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Our Next Chapter Meeting - September 9th

This month's chapter meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 9th, 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 September 9th is a presentation entitled ***"On the Brink! Tips and Techniques for Turning Around a Troubled Program"***, presented by Melissa Cantrell.

About the Program: Programs on the brink pose significant risks to organizations. In today's economy, organizations must compete with razor-thin margins to win contracts. If the contract is fixed-price, key challenges of program managers are to meet all contractual commitments; successfully balance the "triple constraint:" cost, quality, and timeliness; while at the same time keeping an eye on the needs of the organization's primary constituents.

About the Speaker: Melissa Cantrell, MBA, PMP, CCSP, is a veteran program management professional with more than 20 years of hands-on experience. Ms. Cantrell has extensive background in Federal and state government contracting, particularly with firm fixed-price, indefinite delivery/indefinite quantity (IDIQ) contracts, supporting agencies such as the U.S. Department of Education, Transportation Security Administration, and state departments of education.

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 September 4th to programregistration@pmieasterniowa.org. Once you send a RSVP, cancellations **must** be received by **noon**, Monday, September 8th to avoid your being invoiced as a no-show for this chapter event.

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

Share Your Skills and Benefit our Community!

Leslie Wright, Director of Community Impact with the United Way of East Central Iowa, is in need of volunteers to help assist her in developing project management plans for her organization.

She is the chairperson for the LALTRC Steering Committee and she needs help in developing project plans for this effort. Today, this coalition involves 72 local organizations and is responsible for 8 sub-groups that handle specific aspects of the long term recovery of our community. Her most immediate needs are obtaining a PM Coach to help develop project plans in the areas of Volunteer Coordination, Construction Coordination, and Case Advocacy.

If you are interested, please contact David Tominsky at outreach@pmieasterniowa.org.

Permanent Name Badges for Members

Are you interested in having a permanent name badge to wear at PMI events? The board is offering magnetic name badges available to our members at \$8.50 prepaid. An initial order will be placed on September 15th, for every member who has prepaid his or her order, and provided the information to be printed on the badge.

Two lines of print can be accommodated. There is no limit to the number of characters per line – longer names will be printed in smaller font. Three options will be available:

Option 1: Line 1: Member Name, PMP® Line 2: Member since 19xx

Option 2: Line 1: Member Name, PMP® Line 2: Company Name

Option 3: Member Name, PMP®

Note: CAPM, PgMP, PMI-SP and PMI-RMP can be substituted for PMP

Send an email to membership@pmieasterniowa.org indicating the information you want printed on your badge. Make your check payable to PMI Eastern Iowa Chapter and bring to a chapter event or mail to PMI Member Badge, PO Box 1811, Cedar Rapids, IA 52401-1811.

Badges will not be ordered until payment has been received.

Badges will not be mailed to individuals, but must be picked up at a chapter event.

November Meeting Cancelled

Note: Due to the PDD event scheduled in November, the regular monthly meeting will not be held.

PMI Eastern Iowa Chapter - 2009 BOD Candidates

President – Paddy Puthige, PMP®

Paddy Puthige has over 15 years of experience in the Information Technology and Project management area. Currently Paddy is an IT Project Manager at Rockwell Collins. Prior to this, Paddy has worked for Pearson Educational Measurement and MCI. Paddy has an Engineering Degree and a MBA from University of Iowa.

Paddy Puthige has received Project Management Professional (PMP®) certification from Project Management Institute (PMI) in 2002. In addition to his involvement in the local chapter, Paddy is the core team member of Professional Development Symposiums (PDS) organized by PMI-ISSIG. Paddy has provided volunteer support for this event for 2007 and 2008. Paddy will also be providing support as core team member of the 'Sessions Team' in 2009. Paddy has attended multiple Region 2 (consortium of Midwest PMI chapters) meetings and national PMI leadership meetings.

As President of the Eastern Iowa PMI Chapter, Paddy's goal is to provide overall leadership to the board and chapter volunteers. Paddy will do this by leveraging his skills and experience in managing chapter affairs and also tapping into the large PMI resource network that he has around the country. Paddy's main focus for 2009 would be to maximize membership value and promote PMI within the Eastern Iowa area.

