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## Our Next Chapter Meeting - October 16th

This month's chapter breakfast meeting will be held Tuesday, October 16, 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:** "Communicating for Success in a Global Environment" by Jim Hummer

In a world where project teams are globally distributed and culturally diverse, there are certain assumptions, myths, and bad habits that must be challenged, dispelled, and changed for effective communications to take place.

Our speaker is Jim Hummer, currently Vice President of Organizational Quality for the Assessment and Information group of Pearson. Jim brings over twenty years of international project experience and pragmatic lessons-learned to the subject of global project communication.

Jim has worked as a software engineer, project manager, program manager, CIO, and International Quality Director during a twenty-five year career spanning several industries including electric utilities, air traffic management, heavy equipment manufacturing, and educational assessment. He holds Bachelors and Masters Degrees in computer science, is a certified Project Management Professional (PMI PMP) and Certified Quality Manager (ASQ CQM).

### 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 Discussion
- 8:40 - 9:00 Final announcements and wrap-up

### Our Menu (subject to change):

- Scrambled eggs
- Bacon
- Fresh Fruit
- Coffee / Tea / Milk
- Bottled Juice

**Cost:** \$10.00 to chapter members and \$15.00 for guests.

Please note that the Chapter's attendance policy has changed to include a registration fee for all attendees. This is different from the previous policy of allowing attendees who were not eating to attend free of charge.

If you have not done so already, please RSVP no later than Thursday, October 11th to [programregistration@pmieasterniowa.org](mailto:programregistration@pmieasterniowa.org). Once you send a RSVP, cancellations **must** be sent and received by noon, Monday, October 15th to avoid your being invoiced as a no-show for this chapter event.

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The PMI Eastern Iowa Chapter's annual board election results are in.

Review the 2008 candidate results on page 2.

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## PMI Eastern Iowa Chapter - 2008 BOD Election Results

During early September by electronic ballot and by paper ballot at our September chapter meeting, the 2008 Board of Directors election was held. The results were announced at the September meeting. The results are listed below.

- President, Darin Hart, PMP®
- Vice President Communications and Publicity, Sandy Spengler
- Vice President Finance - Paddy Puthige, PMP®
- Vice President Outreach, David Tominsky
- Vice President Operations, Bhaskar Pulikal, PMP®
- Vice President Education, Jennifer Ruppert, PMP®

Congratulations to the incoming 2008 Board, who will begin their terms starting January 1, 2008.

## Membership Call For 2008 Director Volunteers

Now that the board election results are in, the Eastern Iowa Chapter board members are beginning to look at the 2008 director roles within the chapter's leadership group. At this point, we anticipated needs for member volunteers to serve in 2008 director roles. As a 2008 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.

## PMI Launches Program Management Professional (PgMP<sup>SM</sup>) Credential

The PgMP<sup>SM</sup> credential is PMI's first credential designed to demonstrate project and program management skills. To be eligible for the PgMP<sup>SM</sup> credential, you must meet specific guidelines that objectively measure experience, education and professional knowledge, and undergo a rigorous application process as well as three assessments. You also must agree to adhere to the PMI Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct. The CAPM or PMP credential are not prerequisites for the PgMP<sup>SM</sup> credential.

### Eligibility:

- With a Bachelor's Degree (or a global equivalent): Over the last 15 consecutive years, applicants must have at least four years of project management experience and four years of program management experience.
- Without a Bachelor's Degree (or a global equivalent): Over the last 15 consecutive years, applicants must have at least four years of project management experience and seven years of program management experience.

More information regarding the PgMP<sup>SM</sup> credential is available on the PMI global website, [www.pmi.org](http://www.pmi.org).

## Contest Is Still Going - 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 nonmembers 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>

## Getting To Know Our Chapter Leadership Roles

This newsletter section is dedicated to help our chapter's members and guests become aware of what the chapter's leadership team does. We welcome your comments and questions by email to [communications@pmieasterniowa.org](mailto:communications@pmieasterniowa.org).

This month we are profiling the Director of Certifications, currently staffed by Jim Nicoll, PMP. Jim was asked to provide his thoughts on the Director of Certifications role.

The Chapter Director of Certification's primary responsibility is to be the chapter's point of contact for assistance in achieving the three PMI professional certifications and related renewals. These three PMI certifications are:

- Project Management Professional (PMP®)
- Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM®)
- Program Management Professional (PgMP<sup>SM</sup>) – new on October 1, 2007

This role also helps our members with these certifications to find and to understand the renewal guidelines maintained within the PMI Continuing Certification Requirements (CCR) Handbook. The most current version of the CCR is always available online in the member's career development pages of the PMI global web site ([www.pmi.org](http://www.pmi.org)).

