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February brings...



Project Passion!!!

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Our Next Chapter Meeting - February 12th

This month's chapter meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 12th, 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: The program for February 12th is a round table discussion entitled *"Bringing Passion to Your Project"*, presented by Eric McClintock.

Program Abstract:

As the leader of your project, it is up to you to convey a sense of optimism, enthusiasm, and passion. This will reap benefits throughout the project life cycle, not only for your team members, but for your organization and your customer! Together we will explore this idea of Bringing Passion to Your Project.

About the Speaker:

Eric McClintock is a Project Manager for Pearson in Iowa City, within the Assessment and Information group. He is the Director of Programs for PMI-Eastern Iowa Chapter, and he is the Vice President of Education for the North Dodge Toastmasters.

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

Our Menu (subject to change):

- French toast with maple syrup and whipped butter
- Crisp bacon
- Fresh Fruit
- Regular / Decaf Coffee / Hot Tea
- Milk



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 Tuesday, February 5th to programregistration@pmieasterniowa.org. Once you send a RSVP, cancellations **must** be received by **noon**, Monday, February 11th to avoid your being invoiced as a no-show for this chapter event.

Suzanne Prymek, PMP, Director - Logistics 2008, PMI - Eastern Iowa Chapter

President's Corner - by Darin Hart, PMP

Chapter Members and Guests,

This month I thought I would share some points from an article titled "Projecting Passion" written by Alfonso Bucero I recently read in the January edition of the PM Network magazine. You can read the entire article online at http://www.pmnetwork-digital.com/pmnetwork/200801/?sub_id=puGXsH65qK2Q.

The key points from the article:

- Believe in what you do - One of the best ways to engender enthusiasm is to talk about the positive aspects of your project. This will help get people excited about their work and enable that feeling to spread throughout the team.
- Show a sense of urgency - A good way to fire up your team is to create a feeling of importance around project tasks. If there's a lack of passion, institute slightly more ambitious deadlines. Raising the stakes should raise your team's focus and energy.
- Be willing to take on increased responsibilities - The next time someone asks you to help them with a task, go beyond what's required.
- Strive for excellence - Nothing breeds enthusiasm like a job well done. If you've allowed yourself to ease off when it comes to quality standards, redouble efforts to do things according to your highest levels of excellence.

The biggest takeaway I got from this article was the reminder that as a Project Manager not only does your team look to you for leadership and direction but that they also can be energized or de-energized by your behavior.

I also wanted to provide an update that our board and director transitions for 2008 are complete and the team is working to finalize our goals and budget for 2008. Also, since our December meeting was canceled due to weather and I was not able to make the January meeting please look for the presentation of our 2007 Annual Report during the February monthly meeting.

Stay warm and have a great month!

Darin Hart, PMP, 2007-2008 President, PMI Eastern Iowa Chapter



Membership Call For Volunteers

There are still openings for the following positions:

- Director of Marketing
- Director of Technology

BE MORE ACTIVE!!! MEET NEW FRIENDS!!!! NETWORK!!!!


Contact the Director of Volunteers for more information. (see our newsletter contacts page).

Chapter Meeting Program Recap - January 8, 2007

Program: "Applying Reflective Practices to Improve Lessons Learned" by Doug Williams

Doug's presentation asked us to take a look at lessons learned at various milestones throughout the project life cycle, and just not at project closure. Doing so will allow us to make more effective and corrective actions as early as possible. And we must learn to solicit feedback from team members in a constructive and meaningful way by understanding the various 'hats' team members wear.

Chapter Meetings Schedule (subject to change)



Date and Time	Location	Topic and Presenter
February 12, 2008	Clarion Hotel & Convention Center, 525 33rd Ave SW, Cedar Rapids	"Bringing Passion to Your Project" Round Table facilitated by Eric McClintock
March 11, 2008 TBD	TBD	TBD
April 8, 2008	ACT ACT Drive Iowa City, IA 52243-0168	"Promise Based Management" by Nick Hoefer

Membership Update -Remember to send in your membership renewals, either through mail or online.

The PMI Eastern Iowa Chapter membership stands at **280**, with **148 PMP®s** and **1 CAPM®**.

New PMP®s

N/A

New Members

Welcome Doug Arens, Shawn McGowan, Michael Psiropoulos and James Schluter.

Welcome Back

Jeff Clauson, Stephen Logue, Benjamin Robertson

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.

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

Rank	Company	Member Count	PMP Count
1	Pearson	80	51
2	Vangent, Inc.	20	14
3	Intermec Technologies Corporation	14	10
4	Rockwell Collins	14	8
5	Aegon USA	11	4

Certification Tips - Reporting PMI Eastern Iowa Chapter Meeting Attendance for PMP PDUs

Note that the PMI Eastern Iowa Chapter does not track PMP meeting attendance for purposes of PMP PDU reporting. As with all PDU reporting, this is up to the individual.

However, it is handy to print the current table of chapter meetings from the Eastern Iowa Chapter site prior to going to the PMI site.

Open the Eastern Iowa Chapter website: <http://pmieasterniowa.org>

In the list of menus on the left side of the home page, click on **Calendar**.

On the Calendar screen, scroll down and click on the **Calendar Archive** to display the Past Chapter Meetings table that you can print: http://pmieasterniowa.org/calendar_archive.htm

Now go to the Global PMI home page at www.pmi.org: <http://www.pmi.org/Pages/default.aspx>

At the upper left corner of the screen, click on **"Secure Sign In"**

On the **"Enter Username and Password"** screen enter your:

- PMI Membership Number
- PMI Password (assigned by PMI when you received your membership/renewal)

Click on **"Log In"**

Once logged into PMI as a member, go to the left side of the screen in your **"Certification Status"** block and click on **"View PDUs"**.

