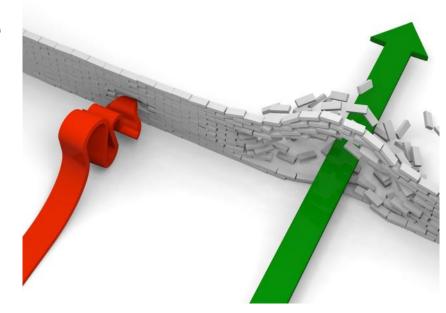


## Transformational Change Through Appreciative Inquiry

Cheryl Duvall, FIIDA, MSOD Diane Coles Levine, MCR

Thursday March 22, 2018







#### Meet Our Speakers:

#### Cheryl Duvall, FIIDA

Cheryl is an organizational design and change strategist, blending her two passions: interior design and organization development. She founded Avancé in recognition of the important role that interior design plays in shaping behaviors in the workplace.

After receiving her M.S. in Positive Organization Development and Change, Cheryl developed innovative change management processes to support organizations within the changing landscape of workplace design. Her clients include Cozen O'Connor, HanesBrands, Cisco Systems, Virginia Department of Transportation, and Social Security Administration. In 2014 she published a how-to book about change management, *Change is on the Wind: Managing Change for a New Landscape*, written in the form of an engaging fable.

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#### Meet Our Speakers:

#### Diane Coles-Levine, MCR

Diane is the President at Workplace Management Solutions, a consulting firm that is passionate about workplace strategy and business resilience.

Diane is a member of the IFMA Board of Directors. She is the coeditor of the award winning books "Work on the Move" and "Work on the Move 2." She is a sought after speaker at conferences and a guest lecturer at MIT and Vienna University of Technology.

Diane is a co-founder of the IFMA Workplace Evolutionaries (WE) community, and co-founder and co-organizer of the IFMA Foundation Workplace Strategy Research Summits and the IFMA Foundation Global Workforce Initiative.





# What is Appreciative Inquiry?





## What is Appreciative Inquiry?

It is the discovery of the best in people, their organizations, and the relevant world around them.

It is the art and practice of asking unconditional positive questions that anticipate and heighten potential.





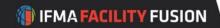


## What does Appreciative Inquiry do?

Appreciative Inquiry links the energy of an organization's

#### **POSITIVE CORE**

directly to any change agenda, and changes *never thought possible* are <u>democratically</u> mobilized.





## An organization's POSITIVE CORE

**Achievements** 

Strategic opportunities

**Product strengths** 

**Technical assets** 

**Innovations** 

**Elevated thoughts** 

Best business practices

Positive emotions

Financial assets



Cooperative moments
Organization wisdom
Core competencies
Vital traditions, values
Social capital
Embedded knowledge
Business ecosystems
Customer loyalty
Alliances and partnerships

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## **Appreciative Inquiry**

**ELEVATES**: positive emotions of hope, inspiration, confidence, joy.

**REVERSES NEGATIVE IMPACTS**: letting go, makes irrelevant.

**MAKES RESILIENT**: Increases healthability, e.g. immune system.





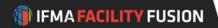
#### Words Make Worlds

Human systems grow in the direction of what they persistently ask questions about.

This is strongest and most sustainable when the means and ends of inquiry

are positively correlated.









### A Paradigm Shift

#### **Problem Solving**

- Identify Problem
- Conduct Root Cause Analysis
- Develop Solutions & Analyze
- Develop Action Plans

Organizations are problems to be solved

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#### **Appreciative Inquiry**

- Appreciate "What is"
- Imagine "What Might Be"
- Determine "What Should Be"
- Create "What Will Be"

Organizations are solutions/ mysteries to be embraced







## An example: British Airways

#### **Lost or Delayed Baggage**

Since organizations move in the direction of what they study, what do you want more of at British Airways?

Better Service Recovery? NO Exceptional Arrival Experience? YES!





## Best Way to Build High Enthusiasm?

Survey an organization for what is **not working**?

OR

Learn what the customer considers to be the ideal experience?







# Why IFMA chose Al





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60 days until WWP

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## IFMA is continuing on the Al journey

Appreciative Inquiry:

**ELEVATES** 

**REVERSES NEGATIVITY** 

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IS INCLUSIVE







#### A Mini-Al Experience

- Reflect on a **high point experience** due to IFMA. This may have occurred:
  - As a member of WE
  - At the chapter level or with a council
  - While attending a conference such as this one
- Consider all the factors: the people, the relationships, the challenge, the outcomes, a sense of accomplishment, etc.
- Pair up with a neighbor and briefly share your high point experience, in 2 minutes or less (taking 4 minutes for the pair of you).
- We'll notify you you at halfway point so you can rotate to the next person.