VP Outreach – David Tominsky

David Tominsky has 9 years of experience in the technology execution business. He is currently employed at TEKsystems, one of the nation's largest single source providers of information technology and communications staffing and services, and a provider of more than 20,000 professionals to client locations every day. As an Account Manager at TEKsystems, David's responsibilities include business development for staffing services and education services.

Over the past year, David has been an active member of the Professional Development Day committee to bring our chapter its first PDD that will be held in November 2008. His core responsibility on this committee has been crafting our sponsorship strategy. As the incumbent Vice President of Outreach he has continued to build on the foundation originally crafted by the Board and Dale Moore: to lead a team responsible for reaching out to area academic institutions such as Kirkwood and Mount Mercy, pursuing community outreach programs like the United Way and Cedar Rapids flood recovery efforts, and working with out existing membership to find ways to increase our visibility within our area employers. Currently David is actively involved in working with PMI chapters in our region to expand outreach programs across multiple chapters.

VP Finance - TBD

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VP Operations – Bhaskar Pulikal, PMP®

Bhaskar Pulikal has more than 20 years of experience in IT and Project Management in Banking, Finance and Telecommunication areas. Bhaskar started his career with a Management role in Reserve Bank of India and has worked in senior positions for over 15 years. For the last 10 years he has been working for Verizon Business (formerly MCI). He is a Senior Project Manager for large IT projects that address the billing needs of Fortune 100 companies served by VerizonBusiness.

Bhaskar did his Masters in Indian Institute for Technology. He started his pursuit of MBA degree with University of Cincinnati and completed it by graduating from University of Iowa in 2002. He has certifications in Project Management (PMP) and also in Information Systems Audit (CISA). Bhaskar had served the Chapter as Director of Logistics, Individual Outreach and is currently VP of Operations. His goal next year is to make the attendance of chapter meetings and other events a rewarding experience. He will also work with the Board on any initiatives that would need logistical or membership support.

VP Communications and Publicity – Tammy Sweat, PMP®

Tammy Sweat has over twenty years of IT project management experience. Tammy is currently a Lead Engineer at ACT, implementing ITIL best practices within IT. Tammy received her ITIL foundation certificate in 2007. Tammy is also responsible for upgrading the Service Desk software and ACT's monitoring systems. Prior to this, Tammy was a Process Engineer at Pearson who wrote and implemented best practices for project managers. Tammy also worked at Pearson as a Software Developer, leading large scale state assessment projects. In this role Tammy was responsible for the scheduling and delivery of all software products designed to meet the state's requirements.

Tammy received her Master of Science in Project Management from the University of Wisconsin in 2006. She obtained her PMP® certification in 2001. Tammy is currently the Director of Newsletter for the PMI Eastern Iowa Chapter for 2008. In 2007 she served as the Director of Programs.

As VP of Communications and Publicity, Tammy will strengthen the chapter's website by working with the Director of Website to come up with alternative technologies that would allow easier maintainability. Tammy will also work to strengthen communication within the Board of Directors which will then carry over to all members of the chapter.

VP Education – Suzanne Prymek, PMP®

Suzanne Prymek has twelve years of project management experience, including planning and executing large scale complex contracts and programs. Suzanne is currently a Senior Program Support Specialist at Rockwell Collins in the Government Systems, providing support to newly formed teams with pre execution program planning and proposal support. Prior to this, Suzanne was a Lead Business Analyst at ACT where she was responsible for the oversight of projects and programs within the IT organization. Suzanne also worked as a Project Manager at Pearson where she was responsible for the planning and execution of large scale state testing programs and working with clients to ensure all contract deliverables were agreed upon and delivered according to contracts.


Suzanne is currently the Director of Programs for the PMI Eastern Iowa Chapter for 2008. Her goal it to streamline the certification, training and programs offered by the PMI Eastern Iowa Chapter to ensure quality programs are meeting the needs of the chapter members. She will also work with the Director of Programs, Director of Professional Development, and the Director of Certification to help secure speakers and provide additional training opportunities that are of interest to our chapter members.

Suzanne received her Bachelor's of Science in Business from Mount Mercy College in 2006. She also received her PMP® in August of 2005.

Chapter Meeting Program Recap - August 12th, 2008

The August 12th meeting was held at the Marriott in Cedar Rapids. Mark Latta presented **"Better Presentations 101"**. Mark provided an overview of how to create and present outstanding presentations. The audience has asked Mark to come back to present Better Presentations 102!

