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June brings...



Executing Summer Vacation Plans!

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Our Next Chapter Meeting - June 10th

This month's chapter meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 10th, 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 June 10th is a presentation entitled "Progressive Program Management Maturity – When Good Enough is Really Good Enough", presented by Ken Kobell, PMP.

About the Speaker: Ken Kobell is a certified PMP with over 27 years experience in enterprise and program planning and control using integrated management systems on public, commercial, and international programs. As a management consultant for one of the Big Five firms his career placed particular emphasis on improving organizational capability maturity through process improvement. He has successfully completed large-scale and complex high technology programs and information systems implementations for multiple Fortune 100 companies and federal agencies using disciplined program performance management approach. As a colonel in the Marine Corps Reserve, Ken has additional subject matter expertise in the consequence management of federally declared all-hazards national emergencies, CBRNE threat proliferation, critical infrastructure protection, and continuity of operations planning. Ken is currently the Director of the Enterprise Solutions Office for the Assessment and Information group of Pearson 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 June 5th to programregistration@pmieasterniowa.org. Once you send a RSVP, cancellations **must** be received by **noon**, Monday, June 9th to avoid your being invoiced as a no-show for this chapter event.

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

Reflection on the Region 2 Conference in Saskatoon, Canada

By: Jennifer Ruppert, VP-Education

This year was my first opportunity to attend a Region 2 conference for PMI. I had always heard about the Region 2 conference but I honestly didn't quite know what to expect. Prior to leaving I perused the Region 2 website and found that Region 2 incorporates approximately 26 chapters from Canada, to Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, and other surrounding areas.

We started the conference with a reception and an ice breaking exercise. While many of the people there knew each other, several of us 'newbies' enjoyed the interaction and fun. Everyone was willing to share and get to know each other.

Friday, Heather Charles, our Region 2 Mentor, presented an overview of the Region 2 history and the goals and objectives of the meeting. She also covered the Region 2 budget and how it was utilized across the chapters.

A strategic alignment workshop was held for each chapter to put together at a high level, core services that they could provide to their chapter and how the national PMI could align with their objectives. This process will be directed to our local board and will be submitted to PMI for further assistance in areas where we appear to be weak and could possibly utilize their assistance.

One of the highlights was the keynote speaker, David Hillson. Mr. Hillson is well known as the Risk Doctor. He provided real life examples of risk and how he worked with companies to help mitigate those risks. He was both enlightening and entertaining. If you ever get the chance to hear him speak it would be time well-spent.

Breakout sessions were held for various areas such as presidents, outreach, professional development and programs, membership and communication, finance, and other. I particularly enjoyed this part of the conference. I attended the professional development and programs session along with many other attendees from various chapters. We shared how we organize our meetings, costs associated with the meetings, how we secure speakers at a reasonable cost, sharing of speakers, corporate sponsorship, and how to encourage more members to attend. I was surprised at how many people find a lunch meeting to be more successful than a breakfast or dinner meeting. One chapter's dinner meeting lasted approximately 3-4 hours with time added for networking. I am excited to see if by implementing some of these ideas if we can increase our attendance. Many chapters rely heavily on the survey they hand out for each meeting. So, please remember to fill out your survey for each meeting. This is very instrumental in helping us provide a meeting that will meet your expectations. We are always open to fresh ideas so please feel free to let us know what you want to hear!

Of course every conference must have a wonderful dinner to remember the conference by! We were treated to dinner at the 2nd Avenue Grill hosted by the South Saskatchewan and North Saskatchewan PMI chapters. Believe me, we were treated like royalty and sufficiently stuffed!


Saturday was the last day of the conference when we shared our ideas from the breakout sessions. It was great to hear the ideas discussed by the other areas as well. And then the drum roll began! Who would host the fall 2008 Region 2 conference! I was so excited I smacked Darin on the arm when **our chapter** was announced as being the host. We intend to have this piggyback on the PDD so you can image how much work we have ahead of us. Volunteers are always welcome!

I was thankful to have this opportunity to attend the conference. It was very enlightening to meet with other people that face many of the same challenges that we in the Eastern Iowa Chapter face. If you ever have the chance to attend, make sure you say YES!