## Four Phases of Al





## Appreciative Inquiry: The "4-D" Cycle

#### **Discovery**

"What gives life?" (The best of what is)

Appreciating

#### **Destiny**

"How to empower, learn, and adjust/improvise?"

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# Affirmative Topic Choice

#### **Dream**

"What might be?" *Envisioning Results* 

#### Design

"What should be--the ideal?"

Co-creating



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#### Al begins with a few Foundational Questions

Q1: Peak experience or high point?

Q2: Things valued most about ...

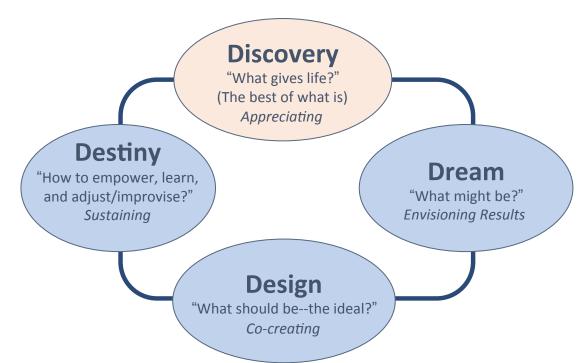
- · yourself?
- your role and participation with your organization?
- the organization itself?
- Q3: What are the core factors that give "life" to the organization?
- Q4: A Dream Question: Imagine 5+ years







#### **Appreciative Inquiry: 4D Phases**



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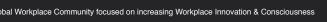
#### Workshop #1:

- 1:1 interviews
- Common Themes
- Narrow to 3-5 Topics
- Craft questions
- Train interviewers

#### **Next:**

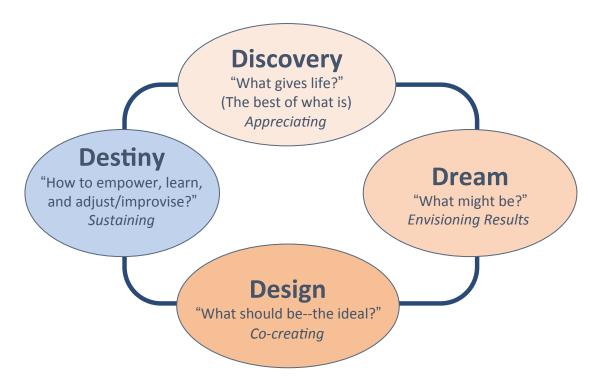
 Interview all stakeholder groups







#### Appreciative Inquiry: 4D Phases



#### Workshop #2:

**Conclude Discovery** 

- Analyze Data
- Identify Positive Core
- Determine Topics

#### Dream

- Draft Dream Narratives
- Present CreativelyBegin Designing
- Draft Aspiration
   Statements







#### Appreciative Inquiry: 4D Phases



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#### **Next Steps:**

Conclude Design

- Share Aspirations
- Receive Feedback
- Align with initiatives
- Prepare action plans
   Move to Destiny
- Empower action
- Apply learning







## Topics and Questions are important!

It's a fateful act, so must craft questions carefully.

Organizations Move in the Direction of What We Most Frequently and Systematically Ask Questions About!







## Al used globally, in variety of change programs



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# IFMA: the first 60 days with Al





#### **IFMA's AI Process**



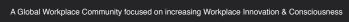
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#### **IFMA's AI Process**



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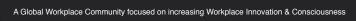














