



Making Disruption Profitable™

Social Business for Associations

Building B2B Business with Relationship-Focused Social Networking



My Perspective

- 25 years experience as management consultant and line executive
- Expertise: disruptive innovation, strategy and transformation
- Strategy and execution for game-changers: Java, e-business, SOA, Web 2.0, social networks
- Thought leader: 3 blogs in global top 10





BIG Idea

Technology *changes*
constantly

Human Nature *does not*
change



Industrial Economy Mis-Alignment



Relationship is the key to the kingdom



Social Media

- “Social media experts” push PR and marketing “content”
- Tech vendors push socialtech “solutions”
- Neither tech nor promotions motivate people to interact

Industrial Mentality



Social Business

- Develops trust with priority stakeholders
- Enables organizations to create the “word of mouth flywheel”
- Organizations with realistic investment strategies and efficient approaches win

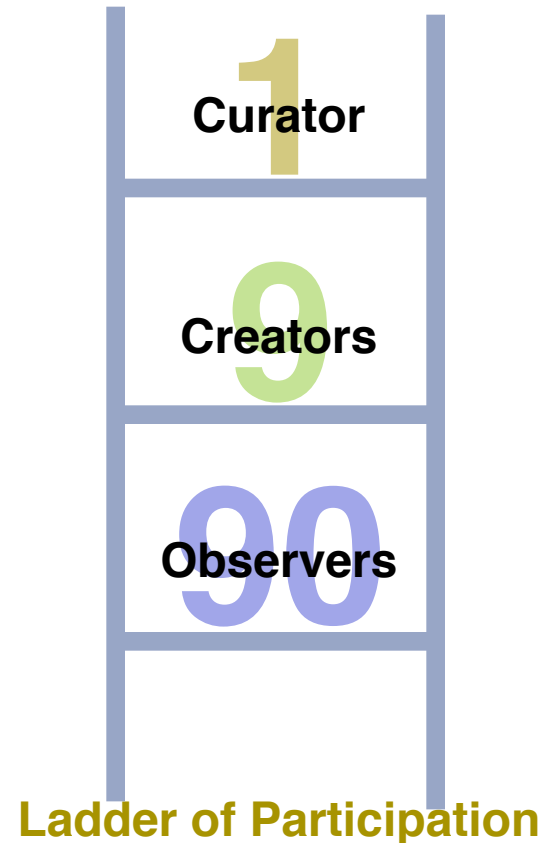
**But
you need
sustained effort
before seeing
results**

***People
interact on their
terms,
not yours***



Serving People: Why It Works

- The network effect: how few sustained interactions make major impact
- Model behavior in transparent venues
- By serving few, you serve the crowd
 - You are observed by many
 - You build reputation, but it's not obvious
 - The tip of the iceberg
- Each interaction by someone often is broadcast to their networks
- In most venues, each person has more than 100 people in their network
- Conversations spread quickly, but you won't readily see it





Social Business Will Make and Break Associations and Certification Bodies

Opportunities

- Use social business to educate end customers about certifications' value
- Stay current with community
- Help members use social networks to boost the value of certifications by solving real problems online

Threats

online offerings & video are usurping associations' value propositions

People don't need to meet physically as often as before

Travel costs & fewer staff make it harder to get away

Human
Mentality



BIG Idea

*The influence of specific
digital conversations among
small groups of people now
rivals that of yesterday's
“major media”*



Social Network Roadmap Blueprint, A Framework for Successful Pilots

Business Strategy

- Business goals
- People you need to engage
- Stakeholders

Focus on Stakeholders

- Stakeholder motivations
- Survey stakeholder activity in social networks
- Determine workstreams

Define Assets, Requirements

- Review findings of stakeholder social network activity
- Identify resources
- Gap analysis

Create Programs

- Risk management
- Social networks good practices
- Life cycle process
- Go further faster by mitigating risk



Start with Your Business Strategy

Business Strategy

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Create Programs

- What is most important for you this year?
 - Rank your top five goals
- What do you need to reach your goals that people can provide?
 - Access, expertise, other
- Plan for the outcome
 - How will you respond once achieved? Not?
- What stakeholders do you need to engage?
 - Rank your top five stakeholder groups
 - How do they map to your goals?

