

Session Grid Agile Philly    Oct 6 <sup>th</sup> 2014    Half Day Conference
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Finger Food Snacks - Meet and Greet and Eat  12:40 to 1:10 pm						
Agile for the PMI Guy (and Gal) = David Bulkin and Mike Palladino, Litespeed  1:10 to 2:10 pm	Overcoming Barriers to Agile Adoption = Brent Hurley, (not Gary Scharf) Eliassen  1:10 to 2:10 pm	Why Scrum? (A Refresher on Scrum ) = Brian Barr, TrailBlazers  1:10 to 2:10 pm	Selling (and Managing) Agile Contracts = Paul Eisenberg, Applied Content LLC  1:10 to 2:10 pm	SAFe – Scaled Agile Framework = Ken France  1:10 to 2:10 pm	Improving Success with Distributed Teams = Greg Robinson, Capital One  1:10 to 2:10 pm	The Lean Startup Snowflake Exercise = Andre Dhondt, Dhondt Teams Gel  1:10 to 2:10 pm
Time to Mingle  2:10 to 2:20 pm						
Raffle and Panel of Experts – All Speakers are invited to participate in Q & A  2:20 to 3:20 pm						
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Hypothesis Driven Design = David Bulkin, Litespeed  3:35 to 4:35 pm	Conversations . / Splitting User Stories = Mike Harris, (not Tom Cagley) David Consulting Group  3:35 to 4:35 pm	Refresher on T.D.D. = Audrey Troutt, Artisan SW  3:35 to 4:35 pm			Test Scripts vs. Test Programs = Byron Druss, Say Eureka  3:35 to 4:35 pm	Open Space Fishbowl, Continuing discussions about Management Problems of Agile after the Panel of Experts  3:35 to 4:35 pm

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**Topic Change Part 1 & 2 of Toolsets by Blue Agility is now Scaled Agile Framework in the First Hour**

**FIRST HOUR**

1:10 to 2:10 pm

**Agile for the PMI Guy (and Gal)**

Presented by David Bulkin and Michael Palladino

**Experienced Scrum Professionals Track**

**BROAD STREET Room A**

Are you a traditional project manager or team member? Do you want to learn more about how agile methods are similar to, and different from planned driven methods? If so, come to this session to get a practical review of key differences and similarities between agile and planned driven methods.

David Bulkin is an agile trainer, consultant, coach, speaker and writer, with 25 years software product development experience. As a Certified Scrum Trainer, David delivers CSM, CPO training and Team Workshops courses. David frequently presents at conferences including AgilePhilly while blogging for LitheSpeed and serving as an agile editor at InfoQ.

Michael Palladino Director, PMO - Apple Leisure Group

Mike Palladino is the director of the PMO at Apple Leisure Group. He has spent over 20 years leading international projects, programs and portfolios that included a large amount of travel to Europe. Mike has been the PMO Director and has worked as a Management Consultant including Pfizer. Outside of work, Mike is on the Board of PMI-DVC. He is also an international speaker on Project Management and culture related topics. Mike has several certifications, including PMP, CSM, Black belt 6 sigma, ITIL and TOGAF.

**Overcoming Barriers to Agile Adoption**

Presented by Brent Hurley of Eliassen ( not Gary Scharf )

**Getting Efficient Track**

**BROAD STREET Room B**

"Standing up" a couple of Agile teams with Scrum, XP, or Kanban is relatively straightforward. After a few months, or when trying to add even more teams, organizations start to run into obstacles to Agile adoption that are beyond the ability of the individual teams to address. The root cause of these obstacles is that organizations have been purpose-built to support traditional methodologies. We will review how organizations need to have specific adoption goals and address obstacles as they arise.

Brent Hurley is an Agile Coach and the Regional Delivery Leader for Eliassen Group. His work covers the Team, Product and mentoring the adoption of Agile practices. Prior to working with Eliassen Group Brent had years of experience in a wide variety of industries in England, Europe, the United States and Australia.

**Whats, Hows, and Whys of Agile / Scrum ( Refresher on Scrum )**

Presented by Brian Barr, CEO of Agile TrailBlazers here in King of Prussia

**Refresher and Novice Track**

LE BEC FIN Room

Too often, teams think they are agile because they are “doing stand-ups”. Beyond outlining the mechanics and framework of Scrum, this session brings to light ideas of how to implement fundamentals well and, more importantly, why these fundamentals, when done right, can lead to huge results. This session is targeted for those newer to practicing Scrum but also to those with more experience looking to re-energize their practice of Scrum.

AgileTrailblazers was founded to enable organizations to rapidly realize business value using Lean and Agile. With over 25 years experience leading large-scale software solutions with quality & timeliness, he has led transformations in traditionally change-resistant organizations such as medical and financial service areas. Brian has a BSE in Computer Science and Engineering from the University of Pennsylvania.

**Selling (and Managing) Agile Contracts**

Presented by Paul Eisenberg,

Director of Professional Services Engagements, RSI Content Solutions / Applied Content LLC

**Out of the Box Track**

PENNS LANDING Room

Paul last presented in June of 2012 on the topic “**Applying Agile Lessons Beyond Software Engineering**” which spoke about true life examples of applying Kanban, Lean and Agile methods in the Publishing industry. Paul is back again to tell us of his latest successes (and failures) at changing industry norms from within both the service provider and the content provider. He does this from a brand new role as Director of Professional Services Engagements.

**Scaled Agile Framework - or SAFe**

Presented by Ken France, certified SPCT ( SAFe Program Consultant Trainer )

**Scaling Up Topic**

LIBERTY BELL Room

SAFe is for large implementations of Scrum, at companies like eBay. The problem of scaling up Scrum practices to larger teams of teams is daunting, but there are methods to do this. This was a hot topic for Agile Philly in the spring of 2013, and the discussions of SAFe are still in demand. The end of the hour will include a quick look at the bluejazz product from Blue Agility will show you how it manages the complexities of scale.

