition issues every day.

Please register at:
<http://aplnhouston20090311.eventbrite.com/>

4/27 – 5/1/09 – PMI Houston Conference

Celebrating 25 years of project management excellence, PMI Houston presents their 2009 Conference & Expo: **Moving Project Management from Good to Great**. See details below for the Agile Track of conference programs.

Please see more details and register at:
www.pmi-houston.org

Unsolvables Conflict on Agile Teams

Do you ever get the feeling that some conflict just can't be solved? The team members in conflict address the issue, it seems to go away but then it comes back.

Here is a great article from the Agile Journal you may find of interest:
<http://www.agilejournal.com/content/view/900/33>

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Back from the Future

For those of you who missed it, our January 2009 meeting presented a **Futurespective Workshop** which asked the participants to put themselves three years into the future and answer these three questions:

- ❖ What has APLNH become?
- ❖ Why have you continued to participate?
- ❖ What benefit did you get from that participation?

Participants recorded their thoughts on post-it notes that were posted for the entire group to review. Next the group voted on what they thought were the highest value items thus creating a prioritized **product backlog** for our chapter.

APLNH graciously thanks all participants for their overwhelming response. We got some very good ideas, and in the coming weeks will be sharing more about our plans to fulfill these. For now here are a few samples.

APLN Houston has become:

- ❖ A forum for learning agile processes.
- ❖ "The" source for agile information in Houston
- ❖ An evangelist for agile practices and techniques.

I participated because:

- ❖ I learn something I can use at every meeting.
- ❖ It is a professional and inclusive environment to share ideas and experiences.
- ❖ It provides real life experience through its speakers, organizers, and membership that can be applied across industry.

I benefited because:

- ❖ I learn from a varied set of people about how they solved their problems.
- ❖ I found a job via APLN Houston.
- ❖ I was able to add value to the organization I'm employed by.

Agile Comes to the PMI Houston Conference

APLNH is working in partnership with the PMI Houston conference committee to define a track of agile programs for their 2009 Conference & Expo: **Moving Project Management from Good to Great**. This year's conference will be held at the George R. Brown Conference Center April 27 through May 1, 2009.

The Agile Project Management track will include two 1-day workshops:

- ❖ **Todd Little & Pollyanna Pixton** - Leading Change Through Collaboration
- ❖ **Stacia Broderick** – Topic To Be Announced

And 7 Break-Out Sessions:

- ❖ **Israel Gat** . Rebuilding the Enterprise
- ❖ **Jochen (Joe) Krebs** . Agile@AOL
- ❖ **Michael Azocar** . Scrum-tastic Development with Visual Studio Team System and Light Weight Scrum
- ❖ **Victor Certuche** . Negotiating with Agile

- ❖ **Robbie Mac Iver** . Scrum is Not Just for Software
- ❖ **Tal Boyd** . Agile Requirements at the Speed of Thought
- ❖ **Alyssa Fox & Meredith Kramer** . Mobile and Agile: The Floating Writers Survival Kit

Your Name Could Be Here

You too could have an Agile byline in the APLN Houston Newsletter. Whether you have a burning issue, a thoughtful musing, or an amusing anecdote on agile leadership, consider sharing it with your colleagues at APLN Houston. For more details contact info@APLNHouston.org or contact one of us directly.



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