## **15 QUESTIONS TO INSPIRE INNOVATION**

Looking for a list of provocative questions to inspire ideas? These will suck the status quo out of any room:

- 1. What business are we really in and how can we focus more on that?
- **2**. What is ONE thing we could do differently that would delight our customers?
- 3. What leads to breakdowns: our products, our processes, or our people? Why?
- **4.** It's 3 years from today and we're the best company to work for in the industry: What are two things that we had to do to earn this award?
- 5. Which parts of your job would you most like to eliminate? Why?
- 6. What would our dream testimonial from a customer say?
- 7. How could we interact differently with our customers?
- **8.** Who could we partner with to provide new solutions in existing markets?
- **9.** How can our services be turned into physical products? How can our products be turned into a valuable service?
- 10. If we could hire three people, what unconventional skills would you want them to they have and what jobs would you give them?
- 11. If we flipped one of our assumptions on its head, what would that look like?
- **12.** What would be the most effective idea for \_\_\_\_\_, if it wasn't impossible?
- 13. What are we most afraid our competition will do to us? Why?
- **14.** What problem do we have that somebody else in another industry has experienced? What could we learn from them and apply?
- 15. What is the simplest thing we could do right now to improve our company?

