# COGA Moving Agriculture Forward with Accountability





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# Introductions

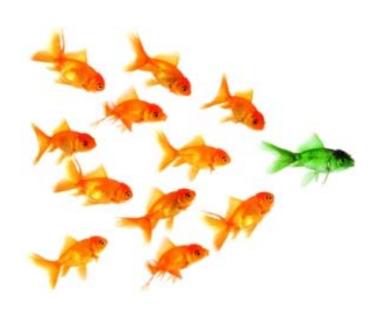


# Icebreaker



## What is a Leader?



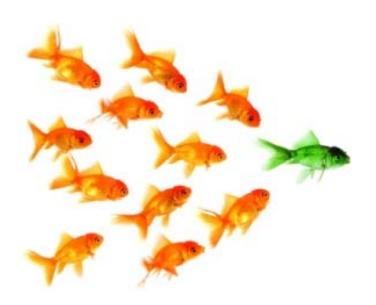


#### What is a Leader?



# Wikipedia Definition of "Leadership"

 The "process of social influence in which one person can enlist the aid and support of others in the accomplishment of a common task".



# MARTIN LUTHER KING "I HAVE A DREAM" RISINESS COACHING





#### John C. Maxwell and Jim Dornan: A Person of Influence

MODEL Integrity With People

MOTIVATE Nurture Other People

MOTIVATE Faith in People

MOTIVATE Listen to People

MOTIVATE Understand People

MENTOR Enlarge People

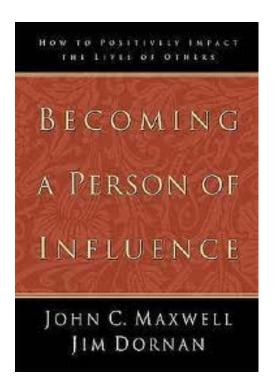
MENTOR Navigate for other People

• MENTOR Connect with People

MENTOR Empower People

MULTIPLY Reproduce other

Influencers





# Multipliers

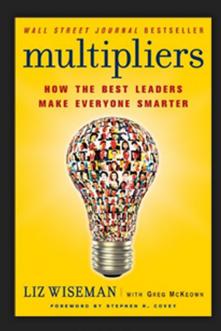
How the best leaders make everyone smarter





#### The Logic of Addition:

- "Our people are overworked"
- "Our best people are the most maxed out"
- "Therefore, accomplishing a bigger task requires the addition of more resources"



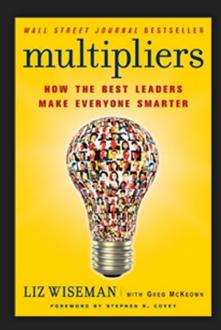
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#### The Logic of Multiplication:

- "Most people in organizations
- are underutilized"
- "All capability can be leveraged with the right kind of leadership"
- "Therefore, intelligence and capability can be multiplied without requiring a bigger investment"



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As a leader are you a Diminisher or Multiplier?







# 5 Key Traits of a Multiplier

- Talent Magnet
- Liberator
- Challenger
- Debate Maker
- Investor

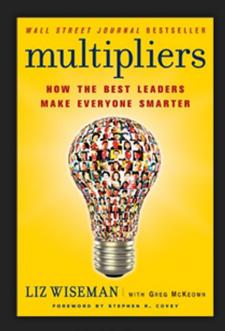




Are you an accidental Diminisher?

Take the quiz at:

www.multipliersbook.com/accidental-diminisher



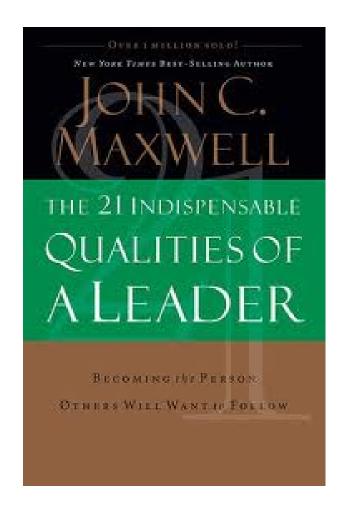
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# What Qualities must a Leader possess?



Character	Passion
Charisma	Positive Attitude
Commitment	Problem Solving
Communication	Relationships
Competence	Responsibility
Courage	Security
Discernment	Self-discipline
Focus	Servant Hood
Generosity	Teach Ability
Initiative	Vision
Listening	





#### 7 Habits:



Habit #1: Be Proactive

Habit #2: Begin With the End in Mind

Habit #3: Put First Things First

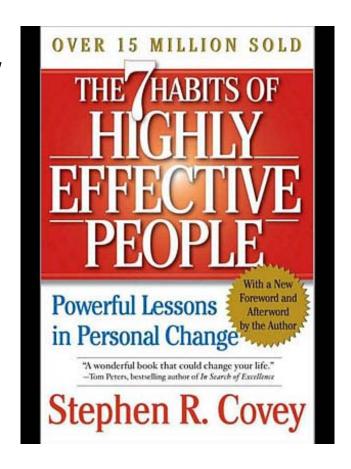
Habit #4: Think Win/Win

Habit #5: Seek First to Understand,

Then to Be Understood.