Ken is a long time friend of Agile Philly and got us all talking about SAFe last year. With Ken, we are “Going to the Well” for SAFe

As VP and Co-Founder of Blue Agility, Ken has over 20 years of experience helping clients develop high quality software in an iterative and incremental fashion. His primary skills surround driving organizational change and helping management achieve rapid ROI. He has hands on experience in agile coaching and enterprise ALM tool deployments, and has led many large scale projects to successful completion. His specialties are: Agile development methodologies, Enterprise ALM tools (Rational, Rally, VersionOne, etc), Executive Coaching, Organizational Culture change, technical sales, consulting, and implementation. . . and include expertise in CRM implementations and consulting in Siebel and Salesforce.com.

**Improving Success with Distributed Teams**

Presented by Greg Robinson, Capital One

**Organizing Teams**

**PENNS LANDING Room**

Greg presented this downtown and it was a topic that prompted a lot of Q&A and back and forth discussion as there is no perfect formulas, and every team does it differently. Greg looks at some common approaches and some common problems that accompany them.

**Lean Simulation using The Snowflake Exercise -**

Andre Dhondt of Dhondt Teams Gel

The Snowflake Exercise was one of the most popular meetings of 2013, and it comes back again.

We will keep the details under wraps, but it is a Lean Simulation with simple rules, but which mirrors what happens in the workplace.

It's a great team-building exercise that you can then take back with you to work and do with your whole team.

(And if you have never done it, and you like to learn by doing, you really should do the Snowflake Exercise.)

**Open Space / Lean**

**TASTYKAKE Room**

Andre is long time member and Coordinator of AgilePhilly. He also founded the Technically Philly Group (TPG), a user group of user groups, and ran the Agile Culture Conference in September 2012 [www.culturecon2012.com](http://www.culturecon2012.com) and is working on a 2015 CultureCon here in Philly. His consulting practice is known throughout the Philadelphia area and eastern seaboard. [www.Dhondt-Teams-Gel.com](http://www.Dhondt-Teams-Gel.com)

This **Middle Hour** is a break for the  
and our

**RAFFLE  
PANEL OF EXPERTS (in the Broad Street Rooms )**

**2:20 to 3:20 pm**

## FINAL HOUR

3:35 to 4:35 pm

### Hypothesis Driven Design, presented by David Bulkin, LitheSpeed

**Experienced Scrum Professionals Track  
BROAD STREET Room A**

If you are doing any BDD, ADD, HDD, or other variant, come out and share your experience - what works - what doesn't -when it works, it works well because \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in the blank).

As newbies learning about the tried and true technique of TDD and BDD to getting just what the customer wants, and identifying what they really need, hear this different view of BDD.

David Bulkin last presented a version of this July of 2013, and has developed it even further as a mainstay of managing expectations.

### Conversations with Content (aka Splitting User Stories )

**Getting Efficient  
BROAD STREET Room B**

Presented by Mike Harris, President & CEO of the David Consulting Group.

A primer on user story definition, usage, structure, style and content. This presentation addresses when and how to split user stories to meet facilitate the effective and efficient delivery of value. Conversations with Content includes examples of developing user stories and splitting user stories.

Before buying DCG in 2006, Mike Harris was President, Banking Solutions and Sanchez Computer Associates (acquired by Fidelity Information Solutions) in Malvern, PA leading a team of over 200 developers. Mike is a Certified Scrum Master and SAFe Program Consultant and has started up, led, trained and coached agile teams in the US and the UK.

### Refresher on TDD

**Refresher and Intro Track  
LE BEC FIN Room**

Presented by Audrey Troutt, Artisan Mobile

A long time AgilePhilly member, Audrey's last presentation on "influencing your way to agile" with a Rhinoceros slide brought the house down. She has worked for several local companies – Brian Robertson's company Terary Software in Lionville, Drexel University, and recently Artisan Mobile. Her stint at Drexel included hosting Code Kata meetings downtown for her people and AgilePhilly.

( Code Kata comes from the Martial Arts learning method of Practice, Practice, Practice of Base Essentials so they become second nature. The Code Kata is a great learning tool to move your skills from Beginner to the Master level, Little Grasshopper.)

Committed to living and working in Downtown Philly, we are pleased that she made the trek out to King of Prussia for us.

**Test Scripts versus Test Driven Development**

Presented by COO & Archtiect Bhargava (Bari) Chittamuri of SayEureqa.com  
provider of Cloud Testing Services , Jira , Jenkins, and Selenium add-ons

**Organizing Teams and Tasks**

**INDEPENDENCE HALL Room**

The Automation of Tests is a given. But how is it best done ? The argument rages if tests should be written in the same language as the application or if they should be scripted. Should they be in scripts and readable by business people ? And what about the Constraints in writing in a Scripting Language ? What about the toolset, and its new terminology, new editor, and a new language to learn ?

Come hear the pros and cons of both approaches and when one approach is better than the other.

**Open Space Topic****Open Space Topic  
TASTYKAKE Room**

This is a continuation of any topics that were addressed (or not addressed ) during the Panel of Experts.

There are techniques for conversations, like FishBowl . . . “Put 4 chairs in the center, and only 3 can be filled. Jump into the open seat when you have something to say.”

Moderated by Greg Robinson and John Voris, they bring a wealth of experience and eagerness of discovery to your problems.



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Last Years pics <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/hkpbmlzmjla4g0/VW7zakpJSk>

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