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Monthly Dinner Meeting
Courtyard Marriott, Culver City

Technology Trends, Fast Growth Areas – How to Leverage Trends for Career Advancement – *Joint Meeting w/IIBA*

Date:
Thursday,
29 January 2015

Time:
6:00pm to 9:00 pm

Location:
Courtyard by Marriott – LA Westside, 6333 Bristol Parkway, Culver City 90230 310-484-7000. Self Parking at hotel ($6).

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Reservations are required

Members $28 in advance, $35 at the door.

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A panel of IT Hiring Professionals will discuss trends they see, and how these affect current and future demand for jobs in the marketplace. This is a **joint meeting** with the **IIBA (International Institute of Business Analysis) LA Chapter,** so there will be a diversity of questions posed in the Q&A.

The emphasis is on IT employment trends and hiring challenges – the impact of Silicon Beach, attracting people that are the right fit, the push and pull of outsourcing vs. insourcing, contract vs. permanent employment dynamics. **Trends like Big Data, Agile practices, Mobile-centric development, User-Centric design are all influencing the kinds of skills needed and creating opportunities for those who are prepared.** What can you do now to align your skills with an area of your passion?

The IT Hiring Professionals on our panel are vital to the success of the organizations they represent, and offer valuable insights. Panelists include:

- **Maral Norikian**, Senior IT Recruiter, Farmers Insurance
- **Mike Jones**, Senior IT Recruiter, Guthy Renker
- **Sandie Kwon,** Senior Corporate/Technical Recruiter with LA Times/Tribune Publishing Company
- **Carole Schlocker,** Moderator, President, iSpace

Hear first-hand perspectives to help you leverage current IT trends to actively navigate your career. Expect INSIGHTS, great NETWORKING and a WARM 2015 welcome to our AITP-LA members and professional community.

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Going North on 405: Take exit 49B to merge onto Sepulveda toward Slauson Ave; Right at Green Valley Circle; First right onto Bristol Parkway

ABOUT OUR PANELISTS / MODERATOR

Maral Norikian, Senior IT Recruiter, Farmers Insurance
Maral Norikian has worked in the staffing industry for 6 years, both in agency recruiting and in house recruiting. For 3 years, she worked as a staffing professional specializing in Accounting and finance positions, for temp and temp to hire placement. For the past 3 years, she has been with Farmers Insurance, as an in house recruiter, having staffed for numerous business functions, including Accounting, Finance, Product Management, Actuaries and IT. Currently, she is the Senior IT recruiter, focused on direct hire placement for Information Security, IT marketing and IT architecture. Also, as a team lead, she mentors and develops other recruiters on the team as well as works with leadership on strategic initiatives. She holds an MBA from Pepperdine's, Graziadio School of Business.

Mike Jones, Senior IT Recruiter, Guthy Renker
Mike Jones is a Senior IT Recruiter and Talent Acquisition Consultant who is currently working at Guthy Renker. Prior to Guthy Renker, he has worked at Toyota, SpaceX, 99 Cents Stores, Buzz Media, and True Car. He has a Bachelors Degree in Business Marketing from Loyola Marymount University.

Sandie Kwon, Senior Corporate/Technical Recruiter with LA Times/Tribune Publishing Company
Sandie has 10 years of recruiting experience from both staffing industry and in house corporate recruiting. She is currently a contract recruiter at LA Times in Downtown LA. She is responsible for recruitment in Digital Technology, Digital Sales and Production. She has been a Technical Recruiter for last 3.5 years from Online Media and Internet Companies. Sandie is passionate about finding the best candidates who can add value to the company. She enjoys learning and sharing her knowledge with her team and others to build a best talent acquisition team in the country. Sandie received her degree in Communications from Cal State University of Fullerton.

Carole Schlocker, President, iSpace
Carole Schlocker has been with iSpace since it was founded and has been instrumental in building their foundation base of clients and in helping to further the careers of countless IT Professionals. Among her many accomplishments in the IT community, she serves as the Program Chair for AITP-LA and is Chair of the Speakers Committee for the annual Southland Technology Conference (SoTec). 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 started her IT career as Manager of West Coast Technical Support at Candle Corporation.
Carole also serves on the board of The Westside Center of Independent Living (wcil.org), and is a long time member and former board member of the UCLA I.S. Associates.   She is a past Board Member of Tech Serve Alliance. She was the Co-Director of the Los Angeles Chapter of Women in Technology and helped to build the chapter from the ground up. Carole holds a Bachelors Degree in Social Work from Temple University.

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