



# Five Essential Components of an Effective Policies & Procedures Program

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- Age 27: Methods & Procedures Analyst, New York Telephone Company
- 1993: Founded Urgo & Associates, management consultancy in P&P
- <u>Professional career mission</u>: To define and promote P&P Communication as a discipline and a way to transform organizations



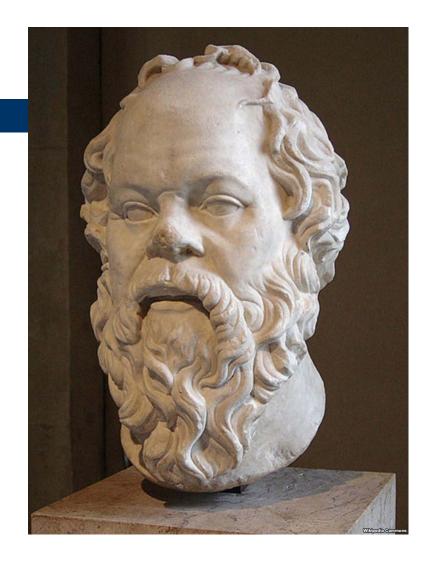




### Teach vs. Think

I cannot teach anybody anything, I can only make them think.

Socrates (469 - 399 BC) Athenian Philosopher





## What You Can Expect Today

- Self-determine where you <u>are now</u>, and where you <u>need to be</u>
- Define P&P Program and Its Five Components
- Address FAQs and SBAQs
- Access to key P&P resources and a <u>special offer!!</u>
- Questions and answers





## Four Maturity Grades of P&P Programs – Which Grade Is Yours?

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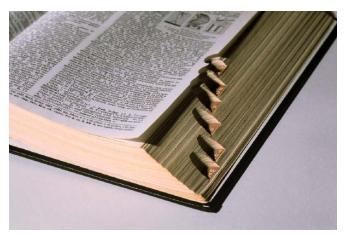
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## **P&P Program Defined**

<u>Policies & Procedures (P&P) Program</u> refers to the organizational function responsible for planning, developing, publishing, managing, and maintaining P&P content as a knowledge resource for purposes of...

- -- learning
- -- on-going reference
- -- compliance
- -- audits, and
- -- performance improvement.





## Where would People Find Your P&P Program?

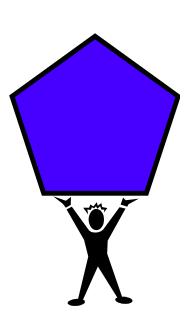
- The Los Angeles County case study
- Formal names
- Informal names
- Self-discovery exercise





## The 5 Components of a P&P Program

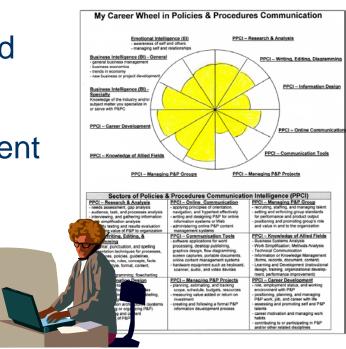
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- 2. P&P Users and the Organization
- 3. P&P Content
- 4. P&P Content Development Process
- 5. P&P Technology





### 1. P&P Talent (Practitioner, Team, Profession)

- What are names/titles/roles?
- What makes for an effective and balanced P&P professional?
- Where does the role of P&P talent (team) reside in or with organizations?
- Is there a P&P profession?
- P&P Program Horror Story





## 2. P&P Users and the Organization

Know thy organizational culture and receptivity toward P&P.



< Tribal Talk

Formal Comm. >



 What type of role and value is your P&P program contributing to the organization and user: <u>operational</u>, <u>tactical</u>, or <u>strategic</u>?



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### III. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

### A. Office Services - Mail Center

- There will be a series of free: Field Bulletins distributed to the Agency Force and they must be mailed by the date indicated. An additional Field Bulletin will be mailed to the Agency Force 60 days before the effective date of authorigant rate change.
- 2. Initial Distribution of Auto and Homcoverers Rate Manual Pares
  - When snow DM or Agent mail bin is set up, the supply section will only distribute rates page to these DM's or Agent's that desire printed. Auto and Homeowners rate page (as notified by regional Marketing).
  - The Supply Section will maintain a list of those DM's and Agents that require printed rate pages.
  - RO Marketing will inform the Supply Section of all DM's and Agents that require printed rate nazes.
- 3. Ordering Auto and Homeovners Manual Pages

The Mail Center will continue to givine Home Office Actuarial of the number of rate pages needed for distribution by form MDA-2387.