Purpose

Ensure that your social network activity is aligned with your business



Focus on Stakeholders

**Business
Strategy**

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**Create
Programs**

- Determine motivations and Web 2.0 activities of each stakeholder group
- Survey social network activity
 - What are stakeholders doing in each venue?
 - How are they addressing top of mind issues?
 - What are the trends?
- Determine workstreams
 - What do they do in each venue?
 - How do they use venues together?

Purpose

Client-focused usage and needs analysis: an excellent basis to determine desired activity



Define Assets and Requirements

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- Review findings of each venue's activity
 - Define good practices
 - Ineffective practices
- What resources do you have to engage stakeholders in each venue?
 - What venues are most approachable?
 - What are most desirable to stakeholders?
- What are the gaps?
 - Personnel, training, access (legal, security)

Purpose

Optimize your activity based on stakeholder activity *and* your capabilities



Create Programs

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- Use findings of phases 1-3 for parameters
- Apply risk management practices
 - Keep pilots small, defined and short: iterate
 - Use portfolio approach: try several things
- Use good practices for social networks
 - Share experience real-time among pilot owners and participants
 - Keep pilots without interference
 - Use a process approach for real-time learning
- Life cycle process
 - Assess: Pilot: Scale: Integrate

Purpose

Boost momentum by managing risk



Risk Mitigation Approach

The Stages

- **Assess**
 - Match goals with organization and stakeholder realities
- **Pilot**
 - Try social networking initiatives in small chunks to manage risk
 - Learn & iterate in short cycles
- **Scale**
 - Expand elements of effective pilots, expand scope and scale
- **Integrate**
 - When you stabilize social networking processes, integrate them with legacy

Techniques

- **Rapid cycles**
 - Short feedback loops enable fast correction, less waste
- **Transparency and inclusion**
 - Involve legal, PR, revenue owners and accounting early
- **Focus on external and internal stakeholders**
 - External focus on workstreams within the ecosystem
 - Explicit focus on change
- **Budgeting**
 - Structure pilots to minimize need for normal ROI process



Avoiding Common Pitfalls

- Leading with technology
 - Technology imposes process on people and they don't adopt
- Having fuzzy, non-actionable goals
 - Results harder to track, and your initiative loses support
- Focus on what your firm needs rather than stakeholders
 - SHs will not be stimulated and will not engage
- Chunking innovation too large
 - Spend too long on ROI discussions
- Depending too much on experts and vendors
 - Web 2.0 is core; it needs to become your O/S
- Falling into the efficiency tech trap, not using portfolio
 - Letting a monolithic tech solution be everything to everyone

PITFALLS



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*You now know 2014 s best
practices for using social
business to engage and
grow business*