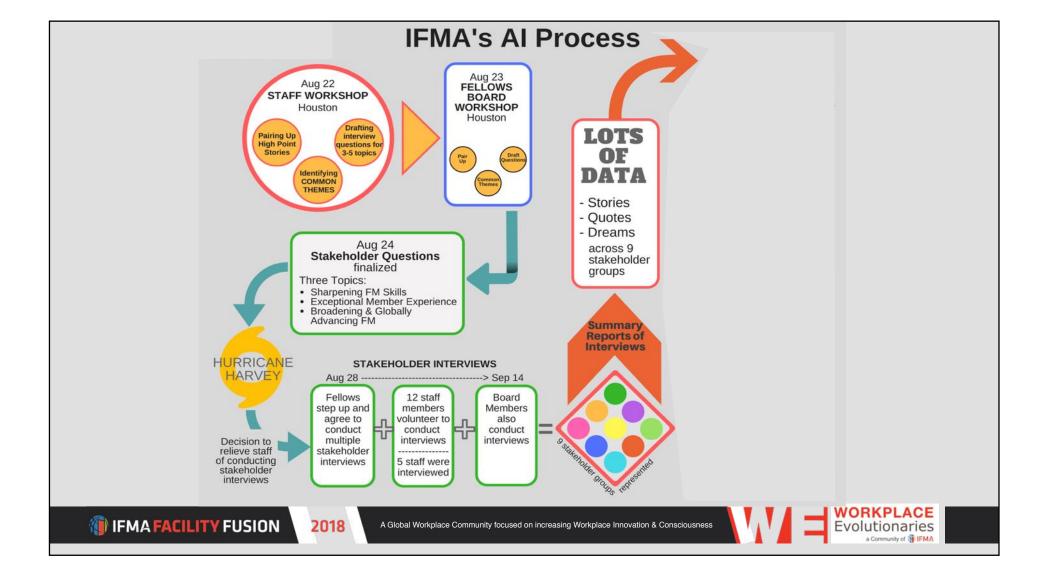


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#### **IFMA's AI Process**



#### LOTS OF DATA

- Stories
- Quotes
- Dreams across 9 stakeholder groups

## Sep 19-20 DISCOVERY AND DREAM WORKSHOP Chicago

- IFMA's Positive Core
   Dreaming

4 Aspirational Statements

ASPIRATIONS





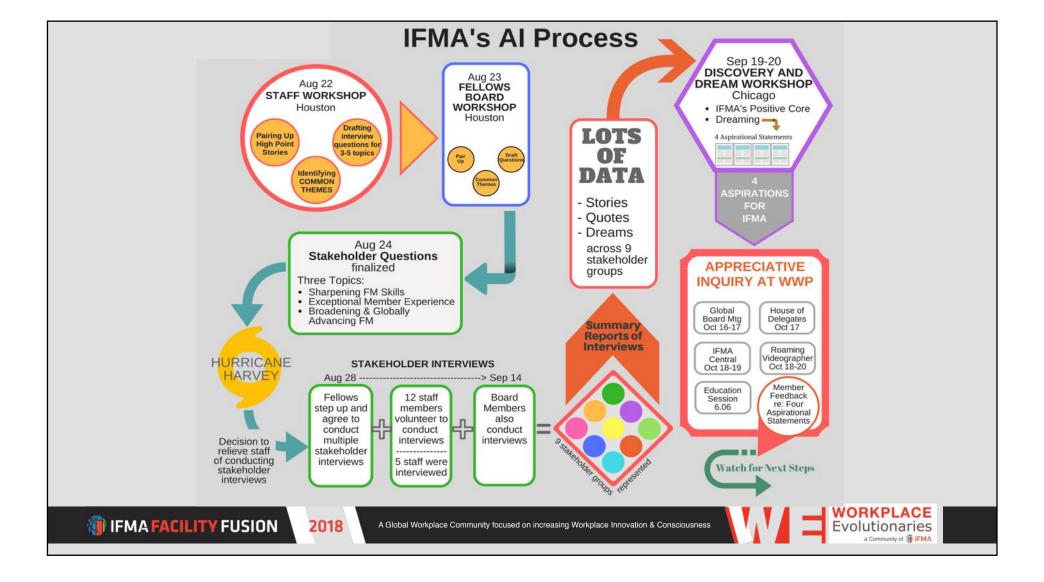


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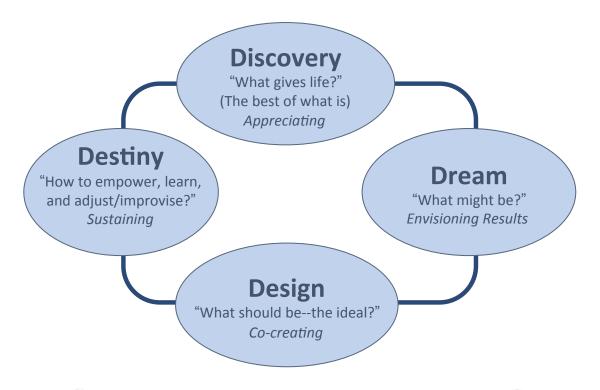


## Insights from Al Participants





#### AI: A Transformational Methodology







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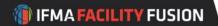