On the PMP login screen called **"Continuing Certification Requirements Online PDU Resources"**, login as a PMP member with your:

- PMI Membership Number
- PMP Certification Number
- PMP Password (the first four (4) characters of your last name)
- Click on radio button **"PMI PDU Self Report Form"**

Click on **"LOGIN"**

This brings up the **"PMP Activity Report"** screen which asks **"What activity do you wish to claim?"**.

Click on the down arrow and select **"PDU Category 3"** from the list and proceed to enter your chapter meeting data. Continue claiming each Chapter Meeting in the same way until they are all recorded.

Important Notes on Date Formatting:

For PMP PDU online activity reporting, PMI uses the international date format: DD/MM/YYYY.

Example: the first Fourth of July in the U.S. was 04/07/1776 in the international date format.

DD/MM/YYYY - The international format for dates, which PMI uses for PDU reporting.

MM/DD/YYYY - The U.S.A. format for dates must be converted to the international format.



Pictured left: Doug Williams presenting at the January PMI meeting.

Pictured right: Jennifer Ruppert, VP of Education, sharing breakfast with Eric McClintock, Director of Programs, during the January PMI meeting.



Chapter Sponsored Professional Development (subject to change)

The following chapter sponsored professional development opportunities are available.

Date	Time	Cost	PDU's	Location	Title
02/18/08	5-9 pm	125 PMI Member 150 Non-Member	4	Kirkwood	Project Cost Management
03/17/08	5-9 pm	125 PMI Member 150 Non-Member	4	Kirkwood	Project Scope and Requirements Management
04/14/08	5-9 pm	125 PMI Member 150 Non-Member	4	Kirkwood	PMO Portfolio Management and Organizational Project Management Governance
05/19/08	5-9 pm	125 PMI Member 150 Non-Member	4	Kirkwood	Lean Project Management

Note that these chapter sponsored courses are being offered from a non-REP (Registered Educational Provider). PDU's are earned based on the category 4 description maintained within the CCR program manual.

Send Chapter Sponsored Professional Development questions and ideas to 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
02/20/08	1161-TN060100	7	Web workshop at your desk	Working Smart with Microsoft Outlook
03/27/08	1161-TN060100	7	Web workshop at your desk	Working Smart with Microsoft Outlook
04/22/08	1161-TN060100	7	Web workshop at your desk	Working Smart with Microsoft Outlook
05/22/08	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/ 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
02/11/08	19.5	New Horizons	Project Management for Professionals Exam Preparation
02/27/08	6.5	New Horizons	Microsoft Project 2003 – L1
02/28/08	6.5	New Horizons	Microsoft Project 2003 – L2
03/10/08	19.5	New Horizons	Introduction to Project Management

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

PMI - Eastern Iowa Chapter Contacts

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Chapter Training Registration	Training Registration	Email replaced with online registration.
Chapter Website Administrator	Webmaster	Contact Director of Website instead.



PDU University Series

(Course Value: 4 PDUs)

Project Cost and Earned Value Management Workshop

Course Description:

Project Cost and Earned Value Management Workshop: This course examines project costing by providing participants with cost estimation techniques and tools to manage project cost. It demonstrates how resource planning, cost estimating, cost budgeting, and cost control are applied to ensure that a project is completed within the approved budget and schedule. Participants will also become familiarized with a number of powerful cost management tools that will allow them to forecast and influence future project cost success. Included in the class are a number of real world exercises that take you from cost estimation at the beginning of a project through the challenges of ongoing cost management throughout the project. After completing this course, participants will understand the following:

- Analogous, Parametric, and Bottom-up Estimating - how to use information from previous projects, industry standards, and the WBS to estimate costs for a new project
- Life-Cycle Costing - how to estimate the costs of long-term and multi-year projects Time-Phased Budgeting - how to prepare a project cost baseline that will be used to measure and monitor cost performance during project execution
- Earned Value Project Management – a better cost management methodology
- Return on Investment (ROI), Net Present Value (NPV), Discounted Cash Flows (DCF), Investment Payback Analysis (IPA), Internal Rate of Return (IRR)

Course Date & Location:

February 18 (5:00pm – 9:00pm)
Kirkwood Community College
Nielsen Hall Room 115
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 February 18 “**Project Cost and Earned Value Management Workshop**” 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 follow this link <https://www.123signup.com/register?id=tfpkg>. Upon completion of the registration you will be sent a confirmation email. Registration for this class must be submitted by **COB February 11, 2008**.

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.



11th Annual IEEE Cedar Rapids Section Professional Development Conference

"Next Generation Leadership"

Tuesday, April 29, 2008
Marriott Hotel and Conference Center
1200 Collins Rd. NE, Cedar Rapids

Diversity Leadership • Project Management

Plan to attend the Eleventh Annual IEEE Cedar Rapids Section professional development conference, **ProCon 2008**, to be held **Tuesday, April 29, 2008**, at the Marriott Hotel in Cedar Rapids. This one-day, two track regional event is great for all business professionals, including engineers, project managers, technical professionals and other business leaders.

This year's topics include **Diversity Leadership** with Dr. Harold "Bud" Belcher from Prism International and **Project Management** with Cinda Voegtli President, Emrend Inc. and ProjectConnections.com. Bud and Cinda both have significant experience presenting these topics. Bud presented last summer in Cedar Rapids at Rockwell Collins and at a Diverse Leadership Conference sponsored by Diversity Focus. Cinda presented topics on Project Management for IEEE ProCon 2001.

Mark your calendar and watch for more information to come. Look for updates at www.ieee-cr-section.org. PDU & PDH credits will apply.

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