Execution of this director role typically includes the following activities throughout the year:

- Supporting the chapter Board of Directors (specifically the VP of Education) and fellow directors on certification, renewal, and recognition issues for the chapter.
- Responding to requests from chapter officers and the membership regarding questions on PMI certification and renewal requirements and procedures.
- Monitoring membership certification and renewal status according to the Global PMI online master membership database.
- Coordinating and maintaining any chapter certificate holder recognition activities.
- Contributing newsletter articles and website notices as needed to inform the membership of PMI certification and renewal program issues and updates.
- Managing the chapter branded shirts project to include the apparel embroidery designs, taking orders for the shirts, and placing shirt orders with the vendor.

You are always welcome to contact Jim about these certification activities or certification questions. Just send him an email at [certification@pmieasterniowa.org](mailto:certification@pmieasterniowa.org).

## Important Notice To Our Chapter Members

**We need your help today with ensuring your personal member contact details are up to date!**

As a member, you are requested to keep and update personal contact data within the PMI Global membership records. This contact data is made available to our Chapter so that we may update our membership records, including our email distribution listings. If you have not done so for a while, update this data within the [www.pmi.org](http://www.pmi.org) members' area.

To do this, click over to the [www.pmi.org](http://www.pmi.org) site. On the main page, click the "Secure Sign In" button if you have an on-line account or the "Register Now" link if you need to set up an on-line account. Once logged in, click the "My PMI" upper tab item to see all the options for updating your personal contact data. Use the "My PMI" selection box on the left to choose what needs to be reviewed and updated.

Remember: If you are (or intend on) using msn or hotmail for your PMI registered email address, we need for you to choose another email provider. These two providers are troublesome within our chapter email system because of all the SPAM problems we have encountered.

While you are logged in, you may also want to renew your membership online.

Thank you, Doug Williams, PMP, VP of Communications and Publicity

## Chapter Meeting Program Recap - September 11, 2007

**Program:** "Starting with a Healthy Project Plan" by Doug Williams, PMP

Doug provided the chapter meeting with a presentation titled "Starting with a Healthy Project Plan". Doug's presentation included questions and insight, grouped by the PMBOK areas, that should be asked by the one preparing the project plan to ensure successful planning completeness. He noted that the questions provided in the presentation may also be used throughout the project to perform periodic planning health checks.




Attendance: 38

Guests: 05

Walk-ins: 03

No Shows: 03

## Chapter Meetings Schedule (subject to change)

	Date and Time	Location	Topic and Presenter
	October 16 7:30 - 9:00 AM	Clarion Hotel & Convention Center, 525 33rd Ave SW, Cedar Rapids	"Communicating for Success in a Global Environment" by Jim Hummer
	November 13 5:45 - 8:00 PM	TBD, Cedar Rapids	"Energizing Critical Relationships" by Steve Hegele
	December 11 7:30 - 9:00 AM	ACT, Iowa City	"Promise Based Management" by Nick Hoefer

## 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](http://www.pmi.org)) to learn more about PMI news items and events like the following:

- PgMP<sup>SM</sup> Credential Launches 1 October 2007
- New online tool helps PMI members develop a career plan
- PMI hosts SeminarsWorld® in Memphis, TN, USA. 23-24 October
- PMI launches a career path tool for organizations
- Variance Threshold Turns 10! A retrospective of Hatfield irreverence
- PMI's Race to 250,000 Members

**Did you know that you can renew your membership on-line?** Renew your membership on-line today at [www.pmi.org](http://www.pmi.org) by purchasing a membership renewal from the Marketplace pages of the PMI website. This shopping cart approach to membership renewals allows our chapter members to click through the renewal process for both the PMI global and the chapter memberships.

**Do you feel like your project management career track is paused?** Check out the varied career resources made available to you as a member at the Career Development pages on [www.pmi.org](http://www.pmi.org). Registered members can gain access to one or more of the following: Certification & Credentials, Training & Events, PMI-approved Training Providers, Career Framework for Practitioners, and the Job Posting Site. Register and log in today to see more.

## Membership Update

**Remember to send in your membership renewals, either through mail or online.**

The PMI Eastern Iowa Chapter membership stands at **280**, with **142 PMP®s**.

Listed below are the top 5 companies according to membership counts.

Rank	Company	Member Count	PMP Count
1	Pearson	84	48
2	Rockwell Collins	23	11
3	Vangent, Inc.	19	13
4	Intermec Technologies Corporation	17	10
5	Aegon USA	13	3

### **New PMP®s:**

Congratulations to Terry Knecht.

### **New Members:**

Welcome to Patrick Adam and Darwin Weber.

### **Welcome Back:**

Kim Braginton.

