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The AoP Newsletter is a monthly bulletin to communicate the latest enterprise AoP activities to the AFSC workforce. It provides updates on significant AoP institutionalization and implementation activities and tools. More detailed information is available on the AFSC AoP SharePoint site at <https://cs2.eis.af.mil/sites/22197/AoP/SitePagesR/Home.aspx>. If you have a question or would like to submit content for a future AoP Newsletter, please contact the POCs listed below.

Mr. Jeff Slayton Introduced as New AoP SME

Mr. Jeffrey (Jeff) Slayton has been introduced as the 448 SCMW new Art of the Possible Subject Matter Expert (AoP SME). Appointed by the AFSC/CA, AoP SMEs are responsible for defining AoP core tenets, documentation, terminology, and tools; supporting AFSC/DPD in developing training content for all AFSC skill levels; acting as trusted cross-location advisors to AFSC/CC, ALC/CCs, wing/CCs and CLs, and directorate civilian leaders on AoP implementation and execution; and approving or rejecting proposed changes to AoP. Mr. Slayton replaces Mr. Mike Arnold who transitioned to WR-ALC/QA in April 2018. Mr. Slayton has over 18 years of experience working for the Air Force as a contracting officer in propulsion and contract field teams; an acquisition program manager in contract field teams; and a logistics program manager in propulsion, enterprise sourcing, and supply chain materiel support. He most recently served as the Deputy Director of the 948 SCMG, Tinker AFB, OK. He possesses a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Central Oklahoma and a Masters of Business Administration from Oklahoma City University. Mr. Slayton has several years' experience implementing AoP principles via logistics life cycle management planning in propulsion and the commodity acquisition process within the 448 SCMW.



One of the First AoP SMEs Transitions Back to WR-ALC

Mr. Mike Arnold moved into his new role as the Director, Quality Assurance for WR-ALC in April 2018. Mike was in the first class of AoP SMEs, representing and advising 448 SCMW. During his tenure as the 448 SCMW AoP SME, the 448 SCMW implemented AoP on 16 Mission Essential Tasks (METs) in 16 months. Mike played an instrumental role in the development of standard, center-level training and guidance. He is a dynamic zealot for AoP. He shared his experience and knowledge with over 400 leaders from across AFSC, AETC, LCMC, Army, Marines and DLA via numerous Advanced Level Workshops (ALWs) and multiple Senior Leader Courses (SLCs). Once an AoP SME, always an AoP SME, Mike will take his valuable expertise back to WR-ALC to implement and improve AoP maturity in the area of quality assurance. The AoP team expresses its endless gratitude to Mike and wishes him the best of luck in his new position.



AoP SMEs Provide AoP 301 Workshop at Hill AFB

The AoP team conducted a two-day AoP 301 Workshop at the Weber State Davis campus near Hill AFB, UT from 10-11 April 2018. AoP 301 Workshop is the new designation for the course that was formerly referred to as the Advanced Level Workshop (ALW). The target audience for AoP 301 level training is squadron to branch supervisors. 64 students participated from across AFSC, AETC, ACC, and US Army Corpus Christi Army Depot. Brig Gen Hawkins welcomed the students and provided a motivating video introduction to the course that emphasized the value and importance of implementing AoP across the center. In addition to standard AoP content, the AoP SMEs and students observed and discussed wall walks from three different areas; the Execute Procurement Process machine from AFMC OL:H/PZA, the Gun Shop machine from 531 CMMXS, and the AFSC/LGS Special Projects machine. Students learned how to apply AoP and how to set up process machines. The AoP team received valuable constructive feedback via its course critique process that will be used to improve AoP training. The next AoP 301 Workshop will be held at Tinker AFB, OK from 12-13 June 2018.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

AoP 301 Workshop

12-13 Jun 18, Tinker AFB

30-31 Oct 18, Langley AFB

AoP 401 Senior Leader Course

8-10 Aug 18, Tinker AFB

**HOT! AFSCI 60-101 AND
AFSCH 60-101** have been
published and posted on Air
Force E-Publishing:
<http://www.e-publishing.af.mil/>

AoP FAQs and Misconceptions:

**Why should an organization
implement AoP if it is meeting
its customer requirements?**

AoP is AFSC's standard constraints-based management system allowing organizations to operationally identify constraints in their essential tasks.

Organizations that are meeting customer requirements benefit from implementing AoP in a number of ways. First, additional capacity can be used to pursue additional work and provide more capability to the organization's customers or the capacity can be balanced with other operations that are not yet meeting required levels of performance. Secondly, the operating environment may change, challenging the organization to meet requirements. Implemented AoP before a crisis hits, allows the organization to quickly identify its constraint so it can be addressed and performance improved. Often, constraint resolution leads organizations to improve their overall cost effective readiness.

Lastly, AoP provides a common framework to communicate performance and capacity in a way that all AFSC leaders can understand.

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