Additional pages should be ordered per earrent procedure.

B. Auto and Fire Policy Service

Be aware of the changes made in this procedure.

IV. EVALUATION

Actuarial will proper a monthly report during 1993 monitoring the acceptance of this program.

V. FORMS

None required.

VI. FIELD ANNOUNCEMENT

Home Office Marketing will propue a series of three Field Bulletin amounting the diministin of Auto and Home owners pointed rate pages. These Field Bulletin will include a detachable returnable portion to give the Agenta chance to request the distantinuation of receipted these pages 60 days before the implementation of an Automobile or Farmowners rate revisions, \$1.0. Marketing will propue a subsequent Field Bulletin reminding the Agency Force of this program.

### Conducting the Move-Out Meeting

### Who attends inspection

The tenant move-out inspection should be conducted with the tenant or the tenant's representative.

### If inspection is not on move-out

If the inspection does not occur on the date of the move-out, it should take place within 24 hours of the move out date.

### Keys required to end tenancy

The tenant's keys to the space must be received in order for the tenancy to end.

### tems needed

The following items are needed to conduct a move-out inspection with a tenant:

- either the tenant's original move-in/out inspection form or if the form is not available, a move-out inspection form (Exhibits 30 and 31)
- the tenant's file
- camera

### Procedural steps

Follow these steps to conduct a move-out meeting with a tenant:

Step No.	Action to Take
1	Inspect the space with the tenant, completing the move-out
	inspection form [Exhibits 30 and 31].
2	Have the tenant sign the move-out inspection form as to the
	present condition of the space.
3	If the space is damaged or items are missing, take pictures and
	attempt to determine the cause (do not argue).
4	Confirm the tenant's forwarding address.
5	Obtain all keys from the tenant.
6	Change the entry lock(s) to the space on the day possession is
	transferred to the owner.

### For further information

For further information, contact the Director of Property Management.

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## **Characteristics of Extrinsic and Intrinsic Documentation Approaches**

Extrinsic Approach	Intrinsic Approach
Compliance-based	Performance-based
Contractual style	Learner style
"Cookie-cut" structure	Task-knowledge structure
Uses traditional outlining	Uses modular units
Uses narrative writing	Uses structured writing
Bureaucratic talk	User-friendly talk
For serialist reader	For holist reader
Collection is disunited	Collection is united



## 4. P&P Content Development Process

Phase	Stage
Planning	1. Initiate P&P request/need.
	2. Respond to request/need.
	3. Prepare P&P documentation project plan.
Analyzing,	1. Conduct process and task analysis for content
Writing, &	plan and approval.
Reviewing	2. Prepare preliminary draft for owner's approval.
	3. Review, edit, and approve draft.
Publishing,	1. Publish approved draft and archive previous
Implementing, &	version.
Evaluating	2. Introduce change, training, and attestation.
	3. Evaluate usage, effectiveness, and compliance.



## 5. P&P Technology – Recommendations

- Know your
  - -- P&P Program challenges
  - -- workplace readiness
  - -- timeframe to invest
  - -- level of granularity
  - -- prospective vendors
- Be open and flexible to options in market

The first rule of any technology used in a business is that automation applied to an efficient operation will magnify the efficiency.

The second is that automation applied to an inefficient operation will magnify the inefficiency.

Bill Gates (1955-) Microsoft



## Importance of Version Control of P&P-Related Documents for Compliance

### <u>People</u>

- -- United States Astronaut
- Supervisor of P&P,Technical Documentation, &Configuration Management

### Place and time

Aerospace-parts manufacturer

South Los Angeles, 1987





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### **Quotes for P&P Wisdom**

## You can't solve a problem with the same mind that created it.

Albert Einstein, Theoretical physicist, philosopher, author (1879-1955)





The best time to plant a tree was always 20 years ago.
The second best time is always today.

(Old Chinese saying)



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- Provide <u>assessments</u> and strategic <u>advice</u> on P&P programs and resources
- Lead and manage <u>P&P content</u> development projects to simplify complex practices
- Teach and mentor in P&P Communication





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- Award-winning e-newsletter
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### Special offer

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