

PMO SIG June 14, 2011 Meeting Summary

Main Topic: PMO SIG Topic Brainstorming

Keeping PMOs Active

- Dependence on management that created PMO, changes in management/leadership
- How to prove ROI from PMO
- Re-branding PMO practices with “flavor of the month”, trendy buzzwords, etc.
- Are PMO jobs short-term consulting roles or long-term jobs?

PMO – Current and Future

- Annual “State of the PMO” discussion
- Future directions and trends for PMOs
- Trends in PMO jobs, skills required
- Sharing of White papers, Web sites, LinkedIn discussions, etc. on PMOs

Summer hiatus homework – share with PMO SIG members*

PMO Practices vs. Upper Management

- Gap between what PMO is doing “on the battlefield” and Executive “command center”
- Differences between MBA academia, “old school” executive mentoring and purpose/direction of the PMO

Agile

- Selling Agile in an organization
- Applying Agile within a PMO
- Challenges with “old school” management vs. Agile

PMI Chapter Engagement

- Survey or discussion on “What do PMOs do to/for Project Managers?”
- Cost/benefit analysis of PMO from Project Manager perspective

PMO Promotion in the Academic World

- PMO “Best Practices” to share with public or academic world
- What are educational institutions (e.g. MBA programs) teaching about PMOs? (Sylvia Russakoff @ Pace University)
- Panel discussion on PMO education & best practices

* David M. will create a mailing list from past year’s attendance records, for distributing and sharing PMO-related White Papers, Articles, Discussions, etc.

Enjoy your summer! See you in September!



Future Topics to Consider

1. PMO Best Practices to support learning and process improvement within project teams
2. Coordination to roll out Agile in your organization
3. Defining the Role of the PMO
4. Looking at the PMO from the Outside
5. Supporting Organizational Decisions
6. PMO Governance and Portfolios
7. PMO Resources - Templates, Websites, etc.
8. Client Cultures
9. The PMO and Cross Organizational Matrix Management
10. Model PMO Job Descriptions (Maude Fribourg has sample, find others)

Attending: Carol Gingold, Daniel Walsh, David Kabat, David Morgen, David Rabinowitz, Dorothy Cunha, Jason Fox, Louis Kural, Mayra Rodriguez, Paul O'Connor, Wayne Winders, Richard Loeb

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