6/12/2012 - SSQA meeting notes   (by Tammy Davis, editing by Jim McCarthy)

HP is vacating this building where we meet (Cupertino site, building 48) in August. One option may be to move to Palo Alto with HP, but the building there is under construction.

We need a home! Temporary or permanent – lets discuss.

Please check with your companies [and your friend's companies ☺] to find us a new place to meet!

Broadcom – insider access LOL   Mathilda & Evelyn. Security issues? Of course. Can we solve it? Yes.

Commitment from Neal Kuhn that he will find us a place to meet-no matter what!

MeetUp – are people liking it? We have about 150 members, but are still seeing an overall meeting total of about 20. We are getting some new faces (love it!).

Web sites:

ssqa-sv.org
meetup.com/ssqa-sv

C-AST conference coming up next month. It is local here in San Jose! Check it out!

Possible presentation topics:

product presentation – trying to stay away from!

school / class presentation
- new and emerging technologies
- things you recently learned about that seemed really cool or amazing or fun
    o   or maybe "how could that be?"
- agile-what it means to qa
management of qa
        metrics
        transition to agile
ISO
Organizational dynamics
Education availability in the QA field
        Classes

Certification
Organizations
QA project management
QA and Six sigma, LEAN, etc.
QA test planning
Automation tools
Baldridge Awards – preparation, application, winning
How to write / improve your resume and get a job
[do we have notes on the website from that long ago?]
conference dry-runs

We are a membership organization: leaders, members – we need volunteers!

See ssqa-sv.org/speakers for past meetings list and presentations for most.

Community of practice: get together and learn, share your knowledge
   -   what techniques are working / not working
   -   how to deal with management
   -   how to evaluate test process and procedure
   -   how to get a good product out the door

Does not matter if it is software in the cloud, shrink-wrapped, medical, etc.

What is the compelling reason for being here?
   -   how can you share it?

We need a Program Team!!

Ideas and leads for speakers at upcoming meetings:

July 10th – speaker for AST coming in early to speak for us? Doug Hoffman

Elizabeth Hendricks – Bug Hunting

Brett Petticord

Bach brothers (Jonathan – eBay spoke here; James - holistic testing (software testing lab)

Joe Lawlor- speaker or bring a speaker for next month.

Frank Lemon – interested in tools. Wondered about Cucumber tool.