### **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](http://www.pmi.org).

### **PMI Member Contact Updates:**

Update your membership data at the PMI global website, [www.pmi.org](http://www.pmi.org).

## Membership Notices

### **Chapter's Attendance Policy**

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### **Remember To Register Your PDUs**

Now that the calendar year 2007 is into the fourth quarter, our chapter members should review and register eligible PDUs at the [www.pmi.org](http://www.pmi.org) website. The Continuing Certification Requirements (CCR) program rules and PDU on-line registration forms can be found in the Career Development pages of the [www.pmi.org](http://www.pmi.org) website.

### **Earning PDUs In 2007 and 2008**

There are many ways in 2007 and 2008 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; there are plenty of volunteer choices to check out. Sign up to give a chapter meeting presentation about your favorite project management topic. See the CCR program manual or contact a chapter board member 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
10/15/07	5-9 pm	C100-3400	125 PMI Member 150 Non-Member	4	Kirkwood	Project Procurement Management
11/19/07	5-9 pm	C100-3500	125 PMI Member 150 Non-Member	4	Kirkwood	Introduction to Project Management
12/17/07	5-9 pm	C100-3600	125 PMI Member 150 Non-Member	4	Kirkwood	Introduction to Program Management

Send questions to [professional@pmieasterniowa.org](mailto:professional@pmieasterniowa.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
10/11/07	1161-TN060100	7	Cedar Rapids, IA	Working Smart with Microsoft Outlook
11/07/07	1161-TN070100	7	Web workshop at your desk	Working Smart with Lotus Notes
11/23/07	1161-TN060100	7	Web workshop at your desk	Working Smart with Microsoft Outlook
12/04/07 – 12/06/07	1161-PMB00020	21	Cedar Rapids, IA	Project management breakthroughs
12/07/06	1161-TN061161	7	Cedar Rapids, IA	Working smart with MS Project
12/11/07	1161-TN060100	7	Web workshop at your desk	Working Smart with Microsoft Outlook

Please find more details at [http://www.prioritymanagement.com/rsmith/workshop\\_schedule/](http://www.prioritymanagement.com/rsmith/workshop_schedule/) or send questions to [rsmith@prioritymanagement.com](mailto: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
10/02/07	6.5	New Horizons	Microsoft Project 2003 – L1
10/03/07	6.5	New Horizons	Microsoft Project 2007 – L2
10/15/07	19.5	New Horizons	Enterprise Project Management 2007
11/01/07	6.5	New Horizons	Microsoft Project 2003 – L1
11/02/07	6.5	New Horizons	Microsoft Project 2003 – L2
11/07/07	19.5	New Horizons	Introduction to Project Management

Visit [www.newhorizonscr.com](http://www.newhorizonscr.com), email [events.cedarrapids@newhorizons.com](mailto:events.cedarrapids@newhorizons.com), or call 319-294-9035.



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Chapter Training Registration	Training Registration	trainingregistration@pmieasterniowa.org
Chapter Website Administrator	Webmaster	webmaster@pmieasterniowa.org



## ***PDU University Series***

(Course Value: 4 PDUs)

## ***Project Procurement Management***

### **Course Description:**

**Project Procurement Management :** This course provides participants a detailed view of the processes used to acquire resources, complete projects, and to ensure fulfillment of requirements. Participants are introduced to the procurement acquisition and contract processes of project management, and to the details on contract administration. A systematic approach will aid students in developing an in-depth understanding of procurement and contracting issues from the standpoint of both buyers and sellers of products and services needed to complete project work. This course is 100% compliant with the Project Management Institute's (PMI's®) current Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK®).

- An Operational Model for Procurement and Contract Management - understand operational definitions, terms, concepts, and techniques
- Contract Selection - evaluate the various types of contracts to determine which will best represent the relationship between the buyer and seller
- Contract Administration - develop a process to maintain the integrity of the buyer-seller engagement; implement a formalized contract change control process
- Procurement & Contract Management Plan Development - create a customized overview plan of participants' processes using statements of work, procurement documents, bidding processes, and state-of-the-art thinking to maximize procurement and contract management results

### **Course Date & Location:**

October 29 (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 October 29, 2007 "Project Procurement Management" 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.

### **Registration:**

To register online, follow this link <https://www.123signup.com/register?id=xsryb>. Upon completion of the registration you will be sent a confirmation email.

Registration for this class must be submitted by COB October 22, 2007.

If you elect to make payment by check, please make checks payable to: PMI, Eastern Iowa Chapter. Bring the check to the class and present to the instructor prior to the start of the class.

Please forward any questions or concerns to [professional@pmieasterniowa.org](mailto:professional@pmieasterniowa.org).