2019-07-31 New2EA - Unconference - Meeting Notes

Agenda

- **What topics are top of mind for you right now?**
    - What is the latest trend in EA world?
    - Communication Plan - how to spread the word both up and down about what **technical architecture** is trying to do here at Penn State? Have a tech architectural committee. The time is now to share that "here we are, here is what we can do for you, and here is the value we bring"
        - The rule of 7: spread your message at least 7 times and 7 different ways.
        - Stakeholder analysis - individual names, group/category, assess each about their level of influence on your work (no, moderate, yes), level of interest - then split out into quadrants and address each quadrant, starting with high influence and interest. Numerous tools available for doing that analysis - MOR Leadership training has a simplified version of this idea.
    - Just establishing the architecture group - discovering the roles and responsibilities of the group, and where they fit in the IT Organization.
        - PM Director is driving the establishment of this group. Will report to the CIO.
        - Chief Architect? Split up the roles?
            - What capability do you need to deliver to the organization? What is the scope? Design? Rationalization?
            - *Strategy on a Page* (SoaP)
            - TOGAF Architecture Governance: *http://pubs.opengroup.org/architecture/togaf8-doc/arch/chap26.html*
    - Where do we get Enterprise Architecture training?
        - TOGAF Certification
            - ADM: http://pubs.opengroup.org/architecture/togaf8-doc/arch/chap03.html
            - What capabilities along the architecture am I responsible for?
        - Gartner Enterprise Architecture: https://www.gartner.com/en/conferences/na/enterprise-architecture-us
        - FEAC Institute: https://www.feacinstitute.org/358
    - Topical: Breach on Capitol One and Amazon AWS; presenting on the cloud strategy, which comes first? the strategy or the architecture?
- **What particular skills or competencies are you hoping to learn or grow as part of this community?**
    - How to manage system dependencies diagram without spending money on expensive enterprise level EA software? Where to start? I heard Archi is a good place to start but will it be too technical for business users to understand its benefit?
    - Meeting Skills: Facilitation from the side; translating what you hear back into requirements
    - What are the first three skills you would focus on as an architect? What skills should we spend our time honing?
    - Communication: trying to get people to see past the "icing on the cake" and see the actual substance.
- **What questions would you want to ask a panel of established architects?**
    - What distinguish between a EA and a BA? Both look at the future state and the current state to come up with potential solutions.
    - How do you start with technical people and build out a subset of architects without access to formal training?
        - Where is the line of delineation between the technical skillset and the architectural skillset? How do you "get their hands off the keyboard" and up a level?
        - Moving away from "building a single building" and into "building a whole city"
    - What does the roadmap look like when you are just starting out your practice? What are the 3-month, 6-month, 9-month goals? What is that journey? Major milestones to shoot for?
        - In context as part of your journey and experience
    - What significant failures they had in their careers that provided lessons that have contributed to their success in their EA program? What are those failures and what did they learn?
        - Moving from technical (TOGAF) all the way to Digital Transformation
- **What would you want out of the New2EA Face2Face session in October?**
    - Interaction with the group will add the value for this session
    - Opportunities to review of work product and provide feedback
    - 12 influencing strategies? Toolbox of skills available
    - Practice with other people skills

Presentation Link

Attendees

- Jacob Morris - University of Washington
- Rich Cropp - Penn State
- Louis King - Yale
- Marlon - UWI
- Jeremy Pelegrin - Tulane
- Mary Stevens