Chapter Meeting Program Recap - May 13th, 2008

The May 13th meeting was held at the Clarion Hotel and Convention Center in Cedar Rapids. Jamie Northrup, principal consultant with Triple Constraint, presented, "Lean Project Management." Jamie provided an overview of the class that he teaches at Kirkwood Community College. Topics included eliminating waste in every area of project management and how to expend less human effort, inventory, and time in delivering projects.

Chapter Meetings Schedule (subject to change)



Date and Time	Location	Topic and Presenter
June 10th, 2008	Clarion Hotel & Convention Center, 525 33rd Ave SW, Cedar Rapids	"Progressive Program Management Maturity – When Good Enough is Really Good Enough" by Ken Kobell
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

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

Membership Call For Volunteers

Eastern Iowa PMI Chapter Members-

We are in need of a key director position in the chapter. We need to get this position filled ASAP to ensure the chapter can continue meet its goals for the coming year. We are looking to fill the **Director of Marketing**. The Director is responsible for managing and coordinating all "outward facing" marketing related activities for the chapter. This year the chapter is sponsoring a professional development day and this individual would be responsible for the marketing associated with this event.

Volunteering is a great way to network, meet great people and build up your resume. Please send an email to volunteers@pmieasterniowa.org if you are interested in filling the position or have any additional questions.

Thanks!

Certification Tips - Synopsis of the Three PMI Professional Certifications

The Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM®) Credential

A sort of associate PMP certification. Meant for the project manager that is learning on-the-job, perhaps under other Project Managers, but with limited formal PM training and experience.

The Project Management Professional (PMP®) Credential

The standard-bearer of project management certifications. The primary certification for working Project Managers. Thus the highest number of certifications awarded, but not because the process is easy or inexpensive.

The Program Management Professional (PgMPSM) Credential

Meant for the manager of Program Managers or leaders of a corporate Project Management Office (PMO) and launched October 1, 2007.



Pictured left: Sandra Spengler, VP of Communications and Publicity

Pictured right: Steve Sawyer, Director of Corporate Outreach in a discussion with PMI member Dania Ajam.



Pictured left: Mark Latta, PMI member scheduled to speak in August.

Chapter Sponsored Professional Development (subject to change)

The following chapter sponsored professional development opportunities are available.

Date	Time	Cost	PDU's	Location	Title
06/16/08	5:00—9:00 pm		4	Kirkwood	Proactive Project Risk Management
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

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.

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
06/19/08	1161-TN060100	7	Web workshop at your desk	Working Smart with Microsoft Outlook
06/19/08	1161-TN070100	7	Web workshop at your desk	Working Smart with LotusNotes
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

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
06/26/08	7	New Horizons	Project 2003
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.

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



Course Description:

Proactive Project Risk Management: This course examines project risks from both a top-down and bottom-up perspective using a proven five-step risk management process. Participants will learn how to evaluate and respond to risk at the project and task levels using effective tools and a highly regarded assessment model. Included in the class are a number of real world exercises that take you from risk identification at the beginning of a project through the challenges of ongoing assessment of risks throughout the project. You will practice a proactive approach to risk management - based on a clear understanding of the powerful nature of both qualitative and quantitative approaches to risk management.

Learning Objectives: In this class you will learn to: 1. Use a practical five-step process to manage project risk. 2. Identify risks and weigh their relative value in your project. 3. Control multiple risks using mitigation and contingency strategies. 4. Overcome psychological barriers to risk in stakeholders and team members. 5. Make ongoing risk management an integral component of your next project plan.

For attendees who are Project Management Professionals (PMPs), this class carries 4 Professional Development Unit credits with the PMI under category 4. For those who are not PMP certified, this class carries 4 Contact Credit Hours with the PMI. Please retain this registration and instructor bio with your records along with your certification for PMI auditing purposes.

Course Date & Location:

June 23 (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 June 23 **"Proactive Project Risk 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=tshdm>. Upon completion of the registration you will be sent a confirmation email. Registration for this class must be submitted by **COB June 16, 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.