



Building professionalism in project management.™

Project Management Institute
Eastern Iowa Chapter

100's NUGGET

2008 Issue 07

July 2008

P.O. Box 1811
Cedar Rapids, IA 52406-1811

<http://www.pmieasterniowa.org>
communications@pmieasterniowa

July brings...



**Saying afloat
with Project
Management!**

Inside this issue:

Special Article	2
Chapter Meetings	4
Membership Update	4
Training Schedules	6
Chapter Contacts	7

Our Next Chapter Meeting - July 8th

This month's chapter meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 8th, 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 July 8th is a presentation entitled **'Leading Leaders: Cultivating Leadership Skills in Your Team'**, presented by Janet Godwin. This presentation will provide you tips and tricks for building successful project teams by fostering leadership skills in all team members.

About the Speaker: Janet Godwin is the Assistant Vice President of Contract Operations at ACT of Iowa City. Her current focus of work is geared toward successfully coordinating the delivery of large scale, complex programs to customers in the state testing arena. Other past experiences include leading project managers and business analysts working on the implementation of software solutions, including the integration of enterprise systems such as Oracle E-Business Suite.

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):

- English Muffin Sandwich w Eggs and 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 July 3rd to programregistration@pmieasterniowa.org. Once you send a RSVP, cancellations **must** be received by **noon**, Monday, July 7th to avoid your being invoiced as a no-show for this chapter event.

Muthuraman M, PMP, Director of Logistics
PMI Eastern Iowa Chapter

PMI's PDU Secrets

By Cornelius Fichtner, PMP

A project manager has to be many things. To name just a few, a PM has to be a great communicator, a leader, a visionary, and be able to both build and inspire the team. First and foremost, however, a project manager has to be proactive. We employ strategies to plan the future in order to proactively minimize risk on our projects so that we can deliver on time and on budget. Why then is it that when November comes around you can hear a collective groan rise from the worldwide community of PMPs as they ask, where they could quickly get 20, 30 or even 40 or more PDUs before the year is through? Is this simply a case of the cobbler's children having no shoes? No. I think that this is an acute case of the PMP community not even trying to proactively understand the PMI's recertification requirements. I am writing this in May of 2008, there are seven more months in the year, and I want to help you understand how you can very easily gain all the PDUs you need before the year is through.

The authoritative source when it comes to your PMP recertification is the PMI's *Continuing Certification Requirements Handbook*. This 10-page document can be found on www.pmi.org in the *Career Development* section. It contains everything you need to know about your recertification. Like so many PMI documents, it is (a) very well hidden on their website and (b) rather dry and needs some explaining. In a nutshell, you can gain PDUs in five categories and I will highlight them today to show you how easy it is.

Category 1 is called Formal Academic Education. If you are currently enrolled in an academic course that includes classes on project and/or program management then you can claim 15 PDUs for a typical 15-week semester. To calculate Category 1 PDUs I recommend that you speak with your university as well as the PMI to ensure that you claim the correct amount.

Category 2 offers a number of opportunities to claim PDUs based on your Professional Activities and Self-Directed Learning. There are many sub-categories that make collecting PDUs easy. Here are four examples:

- Claim up to 40 PDUs for authoring a book.
 - If you work 1,500 hours per year as a project manager, you can claim up to 15 PDUs. Yes, you get PDUs just for *being* a PM.
 - Teaching a project management course gives up to 10 PDUs
- Be a speaker at your local PMI chapter dinner meeting and claim 5 PDUs.

The absolute easiest way to claim PDUs in this category, however, is the sub-category for Self Directed Learning. Here you can claim another 15 PDUs for a number of simple, self-study activities. The ones that I recommend are to read a project management book or - even better - listen to a project management Podcast. You can find free Podcasts at www.thepmpodcast.com or www.controllingchaos.com.

This brings us to Category 3, which refers to attending educational programs offered by one of PMI's many Registered Education Providers (REP). A cost effective way is to talk to your local PMI chapter. Most offer a monthly dinner meeting (1 PDU) or monthly seminars (1 PDU per seminar hour) at a very low cost to you. Some PMI Chapters and PMI Specific Interest Groups (SIGs) even offer online webinars with PDUs. And then, there are of course hundreds of training companies that have the REP status and offer qualifying in-person and online classes.

You also receive 1 PDU for each hour attending project management related trainings by non PMI REPs. This is part of Category 4: Other Providers. For example: if your employer offers internal project manage-

ment training then you can claim 1 PDU for each hour. This is true for almost any PM related seminar. Keep all your receipts and documentation on the topics discussed in the class just in case the PMI audits you.

