

2010 NASAGA Conference Schedule

Wednesday, October 13, 2010

- 7:00 am Registration Opens
- 9:00-12:00 pm **Certificate Courses** (Morning Session)
A. How to DESIGN Games, Activities, and Simulations
Tracy Tagliati, Brian Remer, Raja Thiagarajan
Vancouver Room
B. How to FACILITATE Games, Activities, and Simulations
Sivasailam “Thiagi” Thiagarajan
Pacific Room
- Pre-conference Workshops** (Morning Session)
A. Facilitating on the Fly
Dave Piltz and Jimbo Clark
Beijing Room
B. Simulation Games: The Archetypes
Bernie DeKoven
Connaught Room
- 12:00-1:30 pm Lunch (on your own)
- 1:30-4:30 pm **Certificate Courses** and **Pre-conference Workshops** continue
- 5:30-6:00 pm **Newcomers Orientation**
Vancouver Room
- 6:00-9:00 pm **Welcome Reception**
Vancouver Room

Thursday, October 14, 2010

- 7:00 am Registration Opens
- 8:00-9:00 am Breakfast
Vancouver Room
- 9:00-10:00 am **Welcome**
Vancouver Room
Keynote: *Chance, Choice and Change: The Joy of Learning*
Fred Goodman
In this address, Fred Goodman will speculate about why games may be useful in getting people to “change their minds” as contrasted to “preserving their beliefs.” The subtitle involves the kind of mind-changing he hopes for most – getting people who see learning as a necessary evil to “change their minds” and see learning as a never ending process that they look forward to with excitement and **joy**.
- 10:00-10:30 am Break

- 10:30-12:00 pm **Concurrent Sessions**
- 101 *The Magic of Learning and the Learning of Magic*
Ken Bellemare, Sivasailam “Thiagi” Thiagarajan, Tracy Tagliati
Vancouver Room
- 102 *Pirates and Parrots*
Brian Remer
Pacific Room
- 103 *Team Characteristics*
Matt DeMarco and Margee Wolff
Beijing Room
- 104 *Community Building Through Games in Libraries*
Scott Nicholson and Pauline Shostack
Connaught Room
- 12:00-1:30 pm Lunch (on own)
- 1:30-3:00 pm **Concurrent Sessions**
- 201 *New Media Educational Game Play*
Robert Voelker-Morris and David McCallum
Vancouver Room
- 202 *Integrating F-Words Into Training: Fabulous, Fearless, Fun Facilitator Activities*
Leslie Bruner
Pacific Room
- 203 *The Joy of Conflict Resolution: Engaging the Learner*
Gary Harper
Connaught Room
- 204 *Change Outcomes: Games in Orientation*
Carol Shaw, Carlene Galanopulo, Nellie Bass
Beijing Room
- 3:00-3:30 pm Break
- 3:30-5:00 pm **Concurrent Sessions**
- 301 *Brand New Jolts!*
Sivasailam “Thiagi” Thiagarajan, Raja Thaigaran, Tracy Tagliati
Vancouver Room
- 302 *Playing with Conflict: Raising Cane*
Kat Kirkpatrick
Pacific Room
- 303 *Appreciation Activities*
Stephanie Pollack
Connaught Room
- 304 *Emergency Shelter Game: A Board Game Simulation*
Andrew Boyarsky
Beijing Room
- 5:30-7:30 pm **Expo: Networking, Munching and Celebrating**
Vancouver Room

7:30 pm Enjoy Vancouver on your own!

Friday, October 15, 2010

7:00 am Registration Opens

8:00-9:00 am Breakfast

9:00-10:00 am **Keynote: *The Fun Factor***
Bernie DeKoven
Vancouver Room
The last time we were in Vancouver (2007), a few of us (namely me) were especially provoked, thought-wise, to learn that simulation games don't have to be fun. Though the veracity of that particular observation is unquestionable, it does bring up another question: what does fun contribute to a simulation game? To the players' experience? To the learning? To the effectiveness of the simulation? OK, so it brings up a lot of questions, some of which I hope to address in this keynote – the rest of which I hope to stimulate you to answer for yourselves.

10:00-10:30 am Break

10:30-12:00 pm **Concurrent Sessions**
401 *The Case of the Changing Client*
Andrew Boyarski, Sivasailam “Thiagi” Thiagarajan, Tracy Tagiati
Vancouver Room
402 *When Your Cup Falleth Over...Using Speed Stacking as a Performance Metaphor*
David Gouthro
Pacific Room
403 *The Improvisational Storyteller*
Kat Koppett
Connaught Room
404 *Give It Up!*
Iraida Delgado
Beijing Room

12:00-1:30 pm Lunch (on own)

1:30-3:00 pm **Concurrent Sessions**
501 *Performance Analysis and Knife Juggling*
Russ Powell
Vancouver Room
502 *Cooperative Games - A Chance for Everyone to Win*
Jimbo Clark
Pacific Room
503 *Game SPACES!*
Dolly Joseph
Connaught Room
504 *The Power of Image-based Icebreakers*

Sandra Fowler and Peggy Pusch
Beijing Room

3:00-3:30 pm

Break

3:30-5:00 pm

Concurrent Sessions

601 *The Ball's in Your Court! Effective Communication for Trainers and Supervisors*

Kate Koski and Iraida Delgado

Vancouver Room

602 *Puzzling Opportunities: Incorporating Puzzles in Training Sessions*

Sivasailam "Thiagi" Thiagarajan, Tracy Tagiati, Raja

Thiagarajan

Pacific Room

603 *Effectively Use Casual Games for Learning*

Greg Koeser and Richard Vars

Connaught Room

604 *Let's Play: Constructing, Deconstructing, and Adapting Games*

Dave Piltz

Beijing Room

6:00-7:00 pm

Silent Auction and Cash Bar

Vancouver Room

7:00-10:00 pm

Banquet, Live Auction, and Entertainment

Vancouver Room

Saturday, October 16, 2010

8:00-9:00 am

Breakfast

8:30-9:00 am

NASAGA Business Meeting

Vancouver Room

9:00-10:00 am

Keynote: Gaza, the Rez, and No Hair: How Games and Activities Can Turn Trauma into Triumph

Stephanie Pollack

Vancouver Room

As game developers and facilitators, we have the power to change the world. Upper class urbanites in North America are looking for connection with others and inner peace just as desperately as people stuck in Gaza are hoping for connection with others and global peace. And Stephanie knows it. Sharing experiences using games around the world, including how activities helped her cope with her own life-threatening illness, Stephanie shows how games can connect and heal. Stephanie will explore research on behavioral economics, motivation, happiness, innovation, technology and social development, and experience vs. memory – and why we should care. Stephanie will challenge us to cross disciplines, connect around meaning and purpose, and use our skills to make the world a better

place . . . one person at a time. By the end of this keynote, NASAGA will have made a positive difference in the world. Start thinking about your favorite group game, and get ready to morph it into a personal experience for real change.

10:00-10:30 am

Break

10:30-12:30 pm

Concurrent Sessions

701 *Design Certificate Closer*

Tracy Tagliati, Brian Remer, Raja Thiagarajan

Vancouver Room

702 *Facilitation Certificate Closer*

Sivasailam "Thiagi" Thiagarajan

Vancouver Room

703 *Finding Flame Retardant Answers to Your Burning Question: An Open Space Experience*

Jimbo Clark and Debi Arnoni

Pacific Room

12:30-1:00 pm

Conference Closure

Vancouver Room

Enjoy Vancouver!!