Habit #6: Synergize

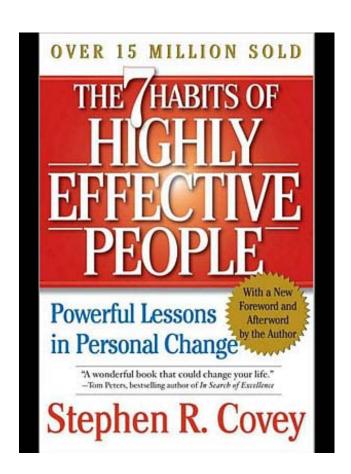
Habit #7: Sharpen the Saw





"You can say 'No' and smile only when there is a bigger 'Yes' burning inside of you."

- Stephen R Covey



### Character is Key



SOW A THOUGHT,
AND YOU REAP AN ACT.
SOW AN ACT,
AND YOU REAP A HABIT.
SOW A HABIT,
AND YOU REAP A CHARACTER.
SOW A CHARACTER,
AND YOU REAP A DESTINY.

-CHARLES READE

## **Board of Directors Responsibilities**



- Develop the Strategic Plan
- Develop Initiatives and Action Plans in Alignment with the Strategic Plan
- Develop Policies
- Develop Strategy
- Govern within the established Policies and Objectives
- Selecting, appointing, supporting and reviewing the performance of the General Manager
- Ensuring the availability of adequate financial resources for the initiatives and plans
- Approving annual budgets
- Accounting to the stakeholders for the organization's performance
- Setting the compensation of the organization's management
- "Don't Play With the Trains"; Leave that to Staff led by the General Manager
- Step in only when asked or when, obviously needed
- Always encourage and assist and reinforce



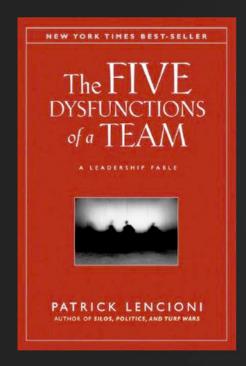


# Team Health

Do you experience the 5 Dysfunctions?













# The Five Dysfunctions of a Team

#### **Inattention to Results**

The pursuit of individual goals and personal status erodes the focus on collective success.

#### **Avoidance of Accountability**

The need to avoid interpersonal discomfort prevents team members from holding one another accountable for their behaviors and performance.

#### **Lack of Commitment**

The lack of clarity or buy-in prevents team members from making decision they will stick to.

#### **Fear of Conflict**

The desire to preserve artificial harmony stifles the occurrence of productive, ideological conflict.

#### **Absence of Trust**

The fear of being vulnerable with team members prevents the building of trust within the team

#### The Role of the Leader

Focus on Collective Outcomes

Confront Difficult Issues

Lack of Commitment

Inattention

to Results

Avoidance

of Accountability

Fear of Conflict

Absence of Trust

Force Clarity and Closure

Mine for Conflict

Go First!





# **Behavior Of The Leadership Team**



Hide Issues

**Opinions** 

Statements

Uncommitted

Seek Credit

Look Smart

Pass Blame

Weak Delivery

TEAMS ON THE WAY DOWN TEAMS ON THE WAY UP People bring forth rim facts-\*Come People shield those in power from here and look, ma is is ugly"-to be unpleasant facts, fearful of penalties discussed; lead er criticize those and criticism for shining light on the rough realities who bring forth alities People assert strong opinions without People brin , logic, and providing data, evidence, or a solid solid argu argument The team leader has a very low The team leader employs a Socratic style, using a high questions-to-statequestions-to-statements ratio, avoiding critical input and/or allowing sloppy ments ratio, challenging people, and reasoning and ur rted opinions pushing for pen ninsights Team members acquiesce to a decision Team members unify behind a decision once made, then work to make the but don't unify to make the decision successful-or worse, undermine it after decision succeed on if they vigorously disag vith it Each team member credits other Team members seek as much credit as possible for themselves, yet do not people for success, yet enjoys the confidence and ation of his or enjoy the confidence and admiration of her peers their peers Team members argue to look smart or to Team members argue and debate, not to improve their personal position but further their own interests rather than to find the best rs to support the argue to find the nawers to support the over overall cause The team conducts "autopsies without The team er than blame," mining wisdom from painful blame," see wisdom experiences Each team member delivers excep-Team members of ail to deliver exceptional results and blame other tional results, yet in the event of a people or outside factors for setbacks. setback each accepts full responsibility mistakes, and failures and learns from mistakes

