



October 2006

PMO SIG Local Interest Group Meeting - Minutes

Main Topic: PMP Recertification, presented by Linda Dowdell

Minutes (by Rich Wojtina)

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Member Announcements
 - Job opportunities (within our companies, industries, etc.)
 - Gus reported one position that would be coming up in his company.
 - Tools – Project, time management, specialty, ...
 - SharePoint will play a more important role in project management with Version 2007.
 - Mind Jet mind mapping software provides a simple way to expand ideas for thinking out a new project. Files can be easily exported to MS Word/Excel/PowerPoint/Visio/Project.
 - Articles of Interest
 - The Project Management Research Journal – Research Quarterly. Appears tedious, however is very readable and covers new ideas explained in a simple way.
 - The PMI Westchester Library catalog can be reviewed to see if it holds much worth looking at. Also, Maude suggested using the Library for sharing PMO-specific publications.
 - "The Ten Commandments of Project Management" – Computerworld Magazine, 10/2/2006.
 - Other meetings/seminars of interest
 - PMINYC is offering a free one day pass to a PM seminar.
 - Breakfast Meetings may be convenient for those working in NYC.
 - Project Solutions Group has a good program regarding project portfolio management. They hold webcasts and can even come onsite upon request.
3. Success (or Blunder) of the Month
 - We didn't get a real sharing of a learned lesson – at least not in the spirit of this agenda item. However, the following suggestions came out of the conversation:
 1. Be sure to leave some extra time in your plan when dealing with NEW technology. You should have a good staging environment.
 2. Make sure you include stakeholders (Operations, in the example discussed here) throughout your project.
4. Problem/Challenge of the Month
 - Nothing to report.
5. Main Topic
 - Linda Dowdell provided an excellent presentation and detailed explanation with charts and descriptions on the many ways to earn PDU's.
 - Linda has recertified until 2010 using these methods.
 - This PMO SIG is valued for 1 PDU entered in category #3.

Other

1. November topic:
 - Experiences with Matrix Organizations
 - PMO Types

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7:45 - 8:45 PM

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