# "Make the Connection"

# **2017 Event Speakers**

### **Reginald Carney**

Reginald Carney is a facilitator, coach, Adjunct instructor at UTD and author of Yes You Can-My Route to Freedom on Stage. Reggie, founder of Lead Strong Inc., has over 25 years' professional experience. Lead Strong specializes in equipping leaders and teams to add even greater value to the organizations for which they work. Reggie's work is behavior-based and focuses on better connections through effective communication, collaboration, and coaching...all for the purpose of total engagement and improved business results.

An electrical engineer turned communications and leadership enthusiast, Reggie is passionate about the human side of performance. He uses his practical business experience, a systems approach to leadership effectiveness and his facilitation prowess to help leaders and teams win...together.

Before Lead Strong Inc., Reggie held leadership roles at Pepsi Bottling and Earthlink Inc. At Pepsi, Reggie managed multimillion dollar capital projects and drove 15-20% productivity improvements. At Earthlink (a leading ISP), he and his team led the Dallas Sales Organization from #6 to #1 performing in a 15-month period.

For over 11 years Reggie has been coaching and consulting. He has traveled globally and worked with great organizations in various industries, including GE, Lockheed Martin, AT&T, BNSF, TCU, Lennox International, TXU, Honeywell, Texas Instruments, Bristol-Myer Squibb, Pfizer, Marriott, ESPN, Walgreen, BP, SAFRAN Group and more. He regularly collaborates with The University of Texas at Dallas and has delivered great work for Right Management, John Maxwell and Stephen Covey, to name a few.

Reggie has an enthusiastic and personable yet practical approach to development. The bottom line for Reggie is making meaningful connections and driving business results.

## **Randy Dean**



For more than 20 years, **Randy Dean** has been obsessed. Obsessed with a topic that impacts us all – time management and the effective use of time. He was so obsessed, he left a successful career as a professional marketer and manager to become a leading expert in the fields of time management, e-mail management, and personal organization, and to teach others how to be more organized and effective with their time, and how to lead a life of productive purpose.

Randy has been training people how to be more effective time and e-mail managers for more than 19 years, and has personally tested his time and e-mail management systems in major corporate, academic, and non-profit settings, as well as fast-paced for-profit companies. His systems work, and are based on strategies created by Randy himself and other thought-leaders in the field.

A member of the National Speakers Association, he has delivered entertaining and informative speaking and training programs for an impressive list of organizations, including Procter & Gamble, Westinghouse Corporation, Delphi Automotive, Volvo Machinery, Michigan, Indiana, and Iowa Societies of Association Executives, The Global Business Travel Association, The University of Chicago GSB, University of Michigan HRD, the Graduate Management Admissions Council (GMAC), Ohio State University, the Law School Admissions Council (LSAC), the Dept. of Health and Human Services OIG, and the Defense Logistics Agency Europe (many are repeat clients.)

Prior to becoming a highly regarded speaker and trainer, his use of his time management system allowed him to be successful in several important professional positions, including Director of Full-Time MBA Admissions at Michigan State University, Market Research Supervisor for the Rx-to-OTC switch of Prilosec® at Procter & Gamble, and Subscriber Services Coordinator for ADVANCES: The Journal of Mind-Body Health at The Fetzer Institute.

Randy Dean is the author of two books – his latest, Taming the E-mail Beast, hit #1 in six categories on Amazon.com, and is related to his extremely popular conference and workshop programs on e-mail, Outlook, and office clutter management.

He has previously been interviewed by Business Week Online, The Detroit News, The Washington Times, The Globe and Mail and Business Direct Weekly; and is a frequent contributor for many magazines and blogs as well as guest on radio and TV programs. The top graduate of the MSU MBA Program in 1997, he is an active member of the American Society for Training and Development, National Speakers Association, and Michigan Society of Association Executives.

He is married with two children, and resides in East Lansing, Michigan. To book time management speaker Randy Dean call Executive Speakers Bureau 901-754-9404.

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### **Alex Eng**



**Alex C. Eng,** CMA, CFM, CPA is Chair-Elect of IMA's Global Board of Directors for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. He also serves as chair of IMA's Planning and Development and Nominating Committees.

Alex C. Eng currently serves as Vice President, US Corporate Finance at EDF Renewable Energy, the North American headquarters for EDF Énergies Nouvelles at EDF Group (Électricité de France S.A.; Euronext: EDF), a public Fortune Global 100 Company and the world's largest power utility. His former experience includes controllership at a global telecom services provider, and as tax manager and auditor at a national

firm. In his legal practice, Mr. Eng has advised on mergers and acquisitions, as well as syndicated lending and structuring of asset-based transactions.