**Bring Issues** 

Data

Questions

Unified

Credit Others

Best Answer

Seek Wisdom

Exceptional

# **Board of Directors Responsibilities**



S: Strategic

A: Accountable

F: Fair

E: Effective

T: Transparent

I: Inclusive



# Management/Staff Responsibility



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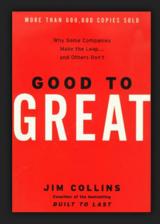
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#### The General Manager is:

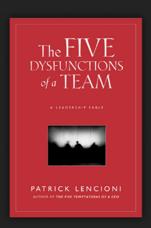
- The Director who presides over the organization's day-to-day, month-to-month, and year-to-year operations in accordance with the Board's Policies and Objectives
- The Decision Maker, in accordance with the Board's Policies and Objectives
- The Leader that executes the Strategic Plan in accordance with Board Policy
- The Communicator for the Organization to Stakeholders and Other Parties, in cooperation with the Board
- The Influencer of high-level decisions about Strategy and Policy
- The Advisor to the Board
- The Motivator of employees
- The Person responsible for employee performance
- The Team Player who, with the Board, Drives Change
- The Person who lives by the line in the Job Description "And such other duties that shall present themselves from time to time"



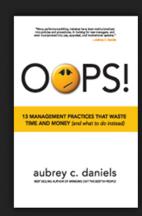




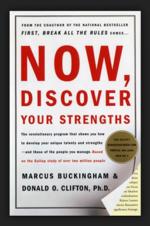
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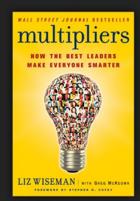
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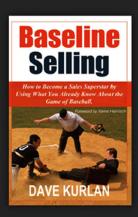
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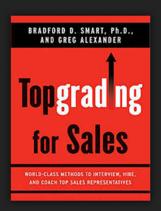
**Now Discover your Strengths**Marcus Buckingham



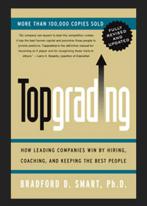
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Baseline Selling
Dave Kurlan



**Top Grading for Sales**Brad Smart & Greg Alexander



**Top Grading**Brad Smart



# **COFFEE BREAK**





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It doesn't matter whether you are a lion or a gazelle... when the sun comes up, you'd better be running.





# A Bad Day in Africa...



# Four Decisions Overview

(Formerly Rockefeller Habits)



VISION. PASSION. ACTION.

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**STRATEGY** 



**EXECUTION** 

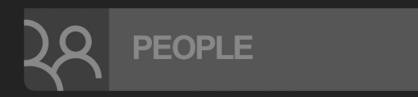


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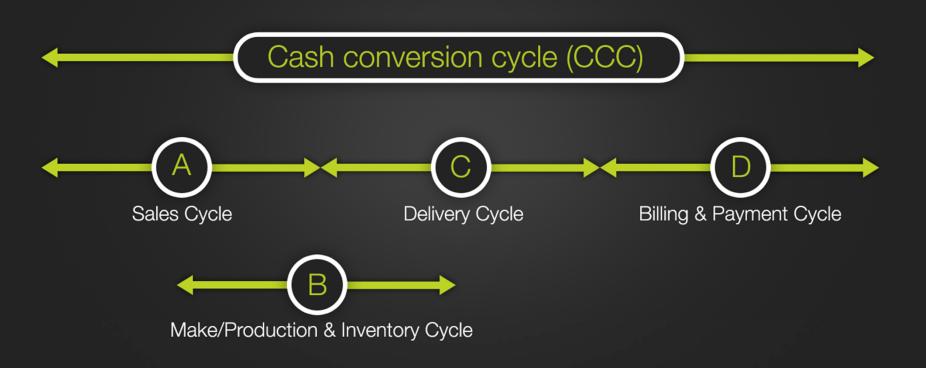
### Cash Decisions

How can we increase cash flow without more outside financing?





# The Cash Conversion Cycle<sup>™</sup>







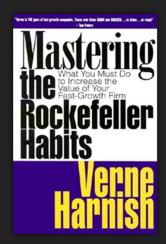
# 3 Ways to Improve

- Eliminate mistakes
- Shorten cycle times
- Improve business model









Mastering the Rockefeller Habits Verne Harnish



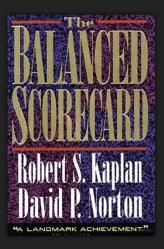
**High Stakes Negotiation**Dr Victoria Medvec



Stop the Cash Flow Roller Coaster, I Want to Get Off! Caroline Grimm Jordan



Make banks compete to lend you money Rich Russakoff



**The Balanced Scorecard**Robert Kaplan & David Norton



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## People Decisions

Would you enthusiastically rehire everyone on your team?