Specific Tactics for Associations

Legacy digital assets

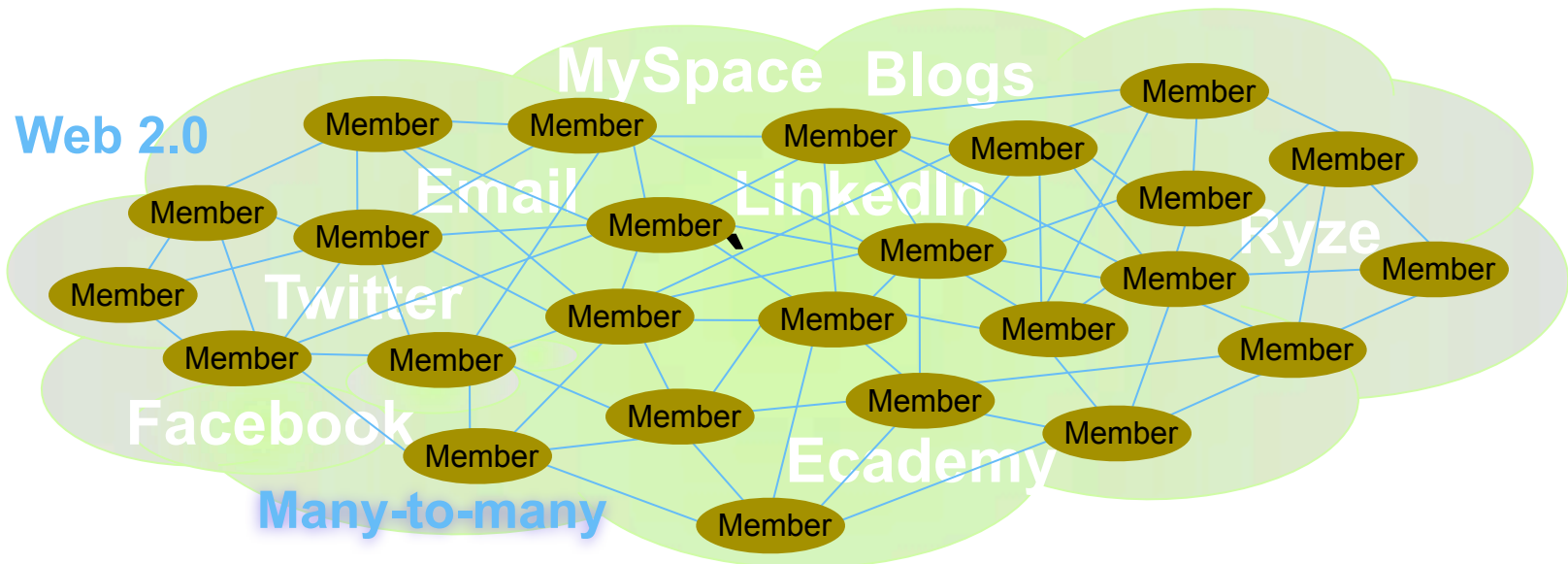
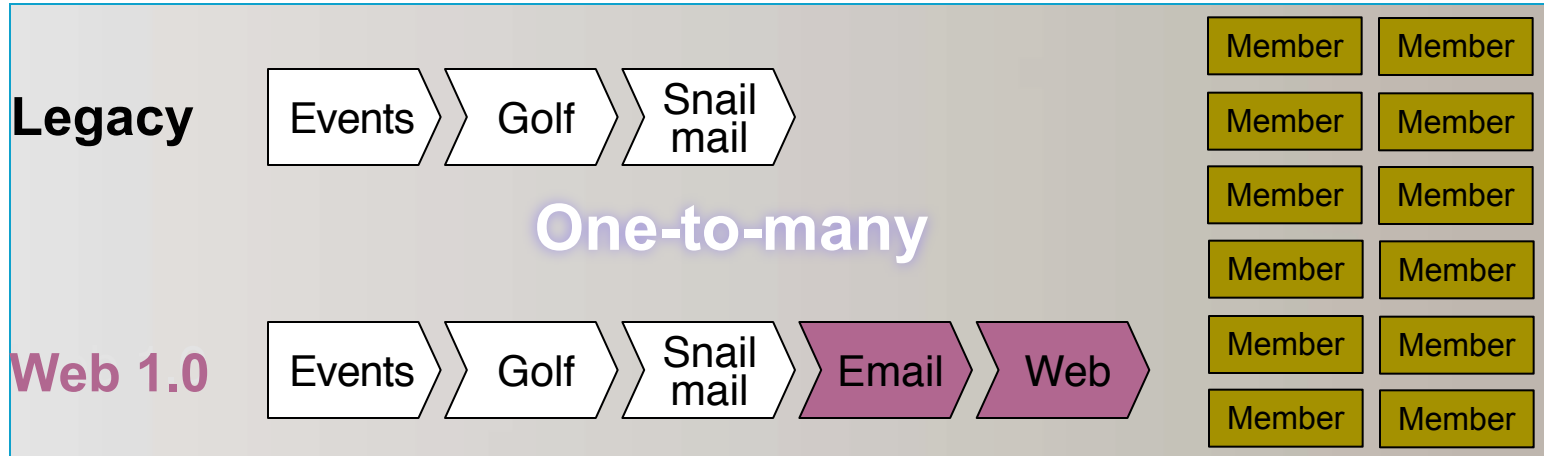
- Websites
- Email marketing
- Conferences
- Training

