

News from APLN Houston

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Thanks for your interest in APLN Houston. Since our initial announcement some good things have been happening

that we want to share with you. First though, I would like to thank **Ron Whitebread, Anthony Akins, and John Gilman** for their interest, ideas and efforts in helping to get APLN Houston off the ground.

Alliance with PMI Houston

We are very pleased to discover that the local chapter of the Project Management Institute is very interested in learning more about Agility and Agile Project Leadership. [PMI Houston](#) has a strong desire to raise the awareness level of agile methods within its membership and this is a great opportunity for APLN and PMI to work together. We want to thank PMI Houston Past President and Board Member **Walter Viali** for all of his help in getting this effort started.

This relationship will continue to evolve over time and initially we expect it to encompass:

- ❖ Jointly APLN/PMI sponsored training sessions, the first of which has been confirmed. See the notice below.
- ❖ PMI sponsoring APLN meetings at their primary venue, the [HESS Club](#). See the notice below of our first meeting in September 2008.
- ❖ APLN promotion at the [2008 PMI Houston Chapter Conference & Expo](#).

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Agile Project Management Training with Michele Sliger – September 29-30, 2008

APLN and PMI are proud to announce our first jointly sponsored training session with Michele Sliger.

Save the Date for this two-day workshop which will guide traditionally trained software development project managers who want to make the transition to an agile project management approach. A mapping of the *PMBOK® Guide* practices to agile practices will help students see how the two relate, and how they differ. Using familiar terminology and concepts, attendees will leave with a clear understanding of the changes they need to make both personally and professionally as they cross the bridge to agility.



Michele Sliger is the co-author of *The Software Project Manager's Bridge to Agility*. She has extensive experience in agile software development, having transitioned to Scrum and

XP practices in 2000 after starting her career following the traditional waterfall approach. A self-described bridge builder, her passion lies in helping those in traditional software development environments cross the bridge to agility.

Course registration will open very soon and an additional announcement will be sent at that time. You'd want to register early as seating for this class is limited.

APLN Houston Inaugural Meeting – September 10, 2008 - 5:30-6:30pm

Save the Date to come see what APLN is about and meet your fellow agile enthusiasts. We are currently finalizing our program and will send out more details and registration information shortly. We also gratefully acknowledge the sponsorship of this meeting by the [Houston PMI Chapter](#).

APLN Atlanta Leadership Summit – September 25-26, 2008

Our sister chapter in Atlanta is hosting the APLN Leadership Summit. The summit targets both new and seasoned Agile leaders and targets both organizational leaders, product leaders, and project leaders. This is your chance to spend a

whole day with some of the leading experts in the area of Agile Leadership, to network with other agile leaders and to share your experiences and concerns with those who are in the same situation as yourself. Details of the summit and registration information can be found at <http://summit.aplnatlanta.org/>.

APLN Houston Needs You!

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Today APLN Houston is the vision of a very small number of people. We need your thoughts and participation to ensure that APLN Houston prospers and evolves

into an organization of value to each of you. Come share your ideas at our meetings; tell your friends, co-workers and employers about us; respond to this notice with your suggestions; post your ideas on APLNHouston.org. However you choose to do so, *please let us hear from you*.

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