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Our Next Chapter Meeting - July 14th

This month's chapter meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 14th, 7:15 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 the July 14th meeting is a presentation entitled "**Communication & Networking Skills for Success**", presented by Rose Slaymaker.

About the Program: Learn four key steps to developing your communication skills and building confidence while communicating in a variety of business and personal situations. Networking techniques and discussion of the abundant networking opportunities in the area will also be shared.

About the Speaker: Rose Slaymaker, Vice President, of Nemec Marketing Group educates clients on cost-effective marketing techniques to reach their target audiences. She takes pride in helping clients make the best use of their marketing dollars by creating marketing recommendations reports filled with many low cost and no cost actionable items businesses can use to acquire and retain more customers. Nemec Marketing Group produces award-winning marketing material from business cards to brochures to web sites.

Prior to starting Nemec, Rose worked as a manager at CMF&Z Marketing Communications. She has also worked at Rockwell Collins and Gazette Communications. Rose received a Bachelor of Science from Mount Mercy in Computer Science and Business Administration.

Program Schedule:

7:15 - 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, wrap-up, and social time

The menu consists of a light breakfast with coffee.

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 9th to programregistration@pmieasterniowa.org. Once you send a RSVP, cancellations **must** be received by **noon**, Friday, July 10th to avoid being invoiced as a no-show for this chapter event.

President's Corner

Dear PMI Eastern Iowa members,

We have some exciting news for you! Planning for our **Professional Development Day** is underway! We are working hard to put together a day long program which is exciting and fun. The event will be held on **Thursday, Oct 29th**, at **Kirkwood Continuing Education Center**. The choice of this location is based on several factors. The main factor being the proximity of this location to participants from Cedar Rapids and Iowa City.

The theme of this year's PDD is **'Leadership in Troubled Times'**. While this topic is very relevant to the profession of project management, this is a topic that could be beneficial to everybody.

We want your help. We want you to **spread the word** among your colleagues, friends, neighbors and anybody else who you think might benefit from attending this event.

We are anticipating record number of attendees to attend and benefit from this event. **Qualifying PMPs will get 8 PDUs** by attending all sessions of this event.

The event is priced keeping the current state of the economy in mind. We consider it is our responsibility to provide the extra relief without compromising value to members during these stressful economic times.

\$99 per PMI Member	Early Bird until Sept 30th
\$129 per PMI Member	On or after Oct 1st
\$129 per non-PMI Member	Early Bird until Sept 30th
\$159 per non- PMI Member	On or after Oct 1st

Please look for Registration details that will be sent in the next few weeks.

Please feel free to talk to me or any of the volunteers to learn more about how you can volunteer and help out your chapter's PDD.

I look forward to hearing from **YOU!**

With regards,
Paddy Puthige, MBA, PMP
President, PMI Eastern Iowa Chapter



Website Tidbits—Creating a Login

By Tammy Sweat, PMP

To post comments on an article on the website, you must first have a login ID. Login IDs are created by following the instructions on the website. Once completed, you will receive an email from the Postmaster with the following subject:

[PMI Eastern Iowa Chapter] Your new password

The contents of the email will contain the username that you selected, and the password that the webmaster has assigned to you along with the following link:

<http://pmieasterniowa.org/wp-login.php>

Login with your newly assigned password and you can now post a comment to an article. The first time you post a comment it must be approved by the webmaster so it will not appear immediately after you post it. So come on, give it a try!

Plan Today for Our Upcoming PDD Event !!

By Tammy Sweat, PMP

Earn 8 PDUS!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	 29	30	31

How to Prepare for the PDD:

1. Request October 29th as a day off of work
2. Update all calendars with an Out of Office meeting on October 29th
3. Google the Kirkwood Center for Continuing Education in Cedar Rapids to learn about the training facility
4. Watch for registration details that will be available soon!

Early Bird: \$99 (PMI Member)
After Oct 1st - \$129 (PMI Member)
Early Bird \$129 (Non PMI Member)
After Oct 1st - \$159 (Non-PMI Member)

Behind the Scenes

By Tammy Sweat, PMP

The Board of Directors (BOD) had a meeting on May 27th and a conference call was held on June 18th. Amongst other discussions, the following decisions were made:

- Jennifer James was voted in as the new Director of Marketing.
- Srikanth Kamineni was voted in as the new Director of Programs.
- The PDD will be on October 29th at the new Kirkwood training facility. The cost structure was approved.
- Speakers are being obtained for the PDD. Planning is underway.
- Reduced prices for summer Kirkwood classes will be offered.

Can You Help with the PDD?

By Tammy Sweat, PMP

Some of you indicated on the survey that you would like to volunteer to help with planning our upcoming Professional Development Day (PDD). That would be wonderful!!!

Details that have been secured are::

- It will be held at the new Kirkwood Training Facility
- It will be on October 29th, 2009
- It will be a full day event
- It will be fun!

To volunteer, please contact the Project Manager, Thom Lasardi at: atlarge@pmieasterniowa.org or our Director of Volunteers, Nita Inani, at: volunteers@pmieasterniowa.org. Even if you just have a few hours to spare, Thom and Nita can find a way for you to contribute towards this event's success. Thank you for your help.

Meet Srikanth Kamineni Director of Programs



By Suzanne Prymek, PMP

Chapter members please welcome Srikanth Kamineni as our new Director of Programs. Srikanth is a Senior Software Engineer at Rockwell Collins, and has been employed there since 2001. For the past 3.5 years, Srikanth has been leading various global teams on assigned programs and projects. During 2005 to 2008, he led a team of 14 people in China for verification efforts. Currently Srikanth is leading a team of 25 people in India for verification efforts of different applications. Over the last three years, he has been involved in various project management activities that involve initiation, planning, scheduling, execution, monitoring and controlling. He is planning to take PMP Certification and is also actively looking for group study.

