

APLN Houston Events

6/17/10 – APLNH Chapter Meeting – 6:00pm

Lean Program Management: Principles, Practices and Tools for Accelerating Value Delivery

Dr. Jerry Julian President & CEO of Julian Advisory Group will provide a framework and toolset for systematically accelerating delivery at the project, program and portfolio levels. Register at: <http://aplnhouston.org/>



7/15/10 – APLNH Chapter Meeting – 6:00pm

Accelerating Agile Transformation – Reusable Patterns and Solutions

Organizations undergoing Agile Transformation encounter some common obstacles such as silos with misaligned metrics, inaccessible customers and a lack of well defined release content up-front.

With the right training, teams can be equipped with techniques to remove these decelerators. Learn a simple frame-work for Accelerating Agile Transformation and practical techniques you can apply after the session! Three Pillars to be discussed include: Patterns in Change, Patterns in Type, and Patterns in Conflict.

Ravi Verma – CSM, Principal Consultant at SmoothApps, is a Professional Scrum Master 1, with 11+ years experience delivering multi-million dollar enterprise applications in giants like Cisco, Avaya, HP and Siemens. He has also worked at a startup – Voyence (now part of EMC) and in a mid-sized company – Network Associates (now part of Netscout) and is familiar with the challenges of delivering software in companies of different sizes.

Chapter Meeting Logistics

APLN Houston monthly meetings are at **Sysco**. Networking is at 6 PM, program from 6:30-7:30. Park in front of **either Sysco** buildings (1370 & 1390 Enclave Parkway). If front lots are full, park on the street along Forkland Drive and walk around the street to the front entrance of 1390.

Other Agile Events



Agile 2010 Relocated

In an amazing display of agility Agile2010 was relocated due to the flooding in Nashville. The conference will now be held on the same dates, **August 9-13**, at The Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort in **Orlando, FL**. See <http://agile2010.org>.

Practical Product Management

6/14-6/16/2010 – Austin, TX
10/18-10/20/2010 – Houston, TX

Learn to analyze critical product management and marketing activities in detail using the [Pragmatic Marketing Framework](#). For registration details see <http://aplnhouston.org/>

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.pmihoustons.org/

Webinars and on-line Resources

Lean Enterprise Institute Library

www.lean.org/Events/WebinarHome.cfm

APLN Houston Speaker presentations

PDF copies of 2009-2010 **APLN Houston** presentations: www.aplnhouston.org/chapter-meetings/past-meetings.

Large-Scale Agile by James Shore

If you've been wondering how to scale up Agile to massive projects, see Shore's thought on incorporating Lean and Kanban to move beyond a "scrum of scrums" approach.

<http://jamesshore.com/Blog/Large-Scale-Agile.html>

APLN National Website

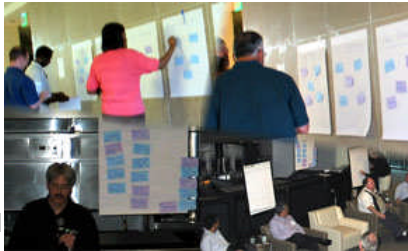
See what is happening in other chapters: Check-out APLN events as you travel. The Houston chapter has a group page, "APLN Houston" on the Agile Project Leadership Network. Discussion forums are also available.

http://apln.org/group/aplnhouston?xg_source=msg_wel_group

Recent Meetings

Agile practices were on display for our **Agile Panel on Agility**. Many thanks to **Todd Little** and panelists **Prakash Roopani, Ahsan Rahi, Gene Lege** and **Steve Webb** for an interesting evening exploring agility in action. First gathering

"customer" priorities using **Dot Voting** in the pre-meeting networking session, Todd and the panel



introduced **Planning Poker** to estimate the work ahead of them. Did we not get to your question? Not to worry, look for all the questions in the new discussion forum on www.APLN.org where people from around the country will have the opportunity to speak to them. <http://www.apln.org/forum/topics/agile-issues-to-ponder-how-do>

Thanks to **Sanjiv Augustine** of **LiteSpeed** for an enlightening evening that introduced us to



Agile Methods. Sanjiv gave us some great information on the concepts and principles of agility as well as things to think about in starting down the adoption path.

Our thanks also go to **Terry O'Donohue** and the team at **Hewitt Associates** for making this event a great success. They provided a great facility, to say nothing about *pizza*, and conducted our first experiment into making our programs available to a remote audience.

If you would like to host an APLHN to Go in your area contact the leadership team.



Innovation Games® in Houston

Working in partnership with **Kumido Adaptive Strategies** and **Innovations Games, Inc.**, **APLN Houston** hosted the first **Innovation Games®** training event in Houston! **Derek Wade** introduced this powerful set of

collaborative analysis techniques. The 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.

A second training is planned for later this year. If you want to hold a place in the next session, email us at leaders@aplnhouston.org.

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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.



Please join us in thanking **Hewitt Associates** for their generous support in hosting the June **APLNH To Go** Woodlands www.hewittassociates.com.

Sponsorship opportunities are available

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Growing APLN Houston in 2010

APLN Houston Volunteers

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. If you would like to get involved please contact Jaynee at volunteers@APLNHouston.org.

See <http://aplnhouston.org/volunteers>



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