Real Life Stories from the BIM Patrol

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AB1462-R   Building Information Modeling (BIM) is different things to different disciplines with different issues. This roundtable gives BIM users and customers a chance to share concerns, issues, ideas, and perspectives with others who are involved in the process. Everyone involved in the BIM process is welcome and needed—building owners and managers, contractors and subcontractors, architects, engineers, and interior designers. Come one, come all, and be prepared to share your perspectives and experiences. What you hear from others may surprise you.

Learning Objectives

At the end of this class, you will be able to:

- Identify other participants' major concerns in the BIM Process

- Explain what BIM means to other disciplines

- Describe how best to interact and share information more meaningfully with other players in the BIM process

- Identify where you and your organization fit into the larger BIM picture

About the Speakers

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Introduction

This session, being a roundtable discussion, is not intended to be a passive experience. YOU are the content and the presenter. The "speakers" of record are merely here to facilitate the discussion. To get the most out of this session, then, you should come prepared to actively participate. It doesn't matter if you have been using BIM technology for years and feel fully competent and capable with your part of the overall process or if you can't even spell "BIM". Your input is valuable and necessary to make this a positive learning experience for everyone involved.

In past years, the discussion has been lively and open to all things "BIM", and will probably be so again this year. However to assist in getting things started you might want to consider the following bullet points for discussion topics.

- What are your primary concerns about the BIM process, or those things that have been the largest impediments to moving forward in your BIM implementation?

- What does BIM mean to your specific discipline/profession? What are the benefits that your discipline can expect to get from a BIM process?

- What issues or problems have you had sharing data with other members of the design team, both inside your organization and outside?

- Where do you think your firm is on the "BIM Curve". Are you just beginning your implementation? Struggling? "Over the hump"? Comfortable? Do you continue to look for opportunities to push the envelope and evolve your BIM capabilities further?

Again, the format here is open to all things BIM; the items above are merely suggestions. Come ready to discuss and be an active participant!