

Execution Planning Process

by Elevation Leaders

The key to success in most endeavors requires the right preparation, execution and follow-through. In this free resource we share the key steps to prepare your team for a Quarterly or Annual Planning session along with suggested agendas for both.

We've also provided a sample completed One-Page Strategic Plan and blank OPSP for your use.



6 KEY PREPARATION STEPS



1. SET DATES

Set the dates for the Quarterly and Annual Planning sessions well in advance.

The Annual Planning session is normally 2 to 3 days and the Quarterly sessions 1 to 2 days. Specific agendas are detailed below.



2. SCAN SCALING UP

Have the Executive Team familiarize themselves with the principles of *Scaling Up (Rockefeller Habits 2.0).*

For those short on time, here is a link to a video summary of the book.



3. COMPLETE A SCALING UP ASSESSMENT

Have the Executive Team take 20 minutes to complete the Scaling Up Assessment to see which of the Four Decisions — People, Strategy, Execution, or Cash — needs the most attention in the upcoming planning session.

Email coaching@elevationleaders.com with the names and email addresses of your ExecutiveTeam and we'll get it set up for you



4. WATCH THESE BOOK SUMMARY VIDEOS

Good to Great - Jim Collins Great by Choice - Jim Collins

Or better yet, read the books.



5. EMPLOYEE SURVEY

A few weeks prior to planning the offsite, conduct an employee survey. Employees' insights are helpful in determining Quarterly or Annual Priorities since they are closer to the customers and are immersed in the daily processes of the business.

We suggest three simple questions:

- a. What should (enter company name) start doing?
- b. What should (enter company name) stop doing?
- c. What should (enter company name) keep doing?



6. GET SOMEONE TO FACILITATE

Find someone outside the company to facilitate your planning sessions. Ask a colleague from another organization or bring in an experienced Scaling Up coach like those we have at Elevation Leaders.

This allows everyone on the team, including the CEO, to actively participate rather than worry about facilitation. Trained facilitators will know how to discern core values, define a powerful purpose, discover a key strategy, and help the team uncover the underlying constraints in establishing priorities and setting key performance indicators (KPIs).

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FEEL FREE TO REPLACE THE HEADINGS

Call them Core Values, Core Purpose, Brand Promise, Rocks, etc. – or not! You have the freedom to come up with your own unique language within the organization.

The document is merely meant to serve as a guideline.

2

USE BLANK DOCUMENTS

There's a tendency to provide team members with completed or semi-completed OPSPs during planning sessions (i.e., with Core Values, Purpose, etc. already filled in).

We highly suggest you pass out blank OPSPs at the beginning of the session and have everyone fill them in by hand. There's something about re-writing the Core Values, Purpose, BHAG, etc. each quarter that helps hardwire them into the brain and better connects each person to what is said and decided.

3

PROJECT UP ON A SCREEN

To facilitate the process, project the OPSP on a large screen. Designate someone to fill it in electronically so it can be immediately emailed to all of the participants after the planning session.

Doing this also helps people stay focused and makes it easier for everyone who is filling in documents by hand simultaneously.

AGENDA DAY 1 | SAMPLE 2-DAY ANNUAL AGENDA

Quarterly vs. Annual (timing and agendas): The Annual Planning session is typically 2 to 3 days; the Quarterly Planning sessions are 1 to 2 days.

8:30 - 9:00

Opening Remarks by Facilitator & CEO, Good News Stories/OP, and Outcome Expectations (what will make this a successful meeting for everyone)

10:00 - 11:00

Define CORE VALUES Survey

11:15 - 12:15

Define WHY / PURPOSE

13:15 - 14:00

Lunch

15:15 - 15:30

Break

16:45 - 17:00

Final Word

9:00 - 10:00

Review Scaling Up Assessment

11:00 - 11:15

Break

12:15 - 13:15

Define BHAG! (Big Hairy Audacious Goal)

14:00 - 15:15

Strengths, Weakneses & Trends (Define Core Competency)

15:30 - 16:45

Define CORE SANDBOX

18:00 - ?