### Fellows/Board Workshop: August 23, 2018







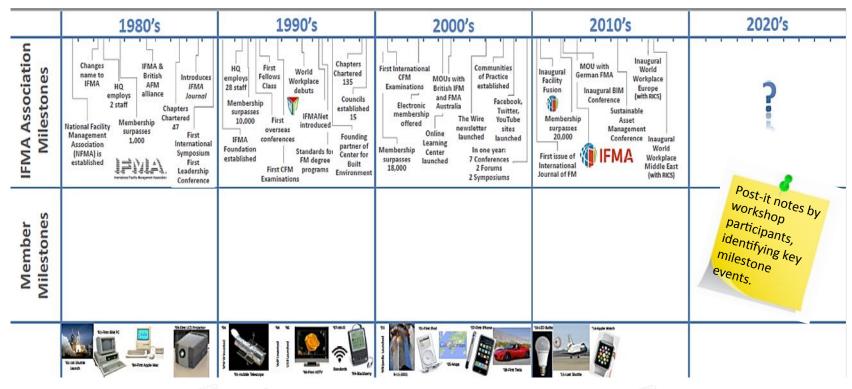








### Fellows/Board: Honoring our collective past

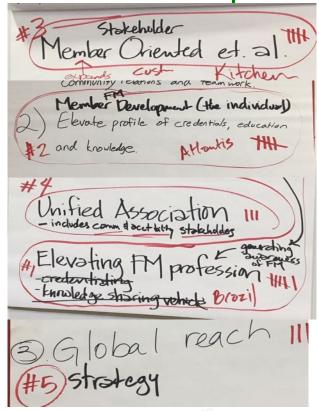




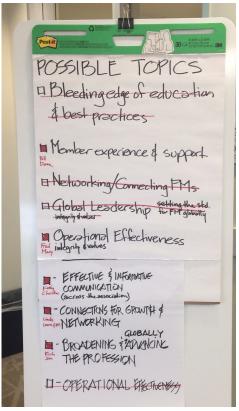




Both workshops resulted in similar topics!



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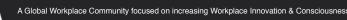


#### Top 3:

- ❖ Sharpening FM Skills
- Exceptional Member Experience
- Broadening and Globally Advancing the FM Profession

Then drafted questions.









#### Two-part question following introduction

#### **Sharpening FM Skills**

Abraham Lincoln said, "Give me six hours to cut down a tree. I'll take four hours to sharpen my axe and two hours to take down the tree." IFMA wants to help you sharpen your skills and give you the tools you need to take on the challenges of the future. These tools include credentials, education, and knowledge.

- 3. Please describe a time when you felt equipped as a result of your IFMA credential or experience. We are especially interested in learning why you felt confident in handling the situation. How did you acquire the knowledge or information you needed to be successful?\_
- 4. Now let's look ahead a few years. How might IFMA prepare you for the challenges of the future, where change is accelerating while time and resources continue to be limited? How might IFMA provide you relevant information and resources in a seamless manner to meet the demands of your career? Be bold. We want to hear your dreams.

Intentional preface, with analogy

Past positive experience

Bold dreaming of future



#### Staff inspired the ultimate DREAM question

Imagine you are addressing a group of six-year-olds at a career day event.

What would you tell them that would get them excited to become a Facility Manager?

Inspiration for dream question asked in stakeholder interviews





#### Stakeholder Interviews: Aug 28-Sept 14





- Harvey arrived Aug 25.
- Flooding continued during original interview period.
- Fellows really stepped up! Conducted multiple interviews since staff couldn't.





### Workshop #2: 17 reps across 9 stakeholder groups







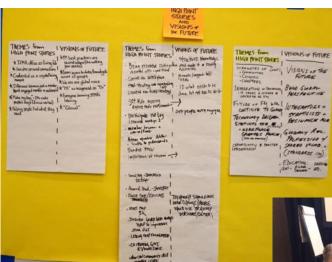


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#### Day 1: Identified common themes, future vision

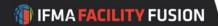








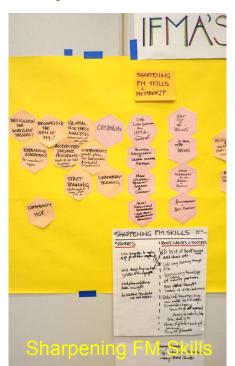








#### Day 1: Identified IFMA's Positive Core















#### Day 2: Four new teams, writing dream narratives

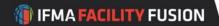














#### Dream Team #1: Sharpening FM Skills



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"I have a dream...."