A member of IMA since 2003, Mr. Eng is serving his second term on IMA's Global Board of Directors and serves on the Board's Performance Oversight and Audit Committee, and as chair of its Audit Subcommittee. He is a Certified Management Accountant, a Certified Financial Manager, and a Certified Public Accountant. He is an attorney of the State Bar of California, with admissions to the United States District Court for the Southern District of California and the United States Tax Court. Mr. Eng completed a Masters in Business Administration from Suffolk University, a Juris Doctor from Thomas Jefferson School of Law, and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Calgary (Alberta, Canada). He currently resides in San Diego with his wife and son.

#### **Bud Kulesza**



**Bud Kulesza** is a highly accomplished business professional with outstanding multinational, multi industry experience. His financial expertise combined with business acumen and leadership skills have led to his success as a CFO of ITT Automotive, a multibillion dollar global company and a respected leader of the accounting profession as a former Chair of the Institute of Management Accountants. Bud brings a wealth of knowledge and an entertaining high energy style to all of his endeavors. From the boardroom to the podium from the shop floor to the classroom, his direct approach to addressing issues combining knowledge, experience and humor

make an impact that is not soon forgotten.

Bud is currently the Dean Emeritus of the IMA Leadership Academy. He was named by Accounting Today as one of the top 100 most influential persons in Accounting. He has numerous publications in accounting journals including Strategic Finance, CFO.com, Management Accounting, Cost Management and the Journal of Accountancy and has been interviewed on Money Radio and CNBC's Money Wheel. He is featured in the book "Leadership, Helping Others to Succeed", interviews with America's top leadership experts.

He actively supports many educational and not for profit projects and has served on the board of numerous academic and civic organizations. He is a member of the Financial Executives Institute and a lifetime board member of the Institute of Management Accountants. After serving in the US Army, Bud earned an associate degree in Accounting from the Middlesex County Community College and his bachelor's degree in Commerce from Rider University.

### Robert Mellgren



**Bob Mellgren** has more than 26 years of risk advisory services (internal audit), professional services, project management, system implementation, IT Operations, Accounting & Finance, and Internal Audit (Financial, Operational, and Information Technology) experience spanning across manufacturing, oil and gas, healthcare, global consulting, capital markets, software development, commodities trading operations, and IT operations. His focus over the past few years has been the CAE (Chief Audit Executive) for three companies under an outsourced internal audit model, completed two QAR (Quality Assessment

Reviews) of Internal Audit departments, implemented trading risk controls for two publically traded companies, and optimization of annual SOX compliance programs for three publically traded companies. In addition, Bob has managed a number of Internal Audit engagements supporting all aspects of the function. Bob's previous experiences include several management positions such as Controller, Audit Manager, Professional Services Director, IT Director and Program Manager. In addition, Bob has implemented several healthcare packages as well as SAP (FI, CO, PS modules), Oracle, Peoplesoft and JD Edwards ERP applications.

#### Education, Memberships:

- Bachelor's of Accounting & MIS, Kansas State University (Cum Laude)
- Project Management Institute
- Institute of Internal Auditors
- Six Sigma Green Belt certified

#### **Andrew Urich**



Andrew L. Urich is an entertaining and thought provoking communicator who helps people to perfect their influence, negotiation and thinking skills. He holds the Eastin Chair in Talent development at Oklahoma State University, where he is an Associate Professor of Management in the Spears School of Business. He also serves as the Director of Student Development in the Eastin Center for Talent Development. Professor Urich was a member of the Executive MBA faculty at Zayed University in Abu Dhabi & Dubai from 2004 to 2012. Prior to joining the faculty at OSU, he practiced law with a major corporate law firm in Ohio.

Since 1993 he has presented at well over 1,000 corporate training programs and conventions in the areas of Influence, Negotiation, Ethics, Critical Thinking and Professional Image. Andrew has presented to clients such as Bank of Oklahoma, Phillips 66, Chesapeake Energy, QuikTrip, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Tyson Foods, Halliburton and the United States Air Force. Professor Urich's goal is to help students and business professionals create value and accomplish their goals.

While away for his students, Andrew enjoys adventure travel to far-flung regions of the world. His adventures have led him to over 50 countries and he has climbed mountains in South America, Central America, Asia, and Africa's Kilimanjaro. When not travelling, he enjoys spending time with his wife, Tara, and three "little associates," Anson, Truman and Theodore.