Team Dinner

AGENDA DAY 2 | SAMPLE 2-DAY ANNUAL AGENDA

Quarterly vs. Annual (timing and agendas): The Annual Planning session is typically 2 to 3 days; the Quarterly Planning sessions are 1 to 2 days.

8:30 - 9:00

Check in & Day 1 Recap

10:15 - 10:30

Break

11:45 - 12:45

Build 1-Year Plan

13:30 - 15:00

90-Day Focus (Define company wide priorities)

15:15 - 16:15

Function Accountability Chart (gaps at the leadership table)

16:45 - 17:00

Final Word

9:00 - 10:15

Define BRAND PROMISE & GUARANTEE

10:30 - 11:45

Build 3-Year Vision

12:45 - 13:30

Lunch

15:00 - 15:15

Break

16:15 - 16:45

Review Rockefeller Habits Checklist. Choose one or two areas for improvement in the coming Quarter.

AGENDA DAY 1 | SAMPLE 1-DAY QUARTERLY AGENDA

Quarterly vs. Annual (timing and agendas): The Annual Planning session is typically 2 to 3 days; the Quarterly Planning sessions are 1 to 2 days.

8:30 - 9:00

Opening Remarks by Facilitator & CEO, Good News Stories/OP, and Outcome Expectations (what will make this a successful meeting for everyone)

10:00 - 10:45

Review WHY, CORE VALUES & BHAG

11:15 - 11:45

Preview Previous Quarter's Priorities/Rocks

12:30 - 13:15

Lunch

14:00 - 15:30

Build New 90-Day Plan (Define company-wide priorities for coming quarter)

15:45 - 16:45

Process Accountability Chart (processes to be reviewed in coming quarter)

18:00 - ?

Team Dinner

9:00 - 10:00

Review Scaling Up Assessment or Stop | Start | Continue Survey

10:45 - 11:00

Break

11:45 - 12:30

Review Dashboard & YTD Numbers

13:15 - 14:00

Review CORE SANDBOX & 1-Year Plan

15:30 - 15:45

BREAK

16:45 - 17:00

Final Word

AGENDA DETAILS



OPENING REMARKS BY CEO

Great meetings are structured like great movies according to Pat Lencioni in his book 'Death by Meeting'. At the heart of all movies is a "conflict, then resolution" structure. Rather than open with something like "I'm glad all of you can be here to participate in this planning session (yawn)," instead set the stage with an opening line like "We face stiff competition from XYZ, the marketplace for our services is heating back-up, and we're being hindered by our ... so these next two days are critical in figuring out how we address these challenges and maximize our opportunities..." Or opt for something like "we've been offered the greatest opportunity to gain market share in five years. It is for us to figure out how to make it happen..." or "This is the year we must make the kinds of profits we expect from a great company." Pick up your hints from the preparation work you've done — the employee survey, the customer feedback, top three issues lists, and the SWT/SWOT analysis.

GOOD NEWS STORIES

Share a round of good news stories. Following the opening remarks, you want to set a positive tone, loosen everyone up, and help the team connect by taking 10 to 20 minutes to have everyone share good news, both personally and professionally, from the previous week and reflect on the previous year, or quarter. Keeping it current helps make it relevant and fresh. The professional good news allows the team to count its blessings and the personal good news brings up a laugh or two — a powerful way to de-stress, slow the brain down to the alpha state and help keep (even the most dreaded) issues in perspective. Also, use it as an early gauge if someone is particularly stressed or disturbed coming into the meeting.





START FILLING IN ONE-PAGE STRATEGIC PLAN TOOLS

The rest of the planning session is using the Growth Tools to drive the right questions and discussions. Go back to *Scaling Up* (*Rockefeller Habits 2.0*) Strategy section for specific instructions in completing the OPSP. Be sure to also review the other one page tools according to the suggested agenda overview above.

