

PMO SIG June 2013 Meeting Summary

Discussion Topic: Open Story Forum

Memorable Stories

- Bill Cusano, our speaker for this chapter meeting, promotes networking with 'memorable stories', that make a personal or otherwise memorable connection, building a relationship
- This SIG meeting's open forum brings opportunities for new and current members to share stories and spark SIG conversation to exchange advice and build relationships

Job Relocation

- Eva is a new member welcomed to our PMO SIG
 - Discovered PMI Westchester through Professional Development Day and joined the chapter
 - This chapter meeting's topic on networking and storytelling was relevant to joining a chapter and PMO SIG and introducing a story to get advice
- Career Background
 - Eva started with her current employer in a CPA role. She was managing external consultants and began leveraging their expertise to learn how to do project management internally
 - A PMO has evolved, CA Clarity is implemented, project portfolio managed mostly by financial units
- Relocation
 - Employer will be relocating to Florida (Naples / Fort Myers area) and a job relocation decision is facing Eva, with a commitment required by July 31st
 - Eva will be making an exploratory trip to Florida to consider this relocation opportunity
- Advice shared from SIG members
 - Pluses to this relocation include good area to live, homes more affordable (and more for less), lower taxes (no income tax)
 - Relocation with same salary offered – Check into details, e.g. duration of salary protection, possible adjustment (lowering) of salary down the road
 - If relocating, consider renting at first versus buying right away
 - i) Hold on to current home, in case relocation doesn't work out favorably.
 - ii) Rent current home if possible.
 - iii) Not quickly committed to new property in Florida
 - iv) Opportunities to get to know area before deciding where to buy and live
 - Moving back from a relocation can have setbacks, but it is do-able
 - i) David M. had relocated to Seattle for a while, and came back to New York

Home Computer Networking

- SIG members shared practices for sharing and protecting information on home computers
- Richard has a home PC running as server, connected to central disk storage array
 - PC need not be new and powerful; only Windows OS installed, data is kept on external disk array
 - Recommend Addtronics for external disk storage, RAID protected, expandable
 - Data sharing and security accomplished with shared folders for common use among family, and separate folders protected and managed via Windows Shares
 - Everything is backed up to the server storage array from every family PC. Therefore all data has a copy kept on storage array.
 - Family knows that in emergency, the data storage unit should be taken.
- Information backups
 - Most SIG members take backups, but they are usually kept at home
 - Cloud storage alternatives
 - i) Cost and data security are concerns
 - Partner backup storage – A friend or relative keeps a copy of your backups, you keep a copy of his/hers
 - i) Trust implied

Brainstorming: Topics for next meeting season

- Home Networking (interest in more from this meeting discussion)
- Security and Data Management (interest in more from this meeting discussion)
- Active Directory
- BYOD – Using your iPhone, iPad, etc. at work

Summer Hiatus

- PMI Westchester chapter summer hiatus begins, with no chapter meetings for July and August.
- Have a good summer!

Next Meeting

Next meeting is in September. Topic: TBD

PMO SIG Discussion Topics to Consider

1. PMO Practice
 - a. PMO Resources - Templates, Websites, etc.
 - √ b. PMO Best Practices to support learning and process improvement within project teams
 - √ c. Coordination to roll out Agile in your organization
 - d. PMO Governance and Portfolios
2. PMO Promotion
 - a. Looking at the PMO from the Outside
 - b. PMO Promotion in the Academic World

- c. Promoting the value of the PMO
- d. Explaining the benefits of the PMO

- 3. Organizing and Starting the PMO
 - a. Defining the Role of the PMO
 - b. Supporting Organizational Decisions
 - c. The PMO and Cross Organizational Matrix Management
 - d. Lifecycle of a PMO, how to start one and pitfalls at different stages of the lifecycle
 - e. Where should the PMO be migrated into with a company that re-organizes, downsizes?
 - f. Criteria to establish a PMO in your organization - When does it NOT make sense to have a PMO?
 - √ g. Should the PMO be in-sourced or out-sourced? Why?

- 4. Other
 - a. PMO Practices vs. Upper Management
 - b. Client Cultures
 - c. Model PMO Job Descriptions (Maude Fribourg has sample, find others)
 - d. Keeping PMOs Active
 - e. PMO – Current and Future
 - √ f. Working with a Multi-generational Workforce
 - g. PMO Myths

- ★ In progress
- √ Completed

Attending: Adella Rosenthal, Daniel Walsh, David Morgen, Eva, David Rabinowitz, Dorothy Cunha, Jason Fox, Mayra Rodriguez, Richard Loeb

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