



APLN Houston News

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Events

11/12/08 - Chapter Meeting - 5:30pm

Join us at to hear **Anthony Akins** share four lessons of life and how they apply to agile project leadership. Please RSVP to info@APLNHouston.org

12/09/08 - APLNH/PMIH Meeting - 5:30pm

Join us at this first joint APLN Houston/PMI Houston meeting event and learn about the Basics of Scrum from [Peter Borsella](#).

1/14/09 - Chapter Meeting - 5:30pm

Good at looking toward the future? Imagine yourself three years into the future and observe how successful APLN Houston has become. Now let's reflect on the actions that led to that success in this **Futurespective Workshop**. Please RSVP to info@APLNHouston.org

APLN Houston is Growing!

Thanks for making our first two chapter meetings successes. We had 12 attendees in September and 20 in October, and in both months almost half the attendees were not previously registered on our mailing list. As a result our mailing list has grown to over 60 persons. Companies represented by our membership include BMC Software, BP, Chevron, Landmark Graphics, SYSCO, Southern Union, PROS Revenue Management, Reliant Energy, Mustang Engineering, Petris, Vista Consulting, Catapult Systems, and QIC. Keep spreading the word!

-Robbie Mac Iver

Speaker Presentations Available

We want to thank **Todd Little** and **Bryan Campbell** for generous support of APLN Houston as well as their excellent presentations. Both Todd's Agile Leadership and Bryan's Scaling Agile presentations are now available from the **Speakers Presentation Links** on www.APLNHouston.org

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APLN Leadership Summit - Nov. 14, 2008

In partnership with the Agile Development Practices Conference in Orlando, APLN is presenting a Leadership Summit: **An Executive View of Where Agile Is Heading**. Whether you are skeptical of agile practices or a leader who is tasked with bringing about the changes needed for agile practices to reach their full potential, the Agile Leadership Summit is for you. Agile adoption offers opportunities for faster time-to-market and significantly higher product quality, with the bonus that applications remain malleable and easier to change over their lifetime. However, to gain these benefits, you need to align your organization's culture, priorities, and structure with agile principles. Join leaders from the industry who have embraced agile principles and hear them share how they have put agile to work successfully in their organizations.

The Agile Leadership Summit is the perfect opportunity to meet and network with your peers. For more information visit: <http://aplIn.org/summits.html>.

Michele Sliger's "Agile Project Management" Workshop

In late September, PMI Houston and APLN Houston jointly hosted [Michele Sliger](#) for a two day training workshop on Agile Project Management. Michele is co-author (with Stacia Broderick) of the new book [The Software Project Manager's Bridge to Agility](#). Her workshop focused on principles common among each of the methodologies grouped under the Agile umbrella (i.e., Scrum, XP, DSDM, etc.) More than merely a classroom lecture, the course included numerous group activities and exercises to help familiarize participants with the roles, ceremonies and challenges that distinguish Agile project management from a traditional project management approach. Michele offered many of her own personal experiences working with clients as they began their journey of Agile adoption. Numerous references were provided for resources and tools available to support selling, implementing and facilitating Agile implementation . particularly for geographically dispersed teams. She also shared elements of her book that map the PMBOK Guide practices to related Agile practices, to help demonstrate the compatibility of Agility with the framework of processes outlined in the PMBOK Guide. The workshop was well received, and we look forward to have Michele return to train again in the near future.

-Ron Whitebread

Tells Us What You Think

- What are we doing well?
- What do we need to improve?
- How should APLN Houston move forward?
- What topics would you like to be presented?
- What speakers would you like to hear from?

Your feedback is essential to the continued growth of APLN Houston. Please take a minute and share your thoughts. Send us a note to info@APLNHouston.org or contact one of us directly.

Ike Postpones PMI Houston Conference

A message from the Board of Directors of the Project Management Institute, Houston Chapter:

"We have just endured one of the worst storms that Houston and our surrounding area has seen in the past twenty five years. Although we aren't past all the hardships I know that within a few weeks our city will be well on its way to recovery. That being said, we understand that everyone's first concerns should be on the well-being of themselves, families and friends, neighbors, homes and businesses. PMI Houston had planned having their annual conference in late October. We feel however, that our time and effort as an organization and as individuals would be better directed at personal and professional recovery efforts."

As PMI continue its planning, APLNH is continuing to work with the conference committee to develop a track of speakers addressing Agile Leadership. For more information visit the [2008 PMI Houston Conference & Expo web site](#).

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