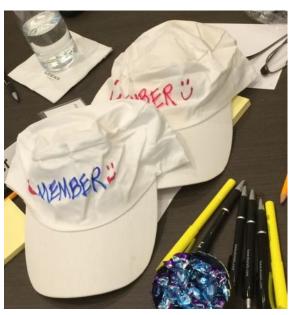






#### Dream Team #2: Exceptional Member Experience





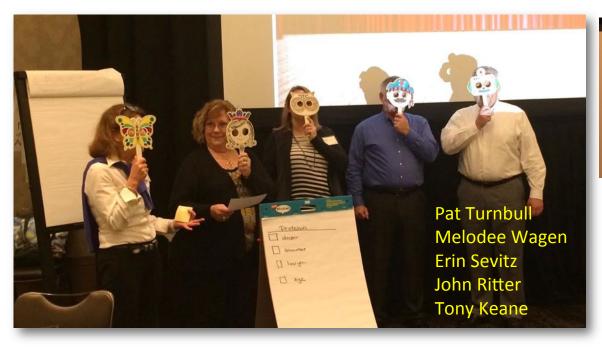
"We deliver what you dream."

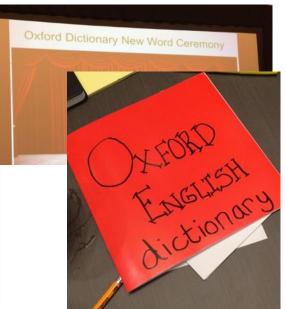






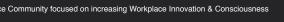
#### Dream Team #3: Broadening and Globally Advancing FMs





We are no longer an "other" category.







#### Dream Team #4: The Evolution of the Global FM Profession

and Its Member Centric Association



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"Welcome to 2022, where there is no status quo, and we are the Imaginators!"









#### Day 2: Drafted 4 Aspirations, received feedback















#### Then on to WWP: Aspirational Statements at HOD



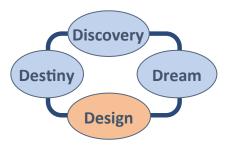




#### IFMA's booth on Expo Floor with 4 statements

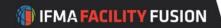


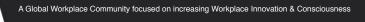
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Pin worn by WWP attendees



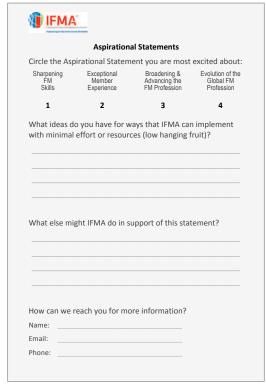




### Volunteers in booth asking for feedback















#### IFMA today

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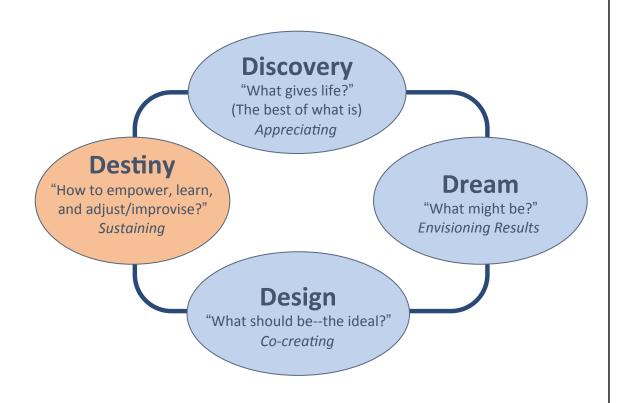
Global Board alignment with Strategic Plan

**HQ** Operational Focus

Staff workshop in January

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Pilot Chapter Project







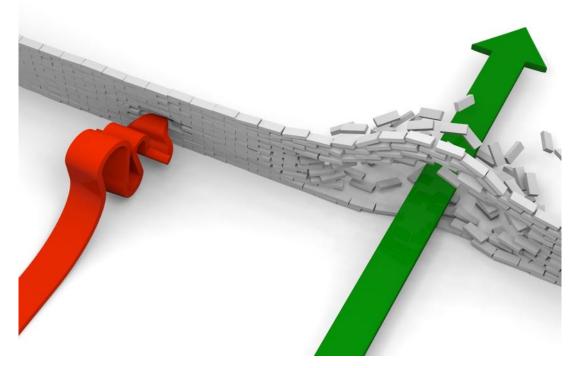


## Questions for our Al Participants?





#### Consider AI for your next Change Program



Transformational
Inclusive
Scalable
Empowering
Energizing
Self-Sustaining





## Q&A and Open Discussion





#### Let's hear from you....

What questions or comments do you have about:

- The AI process in general?
- Al principles in lieu of entire process?
- Any past change programs that could have used AI?
- Ideas for where to use AI?



## A Dream Question to ponder





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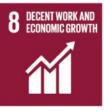






































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