# The Right Questions

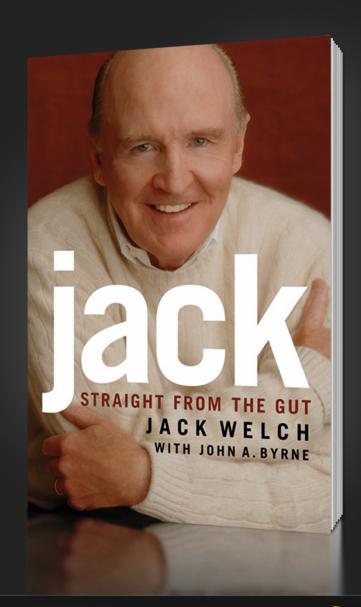
- What are my RIGHT seats?
- Do I have the RIGHT people in each seat?
- Are the RIGHT people doing the RIGHT things?
- How do I:
- Find
- Keep
- Grow my team?





#### Jack On People

"Less people, paid more, with a lower total wage cost."





# **Great People**

#### The Container Store®

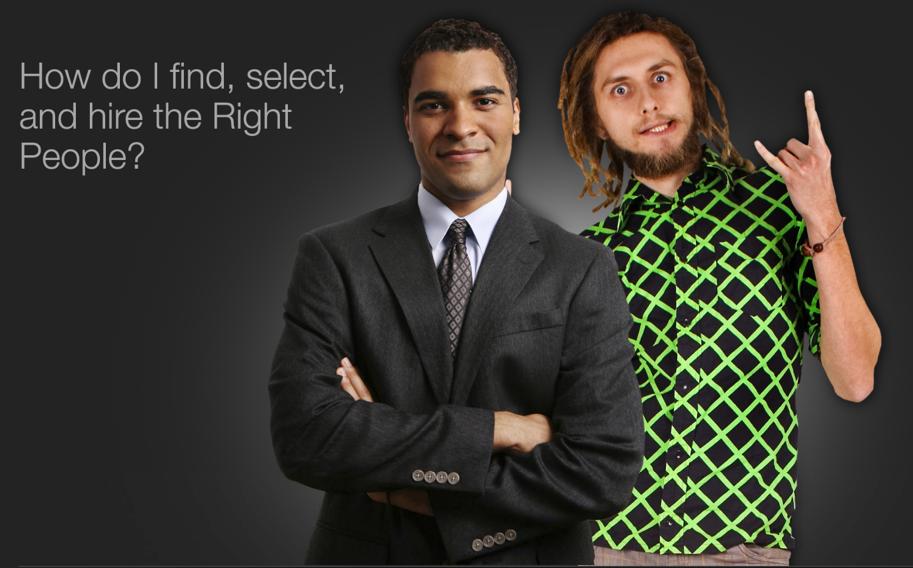
The Original Storage and Organization Store



1 Great = 3 Good
Pay twice as much
251 hours of training















# **TopGrading**

How leading companies win by hiring, coaching, and keeping the best people.



### DISC Personality Assessment

 The assessments classify four aspects of behavior by testing a person's preferences through the use of a 24 question intake form.

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#### Dominance

control, power and assertiveness

#### Influence

social situations and communication

#### Steadiness

patience, persistence and thoughtfulness

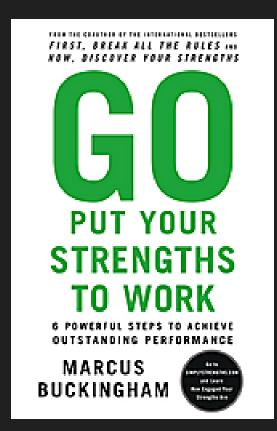
#### Compliance

structure and organization



### Retention







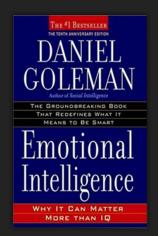


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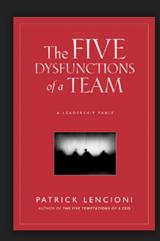




