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Did you know?

Where noted, our chapter meetings earn PDUs to be applied to PMI certification renewals.

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Our Next Chapter Meeting - January 9th

The January chapter breakfast meeting will be held Tuesday, January 9, 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at the Clarion Hotel and Convention Center at 525 33rd Ave SW in Cedar Rapids. The Clarion Hotel and Convention Center phone number is (319) 366-8671.

Program:

"Failed Project Recovery: From the Emergency Room into the Recovery Room"
by Doug Williams

Doug Williams, PMP, and VP of Communications for the Eastern Iowa PMI Chapter, will present part of his Project Health Series, which has been built over many years of direct personal experience with and in-depth study of troubled projects and organizations in conflict. This month's discussion is the topic "Failed Project Recovery: From the Emergency Room into the Recovery Room". The presentation provides an analysis that helps the project manager become aware of the steps needed to set up and accomplish a project failure recovery. Come and hear Doug present this very interesting subject, which is likely useful to all project managers at some time in their careers.

Program Schedule:

7:30 - 7:45	Registration, breakfast, and social time
7:45 - 7:50	Opening by chapter president / chapter officers
7:50 - 8:40	Presentation
8:40 - 9:00	Final announcements and wrap-up

Our Breakfast Buffet Menu (subject to change):

- Assorted chilled fruit juices
- Golden scrambled eggs with cheddar cheese
- Crisp bacon & sausage links or ham
- Breakfast potatoes
- Assorted fresh pastries with butter and preserves
- Fresh sliced fruit



Cost:

\$10.00 to chapter members and guests.

Please RSVP no later than Friday, January 5th to ProgramRegistration@pmieasterniowa.org.

Steve Sawyer, Director - Logistics
PMI Eastern Iowa Chapter

Important Notes: Your contributions help plan future meetings. Please remember to fill out a survey form after our chapter meetings. We especially appreciate any and all ideas within the "Suggestions for Future Meeting Topics" section.

President's Corner - by Bob Sanders, PMP

Greetings,

Another exciting year has passed!!! Where does the time go? I really hope that everyone had a fun and safe holiday.

It is time for me to step aside from my current role as the Chapter President and begin working on activities to help support the 2007 board. Some of the activities that I plan to work on this coming year are putting forth a solid volunteer program, continue to move the board to a more strategic vs. tactical board, and assist with outreach programs. I look forward to my new role and I wish the incoming board all the best in all they do.



Here is a summary of what happened in 2006 (as of November 30, 2006):

Membership

- 299 Members (17.2% increase)
- 158 PMP's (18.8% increase)
- Top Membership Companies: Pearson, Rockwell Collins, Aegon, Intermec, Iowa Health Systems, FPL Energy
- 22.5% Attrition (26.4% Attrition Regionally)

Financials

- Income = Exceeding income by 1.9%
- Budget = Spent 80.4% of planned budget
- Cash Flow = Negative cash flow of -12.6% vs. a plan of -24.4%

Drivers:

Income – Membership Growth and Professional Development

Budget – 10 Year Celebration, Training Offerings, Leadership Initiatives, Programs

Cash Flow – Originally planned to have a negative cash flow of -24.4% do to the 10 Year Celebration and Leadership Development (New Board Structure)

Accomplishments

- Implemented the New Board Structure
 - 18 leadership volunteers (7 board members, 11 directors)
 - 3 open director positions in 2006 (Marketing, Website, Individual Outreach)
 - 2 committee members
- Board Member attendance at PMI Leadership Conferences:
 - Regional Leadership Meeting in Regina/South Saskatchewan, Canada (Spring) – 2 board members
 - Leadership Congress in Seattle – 2 board members
 - Regional Leadership Meeting in Indianapolis (Fall) – 2 board members
- Offered Educational Courses:
 - Project Cost Management (12 Attendees)
 - Project Scope/Requirements Management and Change Control (9 Attendees)
 - Project Communications Management and Performance Reporting (8 Attendees)
 - Project Procurement and Vendor Management (11 Attendees)
 - Proactive Project Risk Management (8 Attendees)
 - Introduction to Project Management (7 Attendees)
 - Effective PMOs (21 Attendees)