And finally, there is Category 5: Volunteer Service for your PMI Chapter. Granted, this category will not make you "PDU rich" but volunteering is extremely rewarding. The maximum number of PDUs in this category is 10 PDUs for elected officials and 5 PDUs for regular volunteer. So the main goal of volunteering for the chapter is clearly not gaining PDUs. The more important reasons are networking with your peers, being involved in local PM community and learning about all the PDU offerings that your chapter has. For me personally, the PDUs that I receive for volunteering in my chapter are the most gratifying and the most satisfying PDUs of them all. So contact your membership director and ask about the available opportunities.

By following the ideas outlined in this article you can gain all the PDUs you need in just a few months. It really is that easy. The trick is to know that you have a multitude of ways available to you. So be proactive and start earning your PDUs today!

About the author: Cornelius Fichtner, PMP is an international project manager and noted PMP expert. He is the host of The PM Podcast at www.thepmpodcast.com where you can hear his free interviews with project management experts from around the world. His PM PrepCast at www.pm-prepcast.com has also helped over 2,000 project managers to prepare for the PMP exam. Please send your comments to pm@pm-prepcast.com.



Ken Kobell, PMP,
speaking at the June
PMI meeting.



Muthu M., PMP,
Director of Logistics




PMI members enjoying breakfast at the June meeting.

Chapter Meeting Program Recap - June 10th,

The June 10th meeting was held at the Clarion Hotel and Convention Center in Cedar Rapids. Ken Kobell, PMP, Director of the Enterprise Solutions Office for the Assessment and Information group at Pearson Education, presented, "Progressive Program Management Maturity – When Good Enough is Really Good Enough." Ken provided an overview of project management deliverables such as the Work Breakdown Structure and what level of detail should be provided.

Chapter Meetings Schedule (subject to change)



Date and Time	Location	Topic and Presenter
July 8th, 2008	Clarion Hotel & Convention Center, 525 33rd Ave SW, Cedar Rapids	"Leadership Skills" by Janet Godwin
August 12th, 2008	Clarion Hotel & Convention Center, 525 33rd Ave SW, Cedar Rapids	"Better Presentations 101" by Mark Latta
September 9th, 2008	Clarion Hotel & Convention Center, 525 33rd Ave SW, Cedar Rapids	"Project Management in Large-Scale Planning and Delivery" by Melissa Cantrell

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

The PMI Eastern Iowa Chapter membership stands at **285**, with **149 PMP®s** and **1 CAPM®**.

New PMP®s

N/A

New Members

Welcome - Brian Anderson, PMP, Pearson; Darren Bass, PMP; and Tim Colvin, Vangent.

Welcome Back— Daniel Smith, Rockwell

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	79	50
2	Vangent, Inc.	24	15
3	Intermec Technologies Corporation	17	12
4	Rockwell Collins	12	10
5	ACT	12	3

Mark your Calendars!

Eastern Iowa's Inaugural Professional Development Day November 6th, 2008

Celebrate International Project Management Week with a full-day event created to promote the project management profession. The conference will offer an assortment of topics that will be of interest and benefit to all levels of project management professionals.

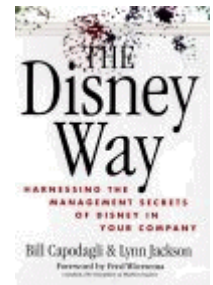
- Location:** Marriott Coralville Hotel & Conference Center
300 East 9th Street
Coralville, Iowa 52241
(319) 688-4000
[Hotel Info](#)
Special Room Rate of \$109/night + taxes & fees (Until reserved block of rooms are sold out)
- Date:** November 6, 2008
- Time:** 8:30 am – 4:30 pm (Registration begins at 7:30 am)
- Fee:** \$199 per PMI Member
\$239 per Non-PMI Member
- Registration:** <https://www.123signup.com/register?id=tvbvn>

Please direct any questions to our Professional Development Day email account at PDD2008@pmieasterniowa.org

Eastern Iowa's Inaugural Professional Development Day November 6th, 2008



Keynote Speaker: Bill Capodagli



With nearly three decades of management consulting and corporate research expertise, Bill Capodagli (pronounced Cap-o-die) co-authored ***The Disney Way: Harnessing the Management Secrets of Disney in Your Company***, one of ***Fortune*** Magazine's "Best Business Books." Bill is currently the most requested speaker on Walt Disney's original success and leadership principles in the U.S. ***The Disney Way*** is currently published in eight languages.

