

BIOGRAPHY

Brian Ralphs

In the role of Director Executive Awareness and External Relations in the Chief Technology Office, Brian is responsible for managing a range of digital technology based relationships, with IT research companies including Gartner, Forrester, Burton Group, Institute for the Future and ICEX; also with universities such as MIT, Stanford and NWU; and an ecosystem of industry contacts of analysts, affiliation groups, opinion formers, venture capitalists and innovators, from which he is able to source world class speakers to develop and produce custom-made events of the highest order. An important component of his role has been the delivery of the Blue Chalk series, a program that has developed a far-reaching reputation well beyond BP's borders, being widely admired as best practice in educating and informing senior business leadership in the understanding of pertinent new technology developments, relevant to BP.



In addition, Brian participates fully in the CTO Technology Innovation Program and the Game Changer program. He is currently leading an initiative linked to the 3D Internet, which may lead to the next CTO Game Changer.

Previous to this position, Brian was the Applications Director for BP's Corporate Functions, where he was responsible for the creation of the DCT Applications Management Program. He has extensive IT line management experience in the Refining & Marketing segment in BP as well as in BP's Corporate Functions.

Brian started his BP career in South Africa 21 years ago, where he was the IT Director. He is married, with two adult sons and is based in Warrenville, IL.