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Chapter Meeting Program Recap - December 12, 2006

Program: "Risk Management" by Jim Landis

Jim Landis presented the topic Risk Management. Jim touched upon potential risks to look for in a project and how to help mitigate these risks. Jim brought a wealth of experience in project management along with his expertise in auditing systems and controls. Jim shared real life situations and covered information regarding risk that is documented in the PMBOK.



Chapter Meetings Schedule (subject to change)

	Date and Time	Location	Topic and Presenter
	January 9 7:30 – 9:00 AM	Clarion Hotel & Convention Center, 525 33rd Ave SW, Cedar Rapids	"Failed Project Recovery: From the Emergency Room into the Recovery Room" by Doug Williams
	February 13 5:45 - 8:00 PM	Quality Inn & Suites Highlander 2525 North Dodge, Iowa City	"Every PMP Can Implement OPM3" by Jamie Northrup
	March 13 7:30 – 9:00 AM	Clarion Hotel & Convention Center, 525 33rd Ave SW, Cedar Rapids	TBD

Check Out The PMI Global Website

Do you sometimes desire to know what is going on at the PMI Global level? Consider investing some time on the PMI global website (www.pmi.org) to learn more about PMI news items and events like the following:

- PMI names new credential, Program Management Professional (PgMPSM).
- Call for 2007 PMI Board Nominations.
- The 2007 registration is now open for eSeminarsWorld and PMMM.
- Open Call for Volunteers to for the PMBOK® Guide – Fourth Edition, Program Management and Portfolio Management – Second Editions project teams.
- Registration for SeminarsWorld 2007 is now open!
- CEO questions and answers about strategy.
- The PMI Annual Report 2005, "Common Bonds" is now available online. Look for a print copy with the August issue of PM Network®.
- PMI Professional Awards 2006 Call for Nominations now open.

Guess when PMI's 250,000th member will join.

PMI's 250,000th Member Race is underway and anyone may enter! The individual (member or nonmember) who guesses closest, without exceeding, the date and time that the 250,000th member joins PMI will be the winner. If no one guesses correctly, then the contest winner will be the individual who guesses closest without exceeding the actual time the 250,000th member joins. Visit the contest web page for information on rules, prizes, incentives and information on how members and non-members may enter the race. The sooner you enter, the better your chances to win.

<http://www.pmi.org/prod/groups/public/documents/info/250KMemberRace.asp>



Membership Update

HOORAY! We are above the 300 members count!

The PMI Eastern Iowa Chapter membership stands at **302**, with **163 PMP®s**. Our chapter has representation from 57 companies. The top five are listed below.

- Pearson (132 members, 77 PMPs)
- Rockwell Collins (22 members, 8 PMPs)
- Intermecc Technologies (17 members, 11 PMPs)
- Aegon (10 members, 2 PMPs)
- FPL Energy (9 members, 7 PMPs)

New PMP®s:

Melissa Cantrell, Pearson; Mark Gruca; Wes Mogenhan, Verizon Business; Tracy Montgomery, Siemens VDO; Donna Strottman, Intermecc; Gregory Utech.

New Members:

Craig Baumhover; Brian Brittain, Intermecc; James Hummer, PMP, Pearson; Greg Luse, Rockwell.

Welcome Back:

Kim Braginton, PMP; Dana Moses; Donna Strottman, PMP.

PMI Chapter Transfers:

If you have a need to transfer chapters because you have moved or relocated due to employment location changes, be sure to update your membership data at the PMI global website, www.pmi.org.

PMI Member Contact Updates:

Update your membership data at the PMI global website, www.pmi.org.