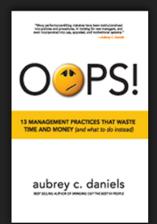




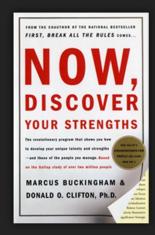
Emotional Intelligence
Daniel Coleman



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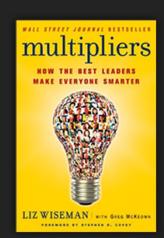
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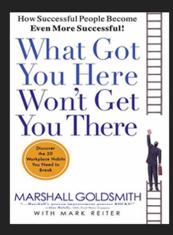
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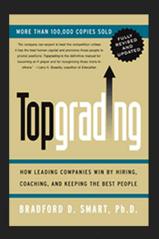
& Donald Clifton



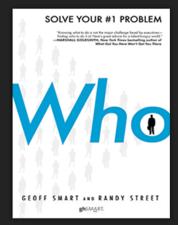
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What Got You Here Won't Get You There Marshall Goldsmith



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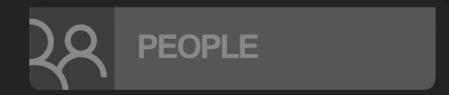


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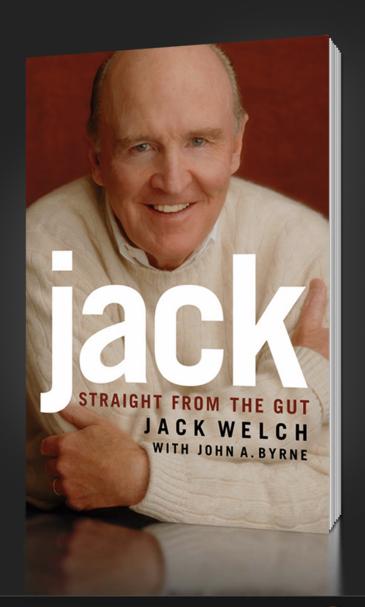
# Strategy Decisions

Can you state your strategy in a sentence?





"Strategy is not a lengthy action plan. It is the evolution of a central idea through continually changing circumstances."







# Core Ideologies

- Core Values
- Core Purpose





### Core Values

Your handful of rules





# Core Purpose What is your passion?















Innovation









- Innovation
- Competition









- Innovation
- Competition
- Happiness



Worldwide





- Innovation
- Competition
- Happiness
- Escape









#### SWOT

Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats



#### BHAG

- Your purpose/passion?
- Best in the world?
- Your profit /X?





#### **BHAG** Criteria

- 10 30 years
- Challenges you to greatness
- Reinforce business fundamentals



#### A BHAG







BHAG: Starbucks™

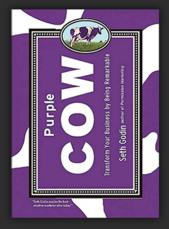




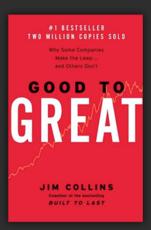
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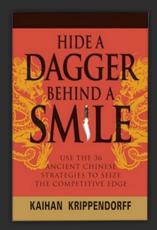
**Purple Cow** Seth Godin



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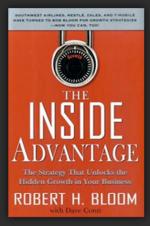
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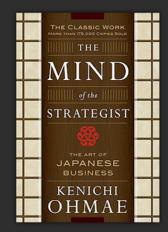
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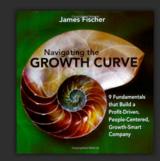
Big Think Strategy
Bernd Schmitt



