

AITP
The Association of Information
Technology Professionals

Monthly Meeting
of the
Nashville Chapter

Date: Thursday February 13th, 2014

Place: Holiday Inn Vanderbilt

Cost: Members - No Charge

Guests - \$30.00

Note: Meeting fees have been waived for AITP members, however reservations are required.

Meeting Schedule

5:30 - 6:00 Social/Networking

6:00 - 6:45 Dinner

\$5.00 Discount for early registration

Contact Mary Simpson for reservations at

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Distracted Project Driving "Don't Become a Statistic" Bill Munson

In California, known for its 16-lane superhighways, its DMV reminds drivers that "Distractions are Everywhere." If you think of your project as the "Vehicle" for getting to an objective, then it's crucial to heed their advice: "Driving is a skill that requires your full attention to safely control your VEHICLE and respond to events happening on the roads around you. Driving involves constant and complex coordination between your MIND and BODY."

Our February meeting is on the subject of project management with a speaker who emphasizes "Efficient Project Management." Bill Munson will discuss practical tools and techniques to keep your Project "Vehicle" on the road, and to get to your Project Destination without a major accident - following the DMV's advice, coordinating between MIND and BODY - between thinking and responding. He will focus on the MIND of the Project being how it is thought up, defined and estimated; the BODY of the Project being how it responds during execution.

Some MIND techniques that he will discuss include:

M = Making realistic estimates, especially before the full scope of work is known

I = Identifying yourself as PM, even where authority is not clearly given

N = N-gauging (yes, spelled correctly) the team and stakeholders

D = Defining upcoming work concisely, without falling into "analysis paralysis"

And some BODY techniques include:

B = Breaking work into measurable, manageable chunks - and reducing "scope creep"

O = Ongoing risk management, even creating Opportunities during project execution

D = Debunking scope creep using proactive change management techniques

Y = "Yes", getting to it without "buyer's remorse"



Bill Munson

Bill Munson has worked with several global IT firms - as GM for Field Operations, CIO, Senior Client Executive, Director of Application Development, and Management Consultant. For 20 years of his career, he helped industry leader Keane gain recognition in the field of project management. He is well-regarded as a keynote speaker and thought leader in project and program management, having mentored over 1000 executives and PMs each year in practical project and program management methods. Many of these methods have received formal endorsement by the Project Management Institute (PMI).

Bill is a member of PMI, and has been active with Tennessee HIMSS and Nashville CIO Council. He is also a community organizer for the Nashville New North initiative, as well as an active member of Salvation Army Nashville's Family Resource Center and Brentwood's CEO Fellowship. He and his wife Sue live in Franklin, Tennessee - and together they founded a Nashville preschool in 2009 to provide exceptional educational opportunities to families who might otherwise struggle to afford it. While Bill moved from New England to Nashville area 13 years ago, some may call him a "Damn Yankee" - in other words, he's not leaving. We all can use a refresher course in handling projects. In fact, tell your boss about this presentation.

Remember that AITP members have no dinner/meeting costs.

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Dinner Cost Reduced With Early Registration:
\$25 -- Guests