Important Notice To All PMI Members

PMI's new Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct becomes effective January 01, 2007. It is applicable to all PMI members and those receiving certification from PMI. Go to the PMI global website and click on *Institute Policies* under *About PMI*.

Web Site Statistics - Top Ten Most Active Pages

Pages by URL	Viewed	Average size	Entry	Exit
index.htm	223	3.16 KB	187	99
calendar.htm	62	21.07 KB	8	20
courses.htm	48	11.94 KB	7	18
contacts.htm	40	12.61 KB	2	21
Membership.htm	25	15.72 KB	1	3
pdu.htm	25	25.55 KB	1	8
jobs.htm	24	3.80 KB	0	7
documents.htm	20	2.86 KB	0	0
newsletter.htm	19	11.27 KB	1	0
progdtdl.htm	16	4.56 KB	1	9

President's Corner - by Bob Sanders, PMP—continued

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- Offered monthly programs and networking opportunities:
 - “Project Cost Management using Earned Value” by Jamie Northrup, PMP
 - “Project Manager as an Entrepreneur” by Laura Walton
 - “Window SharePoint Services Demonstration” by Michael Armstrong and Jan Knott
 - “How to Manage Projects that Primarily Consist of Contractors” by Ryan Gardner
 - “Challenges with Managing Off-Shore Resources” by Muthu Kannan
 - “Real Life Project Management – Round Table Discussion”
 - “Inter-Project Resource Management” by Jamie Northrup, PMP
 - “Politics in Project Management” by Brian Irwin
 - “Accountability Without Blame” by Gale Mote
 - “PMI Eastern Iowa Chapter – 10 Year Celebration” hosted by PMI Volunteers
 - “Conflicts in Project Management” by Brian Irwin
- Presented the value of PMI and the Chapter to a Project Managers Class at New Horizons and John Deere Product/Project Managers Seminar in Waterloo
- Survey membership on program quality, professional development needs, and volunteering opportunities with a total response of 79 members
- Created a Training Policy to address registration, payment, cancellations, refunds, etc.
- Created a Program Sponsorship Contract to be used when vendors sponsor monthly program events
- Planned and hosted the Chapter's 10 Year Celebration Gala in October
- Documented all volunteer position job descriptions and expectations
- Published 11 Chapter Newsletters with content supplied by PMI volunteers
- On-line event registration and payment vendor was approved by the Board and will be implemented in 2007
Windows SharePoint Services was fully implemented for chapter leadership volunteers to collaborate and communicate

Have a happy and safe new year!!!

Bob Sanders, PMP

2006 President, PMI Eastern Iowa Chapter

A PDU's Reminder

Remember Those 2006 PDUs

The calendar year 2006 is now in the past, Our chapter PMPs should review the Continuing Certification Requirements (CCR) program manual (pdf version is available for download) to account for and correctly post their 2006 eligible activities for PDU credits. Go to the PMI global website to find details about the CCR program and manual.

Earning PDUs In 2007

There are many ways in 2007 to earn PDUs to maintain a PMI certification. Attend one or more of our monthly chapter meetings. Sign up and attend one or more of the training opportunities listed in our newsletter each month. Become a PMI global or chapter volunteer. Sign up to give a chapter meeting presentation about your favorite project management topic. See the CCR program manual for many more ideas.

Chapter Sponsored Professional Development (subject to change)

The following chapter sponsored professional development opportunities are available.

Date	Time	Course ID	Cost	PDU's	Location	Title
01/15/07	5:00-9:00 PM	TBD	\$125 PMI Member \$150 Non-Member	4	Kirkwood	Critical Path Project Management Using MS Project

Send questions to director.professional@pmiasterniowa.org.

Priority Management Training Schedule (subject to change)

The following Priority Management sponsored professional development opportunities are available.