Inside Advantage
Bob Bloom



The Mind of the Strategist
Kenichi Ohmae



Navigating the Growth Curve James Fischer



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# 1 Priorities







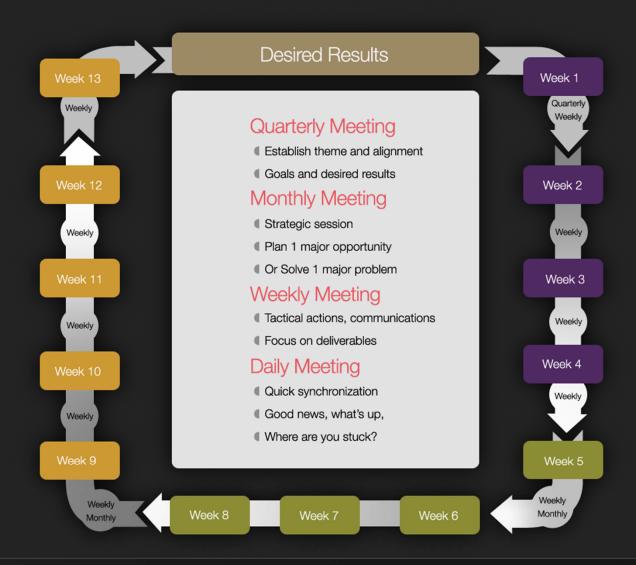








#### 3 Meeting Rhythms







#### Employee Feedback

# SUGGESTIONS







Customer Feedback

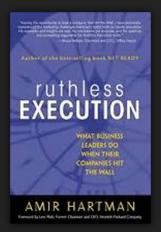


	ge Strategic Plan			
	People (Relat	ionship Drivers)		
Employees	Cus	tomers	Shareholders	
	11	1		
	22	2		
	3	3		
CORE VALUES/BELIEFS (Should/Shouldn't)	PURPOSE (Why)	TARGETS (3-5 YRS.) (Where)	GOALS (1 YR.) (What)	
		Future Date	Yr Ending	
		Revenues	Revenues	
		Profit	Profit	
		Mkt Cap	Mkt Cap	
		- "	Gross Margin	
		Sandbox	Cash	
		I	- A/R Days	
			- Inv. Days	
			Rev/Emp.	
	Actions To Live Values, Purpose, BHAG	Key Thrusts/Capabilities 3 – 5 Year Priorities	Key Initiatives Annual Priorities	
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Core Competencies	Profit/X	Brand Promise KPIs	Critical #: People (B/S)	
			Between green and red	
	BHAG*	Brand Promises	Critical #: Process (P/L	
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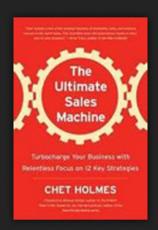
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Make/Buy 111	Sell	Record Keeping	
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Between green and red		Between green and red	
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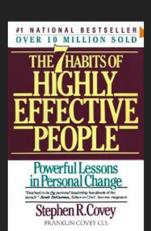




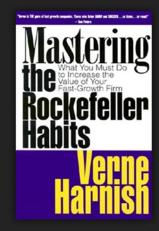
Ruthless Execution
Amir Hartman



The Ultimate Sales Machine
Chet Holmes

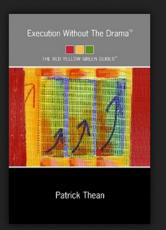


The 7 Habits of Highly
Effective People
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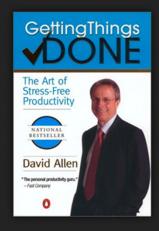


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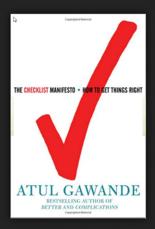
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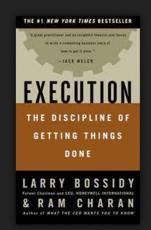
Execution Without the Drama
Patrick thean



**Getting Things Done**David Allen



The Checklist Manifesto
Atul Gawande



**Execution**Larry Bossidy



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## **Lunch Break**







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#### **Board Meetings**





#### Meeting Assessment

- Are your meetings dull and uninspiring?
- 2. Do Commission members *question the usefulness of me*etings?
- 3. Are critical issues avoided or overlooked during meetings?
- 4. Do you wonder if Commission *members are holding back* during meetings?
- 5. Do Commission *members complai*n about having to attend meetings?
- 6. Do you find that meetings end without resolution of critical issues?
- 7. Do you discuss administrative, tactical and strategic topics during the same meeting?
- 8. Are important discussions cut short because of time restraints?
- 9. Is your Commission reluctant to go off-site more than once a year to review the state of the business or organization?
- 10. Do Commission members seem disengaged during meetings?







Death By Meeting

By Patrick Lencioni







- 1. Know the Purpose (Discuss vs. Decide).
- 2. Clarify what is at stake (In context).
- 3. Hook them in the first few minutes.
- 4. Set aside enough time.
- 5. Provoke conflict or debate.

#### Board Meetings



#### **To Keep Meetings Productive**

- Circulate Agenda and all reports and documentation via paperless system well ahead of Meeting (minimum one week before or at very least on the Friday before a meeting).
- Keep Focused on Agenda
- Encourage honest and frank debate on issues until all possible scenario's and opinions are placed on the table for consideration
- Make way for clear and concise consultation with Stakeholders, where applicable
- Confront the brutal truth and decide on an outcome even if it is to refer the matter to the next meeting or to the General Manager for further consideration
- Decide to be proactive with issues
- Always refer back to the Foundational Statements and Strategic Plan
- Separate meetings focused on Strategy for those focused on Administrative Reports from those focused on Execution
- Rely on Committees but minimize the number of Committees (Strike Forces and Task Forces)
- Be prepared to reconsider a decision or have a second look
- Instill laughter as part of a meeting
- Having a meal before or during a meeting is a good way to build camaraderie
- Minimize the rules

