Breakthrough Thinking

Success Stories: How Outstanding Professionals meet Challenges for Triumphant Projects.

Thursday, March 25th , 2021

Panel Discussion

As companies face critical moments, the difference between success and failure often comes down to how leaders choose to meet these challenges. There are always difficult decisions to be made and leaders need to manage teams and people through these changes. Please join us as our panelists discuss how they navigate through pivotal moments and lead teams and projects to success.

The panel will share stories, tips, and tricks that can lead to breakthrough thinking in your own project environment.

A VIRTUAL MEETING

Date: Thursday, March 25th

Time: 5:30 PM Virtual Networking. 6:00 to 8:00 PM Presentation and Q&A (Pacific time)

Location: a ZOOM-based meeting

Cost: FREE for all with Advance Registration

Registration: Advance registration **on Zoom IS REQUIRED**

LINK TO REGISTER: https://rebrand.ly/aitpla_march_reg

About our Panelists

Kate deSousa – Vice President, Technology, Fox Corporation

Kate oversees a diverse group of technology teams responsible for partnering with Fox's Programming, Scheduling, Research, Publicity and Master Data Management departments to implement systems and processes that optimize operations. Kate champions a "process first" approach to solving enterprise problems, believing that understanding the business process end-to-end will drive the best, holistic, solutions. Prior to joining Fox Corporation, Kate spent over a decade as a management consultant focused on the media and entertainment sector. Kate holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial and Systems Engineering from USC. When not working, Kate takes advantage of the music scene in Los Angeles, attending as many live concerts and shows as possible.

Eva Metz-Tolliver, Localization Program Manager, Netflix

Eva has built a successful career in entertainment localization over the past two decades. She has been working in Netflix's localization department for the past 6 years, most recently as Program Manager for animated content. She manages the end-to-end localization pipeline for titles, subtitles and metadata, finding innovative approaches to scale business operations for the rapid increase in produced content and the company's international growth.

Prior to Netflix, Eva managed the E! Networks International digital presence at NBC Universal. Eva grew up in Germany and got her professional start in Los Angeles at SDI Media, one of the world's largest media localization service providers.

Mehrnaz Sadolahy, Director of Engineering, Honey

Mehrnaz is the Director of Engineering at Honey (acquired by PayPal) leading groups of Engineers across multiple teams in her organization. She started her career as a Software Engineer right after graduating from college -where she earned her bachelor's degree in Computer Science. For over 16 years in the Tech industry, Mehrnaz worked in different roles and capacities across three continents. Although the path of leadership isn't always a paved one, especially for women in Tech, Mehrnaz's passion for leadership and her

diverse background instilled a determination in her to keep pushing for resolution in whatever role she played.

Christine Kahn, Sr. Technical Program Manager, OpenTable

Christine recently joined Intuit's Virtual Expert Platform team at TurboTax. She has successfully led teams to deliver products at OpenTable, 21st Century Fox, and Realtor.com.

Christine is a certified Agile Product Owner and Scrum Master.
Christine is passionate about women's empowerment and advocates for self promotion of under-represented groups as a Google IamRemarkable facilitator. She is also a published musician.

About our Moderator

Carole Schlocker - **Queen of iSpace**

Carole Schlocker has been with iSpace since it was founded and has been instrumental in building the company's foundation base of clients. Prior to joining iSpace, Carole was Sr. Vice President of D.P. Specialists where she was one of the principal contributors in building the company into one of the premier IT Staffing and Solutions companies in S. California.

Carole is currently on several Boards including Stem Advantage (www.stemadvantage.org), The Disability Community Resource Center (dcrc.co), Association of IT Professionals (Los Angeles Chapter), and the Southland Technology Conference (SoTeC). She serves as the Chair for the Speaker Committees for SoTeC and AITP-LA. She is a past board member of Tech Serve Alliance and she was the Co-Director of the Los Angeles Chapter of Women in Technology where she helped to build the chapter from the ground up. Also, she is also a long-time member of the UCLA I.S. Associates and has served on their board. Carole holds a bachelor's degree in social work from Temple University. She firmly believes that she is practicing social work daily in her work as an IT Recruiter.

COMING EVENTS

May 20th – Data Analytics -- Transitioning to a Data First Culture -- Panel of experts in data analytics platforms, dashboards, project management -- what organizations actually go through to become a "data first" culture. Panelists from ZEFR, Oracle, Microsoft
With Virtual Networking from 5:30 PM to 6:00 PM.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

AITP Akron Virtual Chapter Meetings, https://akron-aitp.org/
March 18, 6 PM (Eastern) – "Cyber Security Update", Speaker, Ronnie Munn, CISO, MCPc, https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cyber-security-update-tickets-139448154183

AITP Chicago Virtual Chapter Meetings, https://www.aitpchicago.com/
March 18 – Conversational AI
March 23 – Future of Enterprise IT
May 7- Data Analytics: The Challenges of Analyzing Large Datasets