Strategy: One-Page Strategic Plan (OPSP) OSHBOJ[BUJPO Testco /BNF:

People (Reputation Drivers)

Employees

Customers

Shareholders

- 1. Appreciation every 7 days KPI = 100% ar
- 1. Cash increase daily KPI = % of increase

- 2. Employee Net Promoter Score KPI = 60+ 2. Client 'contact'- KPI = 3 Contacts per Client'
- 2. Revenue Increase KPI = 20%
- 3. Voluntary A-Player Retention KPI = 95% 3. NPS KPI = Net Promoter Score at 8.5
- 3. Gross Margin KPI = 55%

COREVALUES/BELIEFS (4IPVME/4IPVMEO'U)	PURPOSE (8IZ)	TARGETS (3–5 YRS.) (8IFSF)	GOALS (1 YR.) (8IBU)	
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	Host one on one - quarterly - CV, CP, BHAG Reviews Profit per X	3 Zero human touch in request fullfillment 4 Named the Best Place to Work Award 5 Brand Promise KPI's	Hiring/onboarding plan and process in place- filled openings Ensure every TestCo team member 'understands' and 'lives' our CP/CV/BHAG Critical #: People or B/S	
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	BHAG® 'GLOBAL #1' ~ The #1 Global Data Analytics Solution. 1,000 installations within the Fortune 2,500 - globally!	Brand Promises Speed of installation Easy to do business with Results in a week	Critical #: Process or P/L 60% Gross Margin 55% Gross Margin Between green & red 50% Gross Margin	
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Process (Productivity Drivers)

Make/Buy

- Pipeline Full KPI = 60 qualified leads
- Active Proposals KPI = 14 active
- Close Ratio KPI = 75%+

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Cash

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Sell

- Time on Project KPI = 90% of Budget ma
- 2. Help Tickets KPI = 95% SLA's met
- 3. Utilization Rate KPI = 85%

Recordkeeping

- Invoice within 24 hours
- 2. Cash Conversion Cycle minus 18 days
- Timely reports -- daily, weekly

ACTIONS (QTR) ()PX)

\$2,185,000

\$1,201,750

\$145,000

\$225,000

35

18

\$37,000

THEME (253/A//6AL)

MFBTVSBCMF 5BSHFU/\$SJUJDBM #
1,200 face to face meetings with decision makers, clients and partners

Theme Name

Race to 1,200

Who

YOUR ACCOUNTABILITY (8IP/8IFO)

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1	-	Proposals Closed	50
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1	-	Face to Face Meetings	125
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Rocks

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1	Training Program - created - implemented - every team member	Lisa
2	Complete Business Plan	John
3	Increase Google Presence	Jane
4	Reduce A/R Time - to 60 days less than 10%	Tom
5	1,200 client meetings with whole team	Angel

Scoreboard Design

Describe and/or sketch your design in this space

Yo	ur Quarterly Priorities	Due
1	Hire 3 Sales Associates	3/31/2020
2	Increase Google Presence	3/31/2020
3	1200 Client Meetings with Whole Team	3/31/2020
4	Get 10 Stories from Clients on Core Values	3/31/2020
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Critical #: People or B/S	Celebration	Critical #: People or B/S
22 Service Contracts	A BIG dinner where we will bring	1500 Client Meetings
20 Service Contracts	our families - loved ones - together to celebrate the	1200 Client Meetings
Between green & red	accomplishment	Between green & red
18 Service Contracts		900 Client Meetings
Critical #: Process or P/L	Reward	Critical #: Process or P/L
89% Utilization Rate	\$12,000 donated to the groups top	150 Referrals
85% Utilization Rate	12 favorite charities - \$1,000 per	100 Referrals
Between green & red	charity! \$10 for every contact made!	Between green & red
75% Utilization Rate		75 Referrals
Artificial intelligence and how it	vill evolve	Communication mediums shifting social

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- The speed at which technology is evolving
- Generational views on the use of our solutions
- Information flows (speed and type) changes
- 6. The value being placed of data as a tool
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Strategy: One-Page Strategic Plan (OPSP) Organization Name:

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CORE VALUES/BELIEFS (Should/Shouldn't)	PURPOSE (Why)	TARGETS (3-5 YRS.) (Where)	GOALS (1 YR.) (What)
		Future Date Revenues Profit Mkt. Cap/Cash Sandbox	Yr Ending Revenues Profit Mkt. Cap Gross Margin Cash A/R Days Inv. Days Rev./Emp.
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