New digital assets

- Outreach in social networks
- Creating a many-to-many unique space
- Rethinking legacy



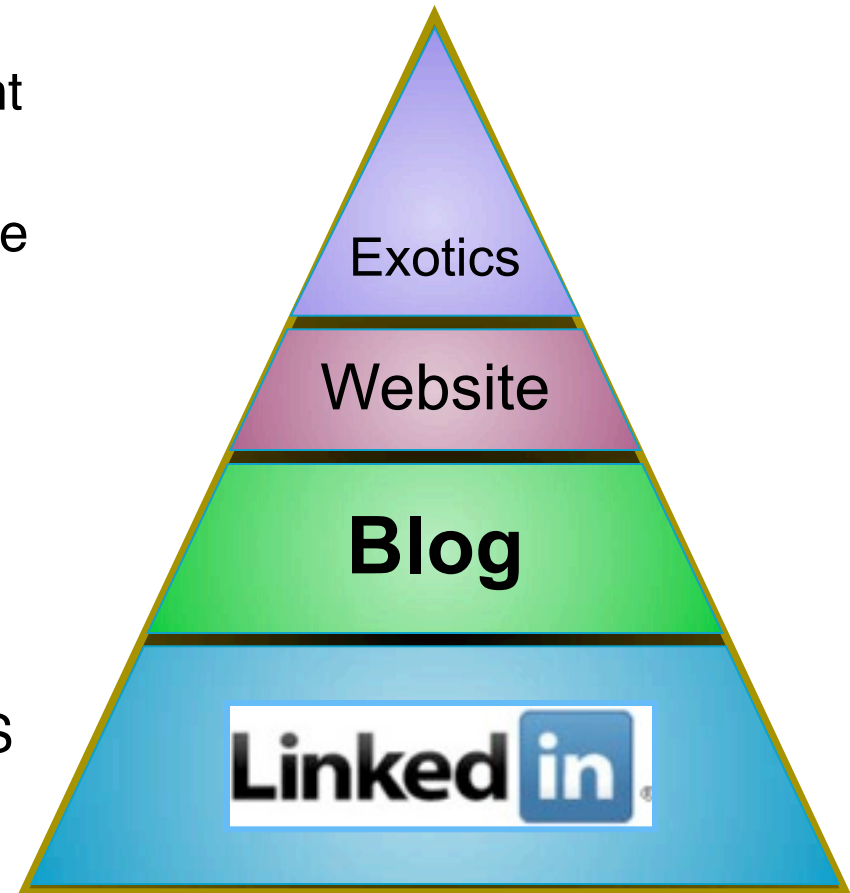
Update Web & Email to the Web 3.0 Age





Focus on Many-to-Many Venues to Earn Network Leverage

- LinkedIn: the global storefront for individuals and teams
- Blogs: showcase for expertise
 - Opinions, insights about relevant phenomena
 - Outreach, co-promotion
 - Convert newsletters
- Website: static, businesslike
 - Information about your firm
- Email: push to Feedblitz/RSS
- Exotics
 - Podcasts, video, wikis
 - Facebook, Foursquare