Bill's latest book, ***Leading at the Speed of Change: Using New Economy Rules to Transform Old Economy Companies***, was cited as becoming one of Amazon.com's best-selling business books of 2001. This landmark book is the behind-the-scenes story of the creation and fast-track growth of AT&T's networking division, AT&T Solutions. ***Leading at the Speed of Change*** provides a template for companies striving to rethink, redesign, and reengineer their operations to meet the changing demands and opportunities of the new Internet economy.

Prior to co-founding Capodagli Jackson Consulting in 1993, Bill held managerial positions at the consulting firms of AT Kearney, Ernst & Whinney (now Ernst and Young) and Coopers & Lybrand. Bill served on the Extended Services faculty of the University of Southern Indiana from 1991-1993 and presented the ***Disney Way*** principles to a vast client base.

Chapter Sponsored Professional Development (subject to change)

The following chapter sponsored professional development opportunities are available. Note that these chapter sponsored courses are being offered from a non-REP (Registered Educational Provider).

Date	Time	PDU	Location	Title
07/14/08	5:00—9:00 pm	4	Kirkwood	Project Communications Management and Performance Reporting
08/18/08	5:00—9:00 pm	4	Kirkwood	Project Resource Management and Soft Skills
09/15/08	5:00—9:00 pm	4	Kirkwood	Six Sigma Project Quality Management
10/13/08	5:00—9:00 pm	4	Kirkwood	Project Procurement and Vendor Management

Priority Management Training Schedule (subject to change)

The following Priority Management sponsored professional development opportunities are available. Please find more details at http://www.prioritymanagement.com/rsmith/workshop_schedule/ or send questions to rsmith@prioritymanagement.com.

Date	Course ID	PDU's	Location	Title
07/22/08	1161-TN060100	7	Web workshop at your desk	Working Smart with Microsoft Outlook
08/19/08	1161-TN060100	7	Web workshop at your desk	Working Smart with Microsoft Outlook
09/22/08	1161-TN070100	7	Web workshop at your desk	Working Smart with LotusNotes
09/22/08	1161-TN060100	7	Web workshop at your desk	Working Smart with Microsoft Outlook

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
08/23/08	7	New Horizons	Project 2003
08/18/08	40	New Horizons	PMP Exam Prep

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

PMI - Eastern Iowa Chapter Contacts

2008 Board of Directors

President	Darin Hart, PMP	president@pmieasterniowa.org
VP of Communications and Publicity	Sandra Spengler	communications@pmieasterniowa.org
VP of Education	Jennifer Ruppert, PMP	education@pmieasterniowa.org
VP of Finance	Paddy Puthige, PMP	financial@pmieasterniowa.org
VP of Operations	Bhaskar Pulikal, PMP	operations@pmieasterniowa.org
VP of Outreach	David S Tominsky	outreach@pmieasterniowa.org
Past President	Bob Sanders, PMP	pastpresident@pmieasterniowa.org

2008 Directors

Director At-Large	Thom Lusardi, PMP	atlarge@pmieasterniowa.org
Director of Certifications	Jim Nicoll, PMP	certification@pmieasterniowa.org
Director of Corporate Outreach	Steve Sawyer, PMP	corpoutreach@pmieasterniowa.org
Director of Individual Outreach	Ray Kratville, PMP	indoutreach@pmieasterniowa.org
Director of University Outreach	Lisa Howard, PMP	unioutreach@pmieasterniowa.org
Director of Logistics	Muthuraman M, PMP	logistics@pmieasterniowa.org
Director of Marketing	Open	marketing@pmieasterniowa.org
Director of Member Relations	Glenda Dixon, PMP	membership@pmieasterniowa.org
Director of Newsletter	Tammy Sweat, PMP	newsletter@pmieasterniowa.org
Director of Professional Development	Barry Ehrig, PMP	professional@pmieasterniowa.org
Director of Programs	Suzanne Prymek, PMP	programs@pmieasterniowa.org
Director of Technology	Open	technology@pmieasterniowa.org
Director of Volunteers	Angie Zimmerman, PMP	volunteers@pmieasterniowa.org
Director of Website	Terry Silberger	website@pmieasterniowa.org

Other Contacts

Chapter Monthly Program Registration	Program Registration	programregistration@pmieasterniowa.org
Chapter Training Registration	Training Registration	Email replaced with online registration.
Chapter Website Administrator	Webmaster	Contact Director of Website instead.

