



Not All Staff Meetings Are a Chore

For those of us who work in traditional workplaces, staff meetings can trigger the following: the desire to roll our eyes (hopefully just inwardly); a mental dialog that runs something like, “Well, if they want me to get work done, maybe we should have fewer staff meetings!”; and the dreaded feeling of time and energy being physically sucked out of our bodies. Staff meetings can feel like a chore: an obligation we would happily forgo.

Of course, some of us love staff meetings when they’re well run, productive, and an a time for collaboration. Many consultants fall into this group, in part because we work in different locations spread all across the country. When we get together it’s a pleasure: an opportunity to catch up, share ideas, and grow services.

The Pohl Consulting crew, including our newest consultant, [Michael Daly](#), met up outside Chicago a couple weeks ago. We talked about what’s working and what needs to change, and about the challenges and new opportunities in the financial services industry. We made plans for new offerings for our clients. And we ate good food and laughed.

So, this staff meeting wasn’t a chore at all. Sign me up for one staff meeting each year.