Chapter Meetings Schedule (subject to change)



Date and Time	Location	Topic and Presenter
September 9th, 2008	Clarion Hotel & Convention Center, 525 33rd Ave SW, Cedar Rapids	"On the Brink! Tips and Techniques for Turning Around a Troubled Program" by Melissa Cantrell
October 14th, 2008	ACT Dining Center Iowa City, IA	"Implementing Project Management at a Company", by Art Peters.
November—Regular Meeting Cancelled due to PDD Event		

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

The PMI Eastern Iowa Chapter membership stands at **280**, with **145 PMP®s** and **1 CAPM®**.

New PMP®s

N/A

New Members

Welcome New Members: Kimberly Bauer Reid, Pearson; Jason Clothier, Pearson; Barb Duke, PMP, SPARQ; Ravi Jain, Commercial Systems; Jim Loehrlein; Trevor Sheeley; Devendra Shrikhande, Geonetric; Rick Thompson, Pearson; Danielle Wepking, EHA.

Welcome Back: William Ross, Wells Fargo Financial.

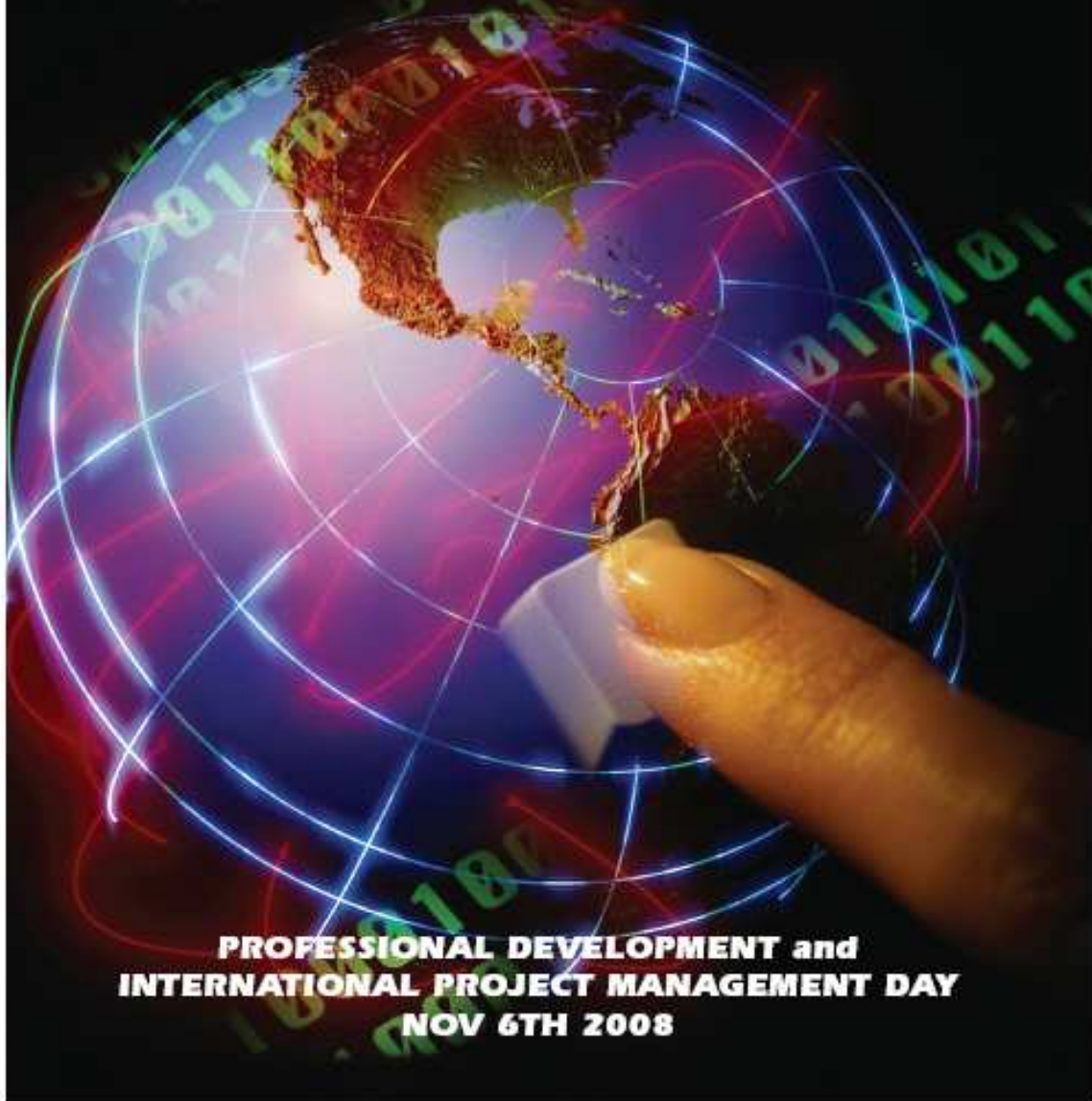
PMI Chapter Transfers

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	82	45
2	Rockwell Collins	25	14
3	Vangent, Inc.	18	12
4	Aegon	13	5
5	Intermec Technologies Corporation	10	6

PMI Eastern Iowa conference theme deals with Leadership in a changing global workplace. The conference offers a medley of topics that will be of interest and beneficial at all levels for project management professionals.



**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT and
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Keynote Speaker
Bill Capodagli Author, *Leading at the Speed of Change & The Disney Way: Harnessing the Management Secrets of Disney in Your Company.* ■ Customer Service and Leadership the Disney Way



Nick Hoefer
VP Client Engagement
■ How to get people to do things:
The key to effective teams



Mark Swiderski,
PMP ■ Avoiding Problems with
Project Management Methodology
Changes



Marty Christensen
■ Agile Project Management and
Software Development:
More Ways to get the Work
Done Right

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Check-in Nov. 6th begins at 7:30AM
Breakfast from 8:00AM until 9:00AM
Program begins 9:00AM, Lunch 12:00 – 1:00PM
Two speakers in the morning session.
Two speakers in the afternoon session.

Registration Fees

	Early Bird	After Oct 1 st
PMI members.....	\$199	\$229
