



Opening Plenary Speaker

Bill Stainton

Bill Stainton is a 29-time Emmy Award winning Executive Producer and respected leader in the Seattle business community. He is a regular contributor to Seattle Business magazine, and his expertise has been cited by Forbes and The Wall Street Journal. Bill has also authored nine business training video programs in subjects ranging from Office Politics to Customer Service to Team Motivation. His programs have been used by many organizations, from IBM and Boeing to Paramount Pictures and the CIA. (And yes, the fact that the CIA is actually using Bill's training materials is a cause for worry!)

For fifteen years, Bill was the Executive Producer of Seattle's legendary comedy TV show, *Almost Live!* (which also enjoyed a two and a half year run in national syndication on Comedy Central).

Bill led his team to more than 100 Emmy Awards and 10 straight years of #1 ratings. Focusing primarily on the areas of leadership, teamwork, and innovation, Bill now helps leaders achieve those kinds of results—in their world and with their teams. He blends the business smarts he learned from twenty years in corporate management with the show biz sparks he gleaned from working alongside Jerry Seinfeld, Ellen DeGeneres, and Jay Leno.

When Bill's not working with, or speaking for, clients around the world, he enjoys scuba diving, flying airplanes, and irritating blues club bands by continually asking to sit in on drums or keyboards. Occasionally they say yes.