



## DECEMBER CAPITAL CLASSROOM Roundtable Topic III Embracing Failure

*Sometimes we need to share our professional failures to see future successes!  
Failing fast and moving on keeps us innovative and promotes a culture of fresh best practice development. It is in this spirit that we look forward to gaining understanding and excellence through real life failure!*

### **Learning Out Comes and Best Practices:**

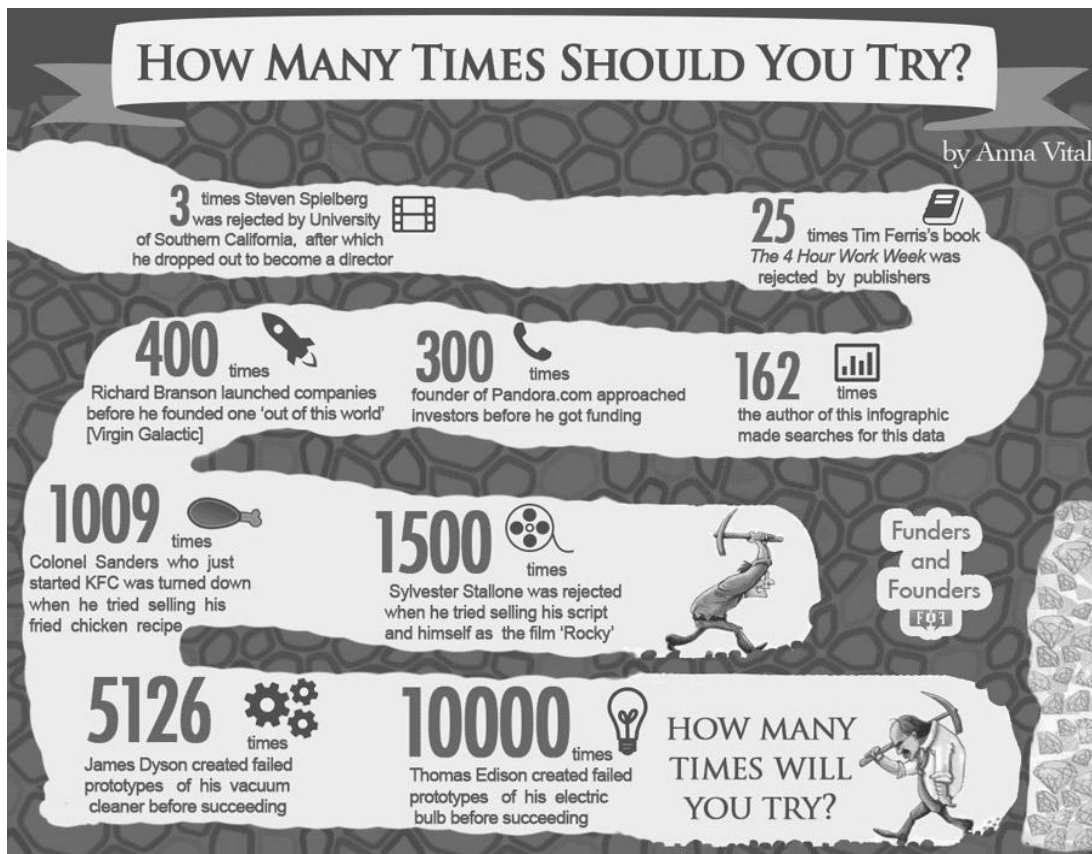
- Be able to prepare for possible outcomes as a meeting professional
- Understand how to overcome possible future obstacles
- Boldness to ask follow-up questions Courage to share great ideas when you know something
- Examples of success and the lessons learned
- Willingness to share your experiences with others

### **The Process**

- **8 minutes:** Philosophy of Failure, examples of famous (or not so famous failures)
- **12 minutes:** Draw/write/create an example of a time you failed. On one side of paper, illustrate the failure, on the other side, describe the lesson, or what you learned from the experience. These will be scanned in color to create a book to share and inspire others and new professionals can learn from. These failures can be personal, professional/networking, meeting planning experience, etc. You can sign them, or keep it anonymous.
- **10 minutes:** Present failures and discuss.



(Vinod Khosla, founder of Sun Microsystems, <http://www.virgin.com/richard-branson/failure-as-a-tool>)



(Catherine Clifford <http://www.entrepreneur.com/article/228438>)

## How to Fail (<http://failfest.us/fail/>)

Although every failure is different and each has their own unique response, we all need that failure to learn and grow. Below are quotes and articles from some of our world's greats. You are not alone!!!

- *“Failure should be our teacher, not our undertaker. Failure is delay, not defeat. It is a temporary detour, not a dead end. Failure is something we can avoid only by saying nothing, doing nothing, and being nothing.” – Denis Waitley*
- *“Success is walking from failure to failure with no loss of enthusiasm.” –Winston Churchill*
- *“You Are Never Too Old To Set Another Goal Or To Dream A New Dream.” - C.S. Lewis*
- *“Flying is learning how to throw yourself at the ground and miss.” – Douglas Adams*
- *“Failure isn’t fatal, but failure to change might be” – John Wooden*
- *“Only those who dare to fail greatly can ever achieve greatly.” – Robert F. Kennedy*
- *“If you’re not prepared to be wrong, you’ll never come up with anything original.” – Ken Robinson*
- *“If you don’t try at anything, you can’t fail... it takes back bone to lead the life you want” – Richard Yates*
- *“When you take risks you learn that there will be times when you succeed and there will be times when you fail, and both are equally important.” – Ellen DeGeneres*
- *“It’s failure that gives you the proper perspective on success.” – Ellen DeGeneres*
- *“I have not failed. I’ve just found 10,000 ways that won’t work.” – Thomas A. Edison*
- *“There is only one thing that makes a dream impossible to achieve: the fear of failure.” – Paulo Coelho*
- *“Success is stumbling from failure to failure with no loss of enthusiasm.” – Winston Churchill*
- *“Failures are finger posts on the road to achievement.” – C.S. Lewis*
- *“Winners are not afraid of losing. But losers are. Failure is part of the process of success. People who avoid failure also avoid success.” – Robert T. Kiyosaki*
- *“It’s not how far you fall, but how high you bounce that counts.” – Zig Ziglar*

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