

2019 PROJECT MANAGEMENT SYMPOSIUM

BREAK-OUT SESSION DETAILS

MORNING	
9:05 A.M. – 10:05 A.M. and 10:15 A.M. – 11:15 A.M.	
Maple/Dogwood	<i>Agile Implications on EVM (Technical)</i>
<p>Presenters: <i>Dale Shelton</i> Advanced Level Session</p> <p>In Agile, we value "responding to change over following a plan." Traditionally, we decompose projects to the greatest possible extent when planning, then traverse the work packages to estimate cost and schedule. In a truly Agile project, the final feature set is unknown at planning. We "welcome changing requirements, even late in development ..." The feature set and build sequencing can change with each sprint. How can EVM be applied in that framework?</p>	
Hickory/Hackberry	<i>Getting Started with Digital Transformation (Strategic & Business)</i>
<p>Presenters: <i>Denise Callahan, Ozzie Lomax, Tracy Dencker</i> Intermediate Level Session</p> <p>Analytics and digital transformation projects provide opportunities to significantly increase revenue and drive down operating costs. However, there are many potential barriers to successful digital transformation projects. In this session, we will review lessons learned at a mid-sized metals and mining company, including how to determine ideal use cases and project structure. We will also identify options for funding and partnerships. Often the biggest barrier to successful projects is resistance to organizational change. This session will offer tips on how to ensure a return on the investment in these projects by engaging stakeholders and driving cultural change. There will also be a facilitated discussion on the similarities and differences between analytics projects and other types of projects as well as a discussion on the key skills needed to manage these types of projects.</p>	
Oak/Redbud	<i>Managing Risk and Learning Lessons with DORA's Backpack (Strategic & Business)</i>
<p>Presenters: <i>Patrick Owens, Kevin Corwin</i> Basic Level Session</p> <p>Great Rivers Greenway (GRG) is making the St. Louis Region better through connected greenways. For the past two years GRG has been implementing formal Project Controls by applying PMI techniques within their government agency and are achieving better project outcomes. Two integral components to their success are formal Risk Management and Lessons Learned processes. This session will tell the story of GRG's unique application of PMI techniques and demonstrate how similar organizations can do the same for improved project outcomes.</p>	
Mississippi/Illinois	<i>Successful Long Distance Relationships: Team-Building When You Are Not "All There" (Leadership)</i>
<p>Presenter: <i>Andy Grosman</i> Intermediate Level Session</p> <p>We have all heard that Agile requires co-location. This session will answer the "yeah, but..." question that comes with distributed teams and provide participants ways to engage team members that are not in one place. We will review the best ways to start a team, plan out your work, build strong teams and handle all the different aspects of Agile for distributed teams. The latest technologies and some old-school low tech methods will be discussed. Expect a fun and engaging talk with immediately usable techniques and resources.</p>	
International Room	<i>You Want to Do What? Managing Risk for a First-of-Its-Kind Project (Strategic & Business)</i>
<p>Presenters: <i>Dave Lowry, Andy Burkemper, Dave Palmer</i> Intermediate Level Session</p> <p>Ameren is actively engaged in performing investigation and remediation at various legacy company properties acquired throughout Ameren's acquisitions history. The LaSalle Canal Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP) site was identified by Ameren as perhaps their highest potential risk remediation project. A considerable alternatives analysis and risk review process by Ameren and AECOM, Ameren's remediation design consultant, ultimately resulted in undertaking the first over-water Insitu Stabilization of contaminated sediment project performed in the United States. Ameren initiated remediation activities at the LaSalle Canal site in the Spring of 2019. The break-out session will provide some information on the LaSalle Canal MGP project in general, and discuss in more detail the processes that were implemented to identify and manage the scope, quality, schedule and budget risks associated with completing a "First-of-its-Kind" remediation project.</p>	