Non-members.....	\$239	\$259
Fulltime Students.....	\$99	\$119

Register online at:
<https://www.123signup.com/register?id=tblvbn>
Contact us: PDD2008@pmieasterniowa.org



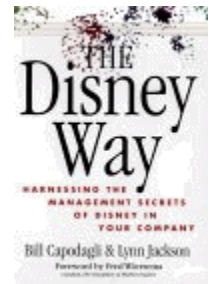
Nov. 6, 2008



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). Send Chapter Sponsored Professional Development questions and ideas to professional@pmieasterniowa.org.

Date	Time	Course ID	Cost	PDU(s)	Location	Title
9/15/08	5-9 pm	C100-3300	125 PMI Member 150 Non-Member	4	Kirkwood	Six Sigma Project Quality Management
10/13/08	5-9 pm	C100-3400	125 PMI Member 150 Non-Member	4	Kirkwood	Strategic Planning for Project Managers
11/17/08	5-9 pm	C100-3600	125 PMI Member 150 Non-Member	4	Kirkwood	Establishing a Culture of Project Management Execution
12/15/08	5-9 pm	C100-2600	125 PMI Member 150 Non-Member	4	Kirkwood	Operations Management for Project Managers

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
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
10/21/08	1161-TN060100	7	Web workshop at your desk	Working Smart with Microsoft Outlook
11/18/08	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
09/15/08	6.5	New Horizons	Microsoft Project 2003—L1
09/16/08	6.5	New Horizons	Microsoft Project 2003—L2
09/22/08	6.5	New Horizons	Project Management Fundamentals
10/08/08	19.5	New Horizons	Introduction to Project Management

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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.



Course Description:

Six Sigma Project Quality Management: This course empowers project managers to become project quality management leaders in their organizations. It gives them the tools they need to effectively manage project quality from the onset of the project. Participants will learn to employ tools from the "Six Sigma Toolbox" like histograms, fishbone diagrams, SPC charts, etc. They will learn to plan for early project defect detection and employ strategies, tools, and techniques for conducting work product Peer Reviews. Included in the course are a number of real world exercises that take you from defect identification, rework, and closeout, to defect prevention. Participants will practice a proactive approach to quality management. In this class participants will learn:

