

Jana M. Kemp

Speaker introduction - 2013

Jana Kemp is a small business owner. She founded Meeting & Management Essentials in 1993 and celebrates 20 years of being in business this year.

The company focuses on improving meeting, time, and decision-management skills for individuals and organizations.

Named one of Idaho's Accomplished under 40 (years of age) business owners in 2001 and the Better Business Bureau's 1999 Integrity Counts small business award winner, Jana has worked to bring the power of productivity, morale and profit to day-to-day business meetings and activities since 1986.

Moving Meetings (McGraw Hill, 1994 and released in Italian in 1999) is Jana's first of six, and counting, books. In January of 2005, her next book titled "No! – How One Simple Word Can Transform was released; ultimately being published in English, Polish, Turkish, Dutch, Arabic, and Chinese.

Jana Kemp entered elected public service for the first time in 2004 after being elected to the Idaho House of Representatives in District 16, which includes all of Garden City and parts of Northwest Boise. Her focal points were Transportation, Education, and Responsible Budgeting. She served one two-year term: 2004-2006. In 2010, Jana ran as an independent candidate for governor of Idaho.

Jana actively brings business management topics to broadcasting. For four years, she originated and hosted business-radio talk show Momentum and interviewed business people from across the country. Jana has also provided business segments on NBC's Boise Affiliate KTVB Channel 7's Sunrise Program. Jana's book NO! appeared in O – Oprah's magazine in 2007.

Jana Kemp's clients include a variety of organizations such as: Fortune 100 companies, non-profits, associations and government agencies. Jana's community involvement includes volunteering for the Learning Lab for 9 years, serving on the State Bar Association Public Information Committee; serving on the boards of such groups as the Idaho State Association of Parliamentarians, the American Society of Training and Development, Easter Seals Goodwill, Senior Solutions and the Learning Lab; and participating in the Citizen Law Academy in 2000, the Citizen Police Academy in 1999, and the POST Police Academy class 136 in 2002.

Jana's additional books: Building Community in Buildings (2007); Moving Out of the Box (2007 and paperback by Stanford University Press in 2009); and in 2008, Prepared Not Paranoid. December of 2011, Run for Elected Office was released to stoke the run-for-office fever in 2012. Over the course of writing six books, Jana has also served as a business columnist for the Idaho Press Tribune and Idaho Business Review newspapers. She was the founding publisher of the quarterly in-print and online newsletter Better Meetings for Everyone for 15 years.