Tampa bay QAA Chapter Meeting 11/13/12

Solutions Workshop Notes

Topic – Doing More with Less

* Automation
* Say “No”
  + Calculate how long each test takes
  + Only 24 hours in a day – a la carte
  + Risk – let management decide
* Right Shoring
* Matching Skill sets to right project
* Cross Training
* Reduce Multi-tasking
* Save time for exploratory testing
* Risk-based approach/assessment
  + Risk based testing – James Bach and Michael Bolton
* Make meeting time default 30 minutes not an hour

Topic – Working on Agile and Waterfall Projects Simultaneously

* Keep them separate
* Minimize multi tasking
* Keep them happy
* Project team decides (representatives from each group)
* Decided in planning/initiation
* Offers flexibility
* Customers have difficulty adapting
* Find commonality
* Find someone else to be the advocate
* Start small

Topic- Dealing with last minute change

* UAT gives QA test cases
* Find out earlier through CCB
* Reduce back charges – firm cutoff date
* Exceptions to be signed off on by director

Topic – Improve Communication among Bas, PMs, and QA

* E-mail
* Time chunking
* Keep it short
* Call people
* Daily standup meetings
* Speak the same language
* Bi-directional
* Remove ambiguity
* MS One-Note
* Funnel through one contact
* Automate responses through workflow

Topic – IRA – Vickie

* Add-in for JIRA w/ Agile
* For Quality Center too

Topic – Which tests to execute first?

* Risk based requirements/User stories
* Problem areas
* Gut feel
* More frequently used
* Risk to the business
* Uniqueness
* History - Historical data
* New development vs. Maintenance
* New technology vs. old
* Cost of failure

Topic – BPT

* Call Dean ☺