The Professional/Executive Socialtech Pyramid



Conferences

- How to incorporate network thinking
 - Crowdsource & brainstorm ideas and agendas online, in public
 - Iterate schedules publicly & invite participation
 - Encourage speakers to use public processes
 - It becomes a group-owned event
- Ask people to invite their friends, colleagues & clients
- The physical event is the climax of the conversation
 - Get people to shoot short video interviews and take photos
 - Create an online “you are there” feeling
- Hold post-event conversations

**Re-invent
conferences as
persistent
conversations**



Training and Certifications

- Hold online discussions in which certificants solve problems that non-certificant holders can't solve as easily
- Promote the conversations, adding prestige and value to certificants and their employers
- Consider adding network-oriented aspects of training
 - Use online forums to generate problems and real-time cases
 - Real geeks will love this (this means certificants' customers)
- Make the certification process more transparent

*How can you
involve certificant
customers in
training, online?*



BIG Idea

*Adopt network-oriented
interactions everywhere:
open processes and invite
involvement—and mean it!*



Review: Putting Social Business in Motion

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2
3

- Strategy
 - This is a marathon; you need to train for distance
 - Ecosystem: you need to know where your SHs are already talking.. and what venues are most important
 - Readiness: in THEIR terms what do YOU have that's most valuable and easy to share?
 - Overlay your gifts onto the ecosystem: that's your social business strategy
 - This determines where & how you engage, not “technology”
- Execution
 - Orderly adoption process: pilot, scale and integrate
 - Apply risk mitigation techniques
- Remember
 - Relationships take a while to develop but they're durable

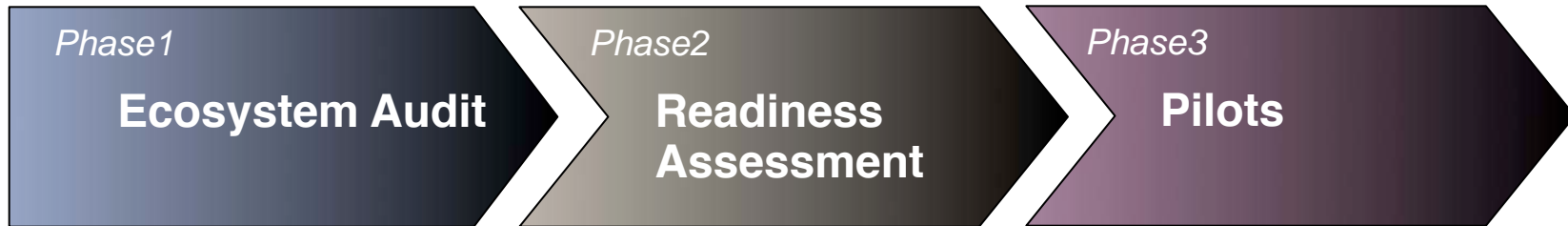
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Social Network Roadmap Pilot Overview



- Assess digital social environment
- Identify & rank stakeholders (SH) & basic work processes
- Social venue analysis
- Brand analysis
- SNR Analytics
- Ecosystem Map

- SH activity/advanced workstreams
- Identify firm value & how it transfers to social venues
- Assess resources to engage SHs
- Measure gaps
- Social Business Strategy

- Design pilots to mitigate risk
- Fast cycles with rapid feedback
- Small investments
- Portfolio approach
- Skills transfer focus
- Measurements

Requirements for Pilots

End
State

Ecosystem vision

Company vision

Pilot(s) launched



Learning More

- The Social Network Roadmap
 - Helps companies use social business for innovation
 - <http://socialnetworkroadmap.com>
 - Blog rated #1 worldwide by Technorati
- The Global Human Capital Journal
 - CEO/CMO/CIO journal for innovation
 - Rated #10 worldwide by Technorati
 - <http://globalhumancapital.org>
- The Executive's Guide to Social Networks
 - LinkedIn blog #4 worldwide by Technorati
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