- World class tools used in project quality management
- Proactive planning for project and product quality
- Develop Six Sigma Quality measures for the 9 Project Management Knowledge areas (Scope, Cost, Risk, etc.)
- Employ "Six Sigma Toolbox" tools like histograms, fishbone diagrams, SPC charts, etc.
- Provide organizational project overviews for quality expectation communication
- Conduct work product peer reviews and quality audits
- Rework project management processes (and the product) based on quality findings
- Learn best practices for project defect prevention

Course Date & Location:

September 15 (5:00pm – 9:00pm)
Kirkwood Community College
Nielson Hall Room 224
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 September 15 "**Six Sigma Project Quality 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 follow this link <https://www.123signup.com/register?id=tpjhd>. Upon completion of the registration you will be sent a confirmation email. Registration for this class must be submitted by **COB September 10, 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.**



PDD 2008

PMI-Central Iowa Chapter

Professional Development Day

Fields of Opportunities

The Central Iowa Chapter of PMI is once again proud to provide an opportunity for the advancement of your knowledge and skill set by offering a one-day event geared towards people whose responsibilities may include the management of other people, projects, or the people who manage projects. This event is offered yearly and is considered one of the premier PMI chapter sponsored events in the Midwest, if not the entire country. Last year over 500 people attended this event and that many or more are expected this year.

Morning – David Maxfield

New York Times bestselling author David Maxfield draws on 25 years of leadership achievements ranging from successful research projects to impressive culture change outcomes-and more than 500 audiences to date. His expertise extends from performance improvement to conflict management. David delivers topics grounded in solid research and application and connects with his audience through engaging stories and captivating examples. www.davidmaxfield.com

Lunch – Chad Hymas

Each of us faces challenges in life--but some may say Chad Hymas has a bigger hill to climb than most. This is his story from the farm to physical and mental triumphs. Conquer the emotional paralysis that robs vision and momentum. Turn obstacles into incredible opportunities. Harness the power of change and rise above to progress. Tap into unseen personal power and inner strength to accomplish seemingly impossible dreams! www.chadhymas.com

Afternoon – Juli Burney

You will never laugh so hard or learn so much! Life seems a little less difficult and bumps in the road smaller after hearing Juli. Juli Burney is simply a gifted, inspired teacher reaching out to anyone who wants to learn how to unwrap their life and discover the joy that awaits them.

Easy Online Registration All registration will be conducted online. Register via the PMI-Central Iowa website at www.reg-pmicentraliowa.org. Select the "Click here for eVent registration" link. Registration starts July 1, 2008. Accepted credit cards include Master Card, Visa, American Express, and Discover.

When

Friday, October 3, 2008

Time

8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Where

**Polk County Convention Complex
Des Moines., Iowa**

PDU'S; 7.5

**Early Registration Opens
July 1, 2008**

Early Registration Rates;

PMI Members: \$200

Non-Members: \$275

Students: \$150

Opportunities

Speaker	Topic
Chris Case	Teambuilding
Pollyanna Pixton	Leading Change through Collaboration
Shirley Poertner	Crucial Confrontations
Chad Hymas	Turning Obstacles into Opportunities
Pat McGill	Who am I• Who are you• Who are we together
Todd Little	Making Ship Happen
Lee Lambert	Delivering Project Truth
David Maxfield	Influencer: The Power to Change Anything
Shannan Zetterlund	Life Balance
Kevin Aguanno	Agile and Rewards
Anthony Mersino	Emotional Intelligence for Project Managers
Lee Lambert	Defining, Estimating and Scheduling

A collage of images related to baseball and American culture, including a baseball bat, a baseball, a hot dog, an apple pie, and a green apple.

Baseball, Hot Dogs, Apple Pie and PMBOK? Approaching Your Project Through the eyes of America's Favorite Pastime

In this last year, perhaps no other issue has dominated the Omaha news like the proposed (and approved) new baseball stadium. From the feasibility study through the final negotiations, project management skills have been at the core of this historic undertaking.

This highly visible Project is the inspiration for this year's ProDev2008 Annual Conference. Borrowing from the major tenets of baseball, ProDev2008 will provide our PM professionals with several informational discussions on approaching the Process Groups and PM skill set in the Initiating, Planning, Executing, Monitoring/Controlling and Closing phases.

Our Speakers and discussions will center around "America's Game" using its more familiar terms and approaches in discussing how to manage your projects. Please join your fellow PM professionals on September 22, 2008 from 8-4 at the Scott Conference Center as we take a walk through implementing a Project that will surely be a "Home Run!"