

# Agile Alliance Face-to-Face Board Meeting

## Minutes

January 16 & 17, 2009 – Vincennes, France

### Attendees:

Diana Larsen,  
Laurant Bossevit,  
Jennitta Andrea,  
Rachel Davies,  
Todd Little,  
Paul Culling,  
Luke Hohmann,  
Mark Streibeck,  
Tamara Sulaiman,  
Phil Brock,  
J.B. Rainsberger

Facilitator: Frowin Fajtak

Not Attending: Johanna Rothman, Esther Derby

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The attending Board members participated in a facilitated retrospective / business meeting around Board initiatives, group collaboration and working agreements of the board.

The goals of the retrospective were:

- Ensure we (the board) work together in a collaborative and productive way.
- Retrospect and improve on our work as a distributed team
- Get a sense for our progress
- Looking forward;
  - vision and goals understood and shared;
  - next steps defined

### **Strengths, Processes, and/or procedures that we should take care not to lose:**

- Facilitated and frequent face time has resulted in the board getting more work done.
- Breadth in experiences and skills lead to healthy discussions and differing opinions.

- Passion for Agile: Alliance, Community, Methods – and the growth of each.
- Paid Staff: Including managing director role – and Phil in it.

## Renew Vision and Goals/Business Items

### Key Decisions on behalf of the Alliance:

- The minutes of the December meeting were approved.
- Phil will publish the description of program and committee on the Alliance website.
- The Board agreed to create a five-year road map. The Executive Committee will hold a face to face meeting to create a 'straw-man' road map. At the next face-to-face meeting of the Board, 1 day will be dedicated to creating the Road map.
  - Goal: to have the 5 year road map available and announced at the August conference in Chicago.
- The Board agreed to publish a description of what each program does and doesn't support and who to contact on the website. The Executive Committee will develop the template. Content will be provided by the program directors.
- The Board affirmed that we want to cooperate with the XP conference committee for XP 2010.
- Rachel agreed to take over the responsibility for exploratory work for an AA conference 2010 in Europe, with the intention to have a conference if it is financially viable. She expects to report back to the Board in March 2009.
- Luke has agreed draft a charter for a Marketing committee for the board to consider by February 18, 2009.
- The board voted to create a budget of \$7,000 for 2009 to hold events with local Agile groups concurrent with face to face meetings. The purpose of these events is to network with local members and gather feedback on Agile Alliance issues and events. Phil, the board chair, and the local host will be responsible for scheduling and coordinating the event.
- The board agreed that the Board owns the conference process description and conference acceptance tests.
- Program calls that are "between the cracks" – forward to Chair AND managing director for further work/distribution.

### Program Funding Requests considered / outcome:

- Conference Sponsorship: \$32,000.00
- Speaker Reimbursement Program: \$4,000.00
- Gordon Pask Award Program: \$10,000.00
- Functional Testing Workshop Program: \$10,000.00
- Agile Factory at Bowling Green State University Program: Funds approved in 2008
- Academic Research Program: Not funded. Individual requests may be considered on a case-by-case basis.