# Reports to the Board



#### Reports to the Board



- Reports from the General Manager with history, background, discussion, possible ramifications, recommendations for action and justification of recommendation in accordance with the strategic plan or foundational statements or SAFETI
- The Board should receive a monthly state of financial affairs including a statement of financial position and statement of income compared to total budget and prorated budget year to date, Explanatory notes should be made for extraordinary items
- Reports that are verbal should be focused and on topic and present any recommendations even if to adopt as a report
- If there are issues that a General Manager needs assistance with, those should be reported
- Accountability must always flow through the meetings as well as Strategic,
   Accountable, Fair, Effective, Transparent, Inclusive

#### **Documentation of Decisions**

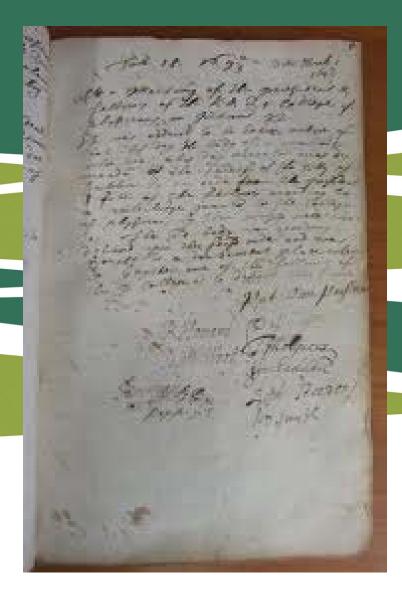


#### **Documentation of Decisions**



 Decisions that are far reaching (beyond administrative decisions) and that will impact the Industry must be reported in a format that respects SAFETI. History, background, issues, decisions, consultation, legal advice, further consideration, justification and final decisions must all form part of a report on the issue

#### Minutes





#### Minutes



- A summation of the decisions, not necessary discussion surrounding the decisions made at a Board Meeting or Committee Meeting.
- Contents should include:
  - Board Members Present
  - Others Present
  - Resolutions to adopt Agenda and Past Minutes
  - Brief Summary of Any Reports (If in writing, reports may be appended to minutes)
  - Adoption of Financial Reports (Should be appended)
  - Summary of Items on the Agenda and any discussion and action items, as a result
  - Items of significance, including motion made and seconded, discussion and the result
    of the vote (if a Director abstains or wishes his vote recorded this must be reflected)
    (If a Director excludes himself/herself due to potential conflict of interest, this must
    be reflected)
  - Adjournement and next meeting

# Accountability



#### Accountability



- Accountability is not a Once a Year Event; it should and must be part of a Commission's Culture (Have I mentioned Culture yet?)
- Accountability must be part of the DNA and can be a "weapon" to silence the vocal minority
- Accountable is a simple exercise as is Strategic, Fair, Effective, Transparent, Inclusive

#### Reporting to Stakeholders





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- ONCE A YEAR?
- TWICE A YEAR?
  - QUARTERLY?
- WHEN THERE IS AN ISSUE?
- WHEN STAKEHOLDERS HELP IS NEEDED?

AND...THE ANSWER IS!

#### Reporting to Stakeholders



THERE IS NO RIGHT ANSWER....KEEP THEM INFORMED REGULARLY (QUARTERLY?)
THROUGH ACCOUNTABILITY MEETINGS. BE PROACTIVE IN DISCUSSING EVEN THE WORST
CASE SCENARIO. FACE THE BRUTAL TRUTH!

#### THEY WILL APPRECIATE IT!

#### **Board Succession**





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- ADVICE: HAVE AN ACTIVE BOARD SUCCESSION PROGRAM, NOT TO DEVELOP "AN OLD BOYS CLUB" BUT TO ENSURE THAT WHAT YOU HAVE STARTED AND PARTICIPATED IN WILL CONTINUE
- WITH AN EFFECTIVE, SIMPLE AND ALIVE STRATEGIC PLAN, THOSE WHO MIGHT HAVE A
   DIFFERENT VIEWPOINT WILL SOON SEE WHAT THE DIRECTION IS

