



A one-of-its-kind peer group for IT leaders in central Iowa.

The IT Leadership Forum is a leadership development program created in 2010 to fill the gap in learning opportunities for busy IT Leaders in Central Iowa.

The Forum is an opportunity for companies to grow the leadership skills of select Information Technology managers. Paragon hosts two groups - one for senior leaders; and the other for emerging leaders - that run simultaneously and consist of senior leaders and emerging leaders. Each group is made up of 15-20 members who meet monthly for one year.



Over 130 leaders from 28 different organizations have participated since its inception in 2010.



A Case for the Forum

Participating companies believe that strong leaders are one of their best employee attraction and retention tools. The Forum is an opportunity to reward your key thought leaders and change agents, expose them to innovative business concepts, leverage industry peers in a challenge resolution process and promote the building of a powerful industry network.

SPEAKERS

Monthly meetings include an educational component with a leadership, communication or technology expert presenting on their area of expertise. Presented by a subject matter expert, the topics are intended to be used by the members for personal development or applied to their work and career.

PEER LEARNING

One of the most valuable components of each meeting, according to Forum alumni, is the group discussion. Forum members present a challenge, issue or idea to seek advice and input from their peers. And because the Forum is made up of members from many different companies, their challenges, issues and ideas are met with new ways of thinking.



COMMUNITY

An Advisory Board made up of current and former Forum participants organizes the IT Leadership Forum Charity Open, an annual golf tournament that raises money for college scholarships. Iowa high school seniors who will major in a technology-related discipline at an Iowa college or university are eligible. Nine scholarships were awarded in the tournament's first year.

How does my company participate?

Identify your top leaders, both senior and emerging, and contact: **Joel Jackman** at **515.288.2128 ext. 202** or **jjackman@paragonitpros.com**
We will take it from there. There is a \$2,450 fee associated.