Date	Course ID	PDU's	Location	Title
01/25/07	1161-TN070100	7	Web workshop at your desk	Working Smart with Microsoft Outlook
02/20/07	1161-TN070100	7	Web workshop at your desk	Working Smart with Microsoft Outlook
03/20/07	1161-TN070100	7	Web workshop at your desk	Working Smart with Microsoft Outlook
01/25/07	1161-TN070100	7	Web workshop at your desk	Working Smart with Lotus Notes
02/22/07	1161-TN060100	7	Cedar Rapids, IA	Working Smart with Microsoft Outlook
03/27/07 – 03/29/07	1161-PMB00020	21	Cedar Rapids, IA	Project management breakthroughs
03/30/06	1161-TN061161	7	Cedar Rapids, IA	Working smart with ms project
04/20/07	1161-TN070100	7	Web workshop at your desk	Working Smart with Lotus Notes

Please find more details at http://www.prioritymanagement.com/rsmith/workshop_schedule/ or send questions to rsmith@prioritymanagement.com.

New Horizons Training Schedule (subject to change)

The following courses are available at New Horizons of Cedar Rapids in the coming months.

Date	PDU's	Location	Title
02/13/06	6.5	New Horizons	Microsoft Project 2003 – L1
02/14/06	6.5	New Horizons	Microsoft Project 2003 – L2

Visit www.newhorizonscr.com, email events.cedarrapids@newhorizons.com, or call 319-294-9035.

Membership Call For One More Director Volunteer

Our Eastern Iowa Chapter has an immediate need for one member to volunteer for the 2007 Director of Newsletter role. As a 2007 director, you will gain local professional exposure along with helping make the PMI chapter experience richer and more meaningful to you and other members. As a PMP, you will also have the opportunity to earn five (5) PDUs for volunteering. Please contact the VP of Communications and Publicity (see our newsletter contacts page) to make your interest known. If you know of someone else that would be interested, ask them to volunteer.

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The "other contacts" email address for Newsletter Editor is now supported by the Director of Newsletter.

Course Description:

Critical Project Management using MS Project: This course integrates project management theory and practice by introducing project managers to PMI endorsed project planning and critical path execution while teaching students some of Microsoft® Project's more powerful capabilities. The class demonstrates how those capabilities can be used to transform project concepts into a manageable project schedule. It also demonstrates powerful and practical ways to track a schedule. The class is instructor led and includes many hands-on labs. The topics covered in "Critical Path Project Management using MS Project" are as follows:

- Describe and conduct Project Planning and Tracking exercises
- Create a Work Breakdown Structure in MS Project
- Create a Project Network Diagram in MS Project
- Build an MS Project schedule with typical columns based on the Project Network Diagram.
- Identify Critical Path and Critical Dependencies in the schedule
- Execute and Manage a Project Schedule to Critical Path
- Perform corrective action on schedules that get behind on Critical Path execution

Course Date & Location:

January 15 (5:00pm – 9:00pm)
Kirkwood Community College
Nielson Hall Room 212
6301 Kirkwood Blvd. SW
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52406

Instructor:

Jamie Northrup, PMP has served as a Sr. Manager, Program Manager, and Project Manager in the Aerospace Engineering, Telecommunications, and Academic Industries. He is an original OPM3 team member and OPM3 Second Edition Core team member. He is trained in CMMI through the Software Engineering Institute at Carnegie Mellon University and has taught technology classes as an adjunct professor with Kirkwood Community College.

Cost:

The cost of the January 15 "Critical Path Project Management using MS Project" class is \$125.00 for chapter members and \$150.00 for non-chapter members. There are no prerequisites to this course and all of the materials will be provided.

Please mail checks to: P.O. BOX 1811, Cedar Rapids, IA 52401-1811.

This form must be completed, mailed, and received by COB January 8th 2007. In addition to sending in the form please send an e-mail to trainingregistration@pmieasterniowa.org so that we can reserve your seat.

Please forward any questions or concerns to director.professional@pmieasterniowa.org.

Required Sign-up Information		Project Scope / Requirements Management & Change Control	
Name, First, MI, Last:		PMI ID #:	
E-mail:		Phone #:	
Company:			