APLN Chicago

Wide Open Spaces:
2015 Wrap-Up/2016 Planning
Agenda

- Networking & Pizza 6:00 – 6:30
- Introduction to Open Space 6:30 – 6:45
- Main Topic 6:45 – 8:15
  - Open Space (3 rounds)
- Final Announcements 8:15 – 8:30
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Our Mission

• We are building a new community of Agile professionals in the Northwest suburbs of Chicago, focused on learning, innovation, and thought leadership.

• Our mission is for this community to shape the direction that Agile will take in Chicago for the next decade.
Sponsors

AIM Consulting Group, LLC

• Room & Food
Endorsements

• APLN Chicago has been endorsed as an official SCRUM USER GROUP® by the SCRUM ALLIANCE®.

• Attendance to each APLN Chicago meetup will now allow you to earn 2 Scrum Education Units (SEUs)
A tool that allows people to gather, exchange ideas, learn and contribute in a self-organizing way...

OPEN SPACE TECHNOLOGY
Open Space is Agile

- Invitation/Purpose – User Stories, Value, Passion
- Circle – Co-location, team and sprint boundaries
- Bulletin Board – Backlogs, Information Radiators
- Marketplace/Law of Two Feet – Autonomy, Self-Management, Self-Organization
- Breathing, Pulsation – Iteration, Practice, Retrospectives, Learning
- Storytelling – Reporting, Tracking, Scoring
Open Space for Agility

Open Space can be a valuable, momentary suspension of less agile management hierarchy OR fertile ground for advanced agile practice OR... both!

• Weaponized Scrum - Resolving crisis in Open Space
  [http://michaelmarchi.com/?page_id=41](http://michaelmarchi.com/?page_id=41)

• Open Space Agility - Inviting, iterative Agile adoption in IT/enterprise
  [http://www.openspaceagility.com](http://www.openspaceagility.com)

• FAST Agile - Another approach to scaling Agile in Open Space
  [http://www.fast-agile.com](http://www.fast-agile.com)

• Walmart Success - Rapid Agile adoption/transformation in iterative Open Space
Open Space

One Theme/Purpose/Question that Matters

Four Principles
• Whoever comes is the right people
• Whatever happens is the only thing that could have
• Whenever it starts is the right time
• When it’s over, it’s over

One Law of Two Feet
• Maximize your Learning and Contribution

Two Species
• Bumblebees
• Butterflies

Be Prepared to Be Surprised!
Open Space - Topics
Open Space Steps

• State the Theme, Purpose, Question
  – invite any/all topics related to it

• Identify the Issues and Opportunities
  – post them with name(s) of people who care
  – choose timing, locations, and group topics (if necessary)

• Do the Work
  – Discuss, Observe, Flutter, Pollinate, Learn, Deliver

• Report What Happens
  – Take Notes, Identify Action Items
  – Share all the Notes with the Whole Group

• Rinse and Repeat (whenever things get messy)
Open Space Technology works best when these conditions are present:

- **Complex Issue**, such that no single person or small group fully understands or can solve the issue
- **Diversity**, in terms of the skills and people required for a successful resolution
- **Real or Potential Conflict**, means people care
- **Sense of Urgency**, decision time was yesterday
 Aren’t you glad you stuck around?

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Next Month:

• January 14, 2016

• [APLN Chicago/Scaling Agility Chicago - Combined Meeting](#)
www.aplnchicago.org
  – Meets the (hopefully) here

The Chicago Agile Methodology Group

www.meetup.com/The-Chicago-Agile-Methodology-Group/
  – Meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at Catalyst Ranch (downtown)