



September 2007

PMO SIG Local Interest Group Meeting - Agenda

Main Topic: A Whitepaper Review - "The Multi-Project PMO: A Global Analysis of the Current State of Practice" ([Link](#))

#Attendees: 7

Minutes

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Member Announcements
 - Job opportunities (within our companies, industries, etc.)
 - Robert Galvin, CTO for the NYC School Construction Authority is new to the NYC area. His organization is working on a major project and there are several PM openings available. Experience with Primavera software is desirable. Please go to <http://www.nycsca.org> for more details.
 - Tools – Project, time management, specialty, ...
 - Kimberly's organization has just started using Open Workbench (<http://www.openworkbench.org>). Stay tuned for future feedback.
 - Yael shared that her company uses Primavera, but it's not always easy to get the information you want out of it. There was general consensus that this is the case with almost any tool of that size – they get you 80-90% of the way there, then you struggle to get those last pieces of information.
 - Articles of Interest
 - Neal Whitten's web site - <http://www.nealwhittengroup.com/articles.asp> - great articles available here for free. Check back often!
 - Other meetings/seminars of interest
 - MS Office Project Conference 2007 - <http://www.msprojectconference.com> – lots of seminars and tracks on deck. Also, I found it interesting to browse through the list of vendors. There are brief synopses available for each, giving you a nice pool of services which you may not have previously considered or associated with project management.
 - CIO Magazine & Planview Webinar : Follow the Money: Running IT Like a Business - <http://w.on24.com/r.htm?e=91864&s=1&k=8522C46F8847EDAC09A050F5008A5B01&partnerref=pvem> (I can email the link if that's easier – contact me)
3. Success (or Blunder) of the Month
 - *Insert sound of crickets here* – No contributions this month.



4. Problem/Challenge of the Month

- I am challenged by a few, recent organizational changes: our CIO left, creating a new reporting structure for the PMO and the PMO Administrator left, creating more *work* for the PMO (by the way, PMO = me)! So, my challenge is demonstrating enough value in the PMO to justify the additional/replacement headcount to new management, which is absolutely fair. That's why I found this month's topic especially interesting and timely. To be continued...

5. Main Topic

- For details, I will refer you to the file "Dr_Hobbs_Whitepaper_Summary.pdf", posted on the PMOSIG page, and the October 2007 Newsletter.

Other

1. The topic planned for October will be: **PMI's new Program Management Certification (PgMP)**