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AFTERNOON 12:50 P.M. – 1:50 P.M. and 2:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.	
Maple/Dogwood	Key Roles of a Leader (Leadership)
<p>Presenter: Dave Heth Basic Level Session</p> <p>Is meeting cost, schedule, and quality targets sufficient to be a great leader? What else does it take? The leadership skill set differs from technical skill sets. And we are all leaders—we all influence others. This is a fast-paced, fun workshop which includes small group discussions, whole group activities, and individual reflection. You will identify the top 3-4 leadership roles for your own situation and will develop action steps you can start tomorrow to better accomplish those roles. By applying these skills, workshop participants have reported improved staff motivation and retention, happier bosses and customers, and successful career advancement.</p>	
Hickory/Hackberry	Agile Transformation Program (ATP): YOUR Journey of Change! (Leadership)
<p>Presenters: teron d. bowman, Matt House Advanced Level Session</p> <p>Join the presenters as they provide an engaging, empowering, and enlightening Q&A session focused on the candid, cross-functional dynamics of an Agile Transformation Program (ATP) journey!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Why Intent Matters on Agile Teams: From the day in the life experiences of the Scrum team members ○ The focused impact of the Agile Transformation journey from the perspective of the organizational leadership's strategic intent vs individual/team actualization. 	
Oak/Redbud	Merging Waterfall and Agile Methodologies (Technical)
<p>Presenter: William Hinshaw Intermediate Level Session</p> <p>This session will discuss the commonalities within both Waterfall and Agile Methodologies, tips on where the two methodologies can interchange, how to execute Waterfall plans with Agile sprinting, and debunking some of the myths about each methodology. The primary objective of the presentation is to help the audience understand that there is no "one size fits all" approach when it comes to implementing project management principles. Business conditions change rapidly, your methodology needs to handle that change too.</p>	
Mississippi/Illinois	Managing Resistance Up & Down by Being Prepared (Strategic & Business)
<p>Presenters: Solomon Balraj Basic Level Session</p> <p>This managing resistance session is about managing people's attributes & personalities. For many people, their work environment & culture affects their engagement on projects. Employee resistance can pose significant obstacles to the planning and development. Management resistance can affect a project's execution with a lack of direction or by setting unrealistic expectations. We will discuss how to avoid resistance using facilitation techniques and varied communication techniques to have productive teams and focused leadership.</p>	
International Room	Making MVP the MVP of Your Project (Technical)
<p>Presenters: Kathleen Harris, Kris Bueltmann Intermediate Level Session</p> <p>This session will discuss the definition of Minimum Viable Product, lean thinking in project management, detail breakout of value and building value in the project, and incorporating MVP in various project methodologies: Agile, Waterfall, Hybrid</p>	

**PMI PDU Reporting – Each of the 3 Ballroom sessions is worth 1 PDU in the LEADERSHIP category.
Each break-out session is worth 1 PDU in the category indicated.*

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NAME	TITLE	COMPANY
Dale Shelton	IT Program Manager	USTRANSCOM
Denise Callahan	Director, Strategic Planning, PMO and Analytics	The Doe Run Company
Ozzie Lomax	CEO	Lomax Consulting Group
Tracy Dencker	Project Manager	Ameren Services
Patrick Owens, PMP	Sr. Project Manager	Great Rivers Greenway
Kevin Corwin, PE, PLS, PMP	Owner-Consultant	AMPM
Andy Grosman	Sr. Scrum Master	Express Scripts
Dave Lowry	Project Manager	AECOM
Andy Burkemper	Sr. Project Geologist	AECOM
Dave Palmer	Manager, Remediation Projects – Environmental Strategy & Analysis	Ameren
Dave Heth	Leadership Trainer Director of Financial Affairs (Retired)	Self-Employed SIUE
Matt House	Agile Program Coach	Sketch Development Services
teron d. bowman	ceo & founder Director, Agile Transformation & Product Management	focusedimensions, llc SaveALot
William Hinshaw	Director of Implementations	Alipro
Solomon Balraj	Vice President	Alipro
Kathleen Harris, PMP, ACP	Project Manager	Emerson
Kris Buelmann	Sr. Project Manager	Emerson