#### **Board Orientation**



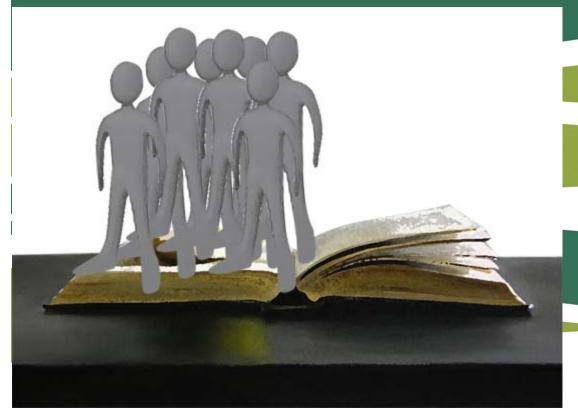


#### **Board Orientation**



- Orientation IS NOT a handshake and a "Welcome to the Club, we have "One Meeting a Month and you are expected to be there"
- Orientation IS A VERY DETAILED EXPLANATION OF:
  - The History and Why the Organization exists
  - The Strategic Plan and Foundational Statements
  - The Action Plans
  - The Industry Acronyms Explained
  - The Industry Aspirations and Its Stakeholders and whether they are in alignment and, if not, why
  - The Staff; who will the Board Member interact with and what is their Job Description
  - What are the expectations
  - Pay
  - Travel
  - Committees, Strike Forces and Task Forces and where would you like to serve
  - A Session (Informal) with the General Manager one on one
  - A Session (Informal) with each Board Member one on one
  - And then the question "Do you have any questions or any concerns?"; and if there are any the willingness to provide honest answers

#### Get everyone on the same page!





# Four Decisions™

The four decisions for driving growth



**PEOPLE** 



**STRATEGY** 



**EXECUTION** 



**CASH** 





#### 3 Meeting Rhythms

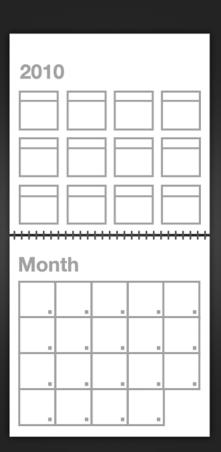






#### Purpose:

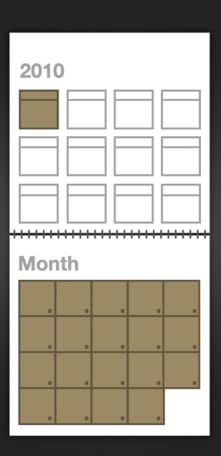
- Daily 7-12 min → Synchronize
- Weekly 60-90 min → Status, refocus
- Monthly → Review, learn
- Quarterly → Priorities
- Annual → Strategy, plan





#### Monthly Agenda:

- Review progress on quarterly priorities
- Discuss the numbers (KPI Dashboard)
- Mid course (quarter) adjustments
- Collaborate on a strategic opportunity

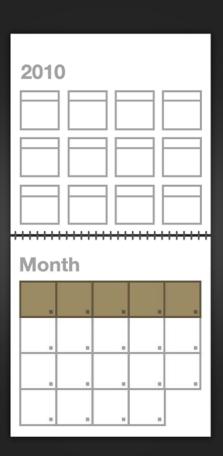






#### Weekly Agenda:

- Status Last week's results & impediments
- Individual accountability Priorities & KPIs
- Build strong leadership team collaboration
- Chief Executive commentary, guidance & inspiration

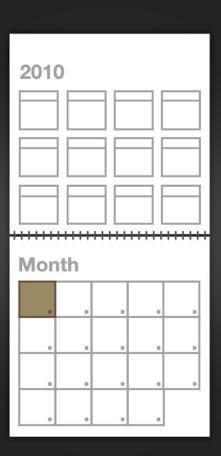






#### Daily Agenda:

- What's up (victories, top priority)
- Daily metric
- Where are you stuck? (impediments)
- Word or thought for the day





# Huddles = Synchronization

- Speeds up your business
- Ensures teamwork
- Heals relationships





### Try a "Huddle"

**1-800-GOT-JUNK** 



#### Best Practices Results:

12 Service Values

Astonish customers







### Be sure to have lots of fun!





### Are we having **fun** yet?

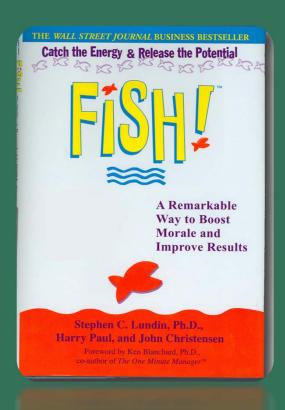






#### FISH!

by Stephan Lundin, Ph.D, Harry Paul & John Christensen



- · Play!
- Make Their Day!
- Be Present in the Moment.
- · Choose Your Attitude.



Examples of fun in Your Workplace...

ChoosingYourAttitude...



## Rewards, Themes and Thank You's



VISION. PASSION. ACTION.

# Appoint The (Unofficial) Director of Fun!





VISION. PASSION. ACTION.

# AND ALL OF THIS MAY REQUIRE CHANGE; SO HOW DO WE COPE WITH THAT?











## Feedback and Questions









We welcome your feedback...
Please return your completed survey's.

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