

Brian Ackles



Brian Ackles, Senior Project Professional, speaker, seminar leader and world sailor has been working with global technology organizations for over 27 years delivering complex projects, developing excellence in people and organizations, and refining project processes. Brian's focus on practical solutions to project and business opportunities has been refined through over 25 years of living and sailing in Europe, North America and across the Pacific.

Through his consulting company McApples Consulting, Brian continues to work with leading companies around North America, the United Kingdom and New Zealand streamlining processes, working with their people to help them develop their skills and knowledge in project management, management and business, and moving them towards sustainable project practices. Currently Brian is working closely with New Horizons on the development and delivery of professional educational programs in management and business skills.

As a co-author of Making Sense of Sustainability Project Management, Brian continues to promote sustainable project and business practices every chance he gets.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Brian started his career as a Manager at Ericsson Communications in 1990, working his way up to a Special Project Manager who built high performing teams and created value for customers through effective project and communication planning.

From there, Brian founded his own consulting company, McApples Consulting, and did extensive work with Learning Tree International as a Senior Instructor, developing and delivering outstanding seminars on project management, management and business skills.

Through his work with McApples, Brian became a Champion of Project Sustainability. He introduced and managed effective governance processes for complex work programs, trained and developed several project managers, and worked on project process management and re-engineering.

In Brian's current role as the Director of Wireless and Telecom Services in public safety, he is responsible for leading wireless and telecommunications services business and operations, including oversight of technology infrastructure, service offerings and operational processes. He also provides leadership and oversight of the development and implementation of complex, capital-intensive technology systems and infrastructure projects and programs.

CERTIFICATIONS & SPECIALTIES

- IISPM - CSP
- IISPM 3-Leaf Advanced Certification
- ITIL Certified - ITIL Foundation
- Cybersecurity Awareness: Security Overview

KEY SKILLS & QUALIFICATIONS

- Program Management
- Management
- Management Consulting
- Leadership Training
- Business Analysis
- Change Management
- Team Leadership
- Project Planning
- Project Management Office (PMO)
- Organizational Development
- Business Process Improvement
- Project Portfolio Management
- Agile Methodologies
- Cross-functional Team Leadership
- Telecommunications