Srikanth completed his Master's in Computer Science at Maharishi University of Management, Fairfield, Iowa and Bachelor's in Electrical and Electronics Engineering at Sri Venkateswara University, India. He is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Systems Engineering at Iowa State University.

Thank you Srikanth for volunteering!

Meet Jennifer James Director of Marketing



By Tammy Sweat, PMP

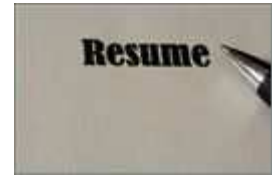
Chapter members please welcome Jennifer James, PMP, as our new Director of Marketing. Jennifer relocated to Iowa from Illinois last fall and is currently working as a Senior Project Manager in the Strategy Deployment Office at Pearson. Previously she was the Manager of Sampling and Panel Administration at Synovate in Chicago, IL. Jennifer joined PMI in January 2009 and obtained the PMP Credential in April 2009.

She received bachelor's degrees in Management and Marketing along with a minor in Mathematics from Loras College in Dubuque, IA. She obtained an MBA from DePaul University in Chicago, IL with an emphasis in Marketing.

Jennifer currently serves as a professional mentor for students at DePaul University. Previously, she volunteered on the Market Research Committee of the Chicago Chapter of the American Marketing Association.

Thank you Jennifer for volunteering!

The Importance of a Resume



By Suzanne Prymek, PMP

Have you updated your resume recently? We all think of certain things when it comes to updating our resume. When we acquire a new position, we typically go out and add information to our work history and contact information. Perhaps we update our business references. However do we give our resume a good review? Think of your resume as a marketing tool that shows your skills and strengths. This may help you get a fresh perspective on the importance of this document and how it will make you stand out to perspective employers.

Rather than looking at your resume as a list of job duties and responsibilities that you have performed, it should contain your career highlights and accomplishments. Typically we all think of our job description and tend to enter that type of information into our resume. In today's job market it is results that counts, not necessarily that you have performed certain duties.

Think about difficult projects and programs you have managed. Are there things that you did that were out of the ordinary to turn around a project that was in desperate need of being rescued? Were you able to take a dysfunctional team and turn them around to perform as a team, and to agree on the goals and objectives of the project? These are important skills that are not listed in any job description. Innovative skills that show you are able to come up with unique solutions to resolve project and program issues are invaluable to add to your resume.

Rather than list your job responsibilities think about listing those skills that helped your team achieve success and meet project goals and objectives. This might just be the key to getting an organization excited about meeting you!

Meet Geri Stivers Director of Membership



By Tammy Sweat, PMP

Chapter members please welcome Geri Stivers, PMP as our new Director of Membership.

Geri has over 9 years of experience in Project Management and consumer software introductions, specializing in helping organizations focus on their customers. She is currently a Project Manager for Infinite Computing Systems, where she works with blended onsite and offshore software project development teams. Geri received her PMP certification in March, 2009.

Geri has worked with a number of industries including insurance and healthcare, a start-up HD radio manufacturer, and spent seven years at Gateway. Her project experience is varied, from internal mainframe billing applications and proprietary web systems, to consumer software and desktop hardware introductions. Geri has been a PMI and Eastern Iowa Chapter member since 2007.

Thank you Geri for volunteering!

For Our PMP Certified Members... Reminder of Expiration Policy Change

By Carol Meeks, PMP

PMI announced a change in PMP expiration dates last year. This effects every PMP credential holder so it's important you understand how this policy has changed to ensure you maintain your credential. For those that received their PMP designation in the last 6-9 months, you do not need to worry about adjusting as you would have been put on the new plan immediately.

Previously, all PMP credentials expired December 31st of the third year the PMP Certification was earned (e.g. earned July 1, 2000, expired December 31, 2003). By expiring certifications on the same date each year, administration of the renewal process became overwhelming and so, the new expiration practices were put in-place, effective late August 2008. The newly adopted practice matches expiration dates with an individual's PMP Certification anniversary date.

Let's take me as an example: I earned my PMP Certification on June 6, 2008. At that time, my credential carried the expiration date of December 31, 2011. Now, my credential expires three years from my anniversary on June 6, 2012. As you can see, I had approximately six months added on to accommodate the difference between June and December. Months will be added to reach your anniversary date – you will not lose any months due to this transition.

Here's a sample table PMI has provided – simply substitute your personal anniversary date to determine your expiration date. The same logic applies for PMP certifications earned prior to 2004:

What year did you earn your PMP credential	SAMPLE* date of earning credential	Current expiration date	SAMPLE* New expiration date	SAMPLE* Expiration date after renewal
2008	14-Jun-2008	31-Dec-2011	14-Jun-2012	14-Jun-2015
2007	14-Jun-2007	31-Dec-2010	14-Jun-2011	14-Jun-2014
2006	14-Jun-2006	31-Dec-2009	14-Jun-2010	14-Jun-2013
2005	14-Jun-2005	31-Dec-2008	14-Jun-2009	14-Jun-2012
2004	14-Jun-2004	31-Dec-2007	14-Jun-2008	14-Jun-2011

Not sure of your anniversary date? Your PMP certificate lists the date you earned your credential or, when logging in to the [PMI Site \(www.pmi.org\)](http://www.pmi.org), the far left column under the site menu lists your "Certification Status" including when you earned your PMP Credential as well as your new Renewal Date. If you haven't had a chance yet, I'd suggest taking a minute to login and verify your information including your email address to ensure you receive any future PMI communications pertinent to your PMP Certification.


The same renewal requirements apply, including a minimum of 60 PDUs to be earned and submitted online along with completion of the renewal form and fee. For more information of renewal requirements, please refer to the PMP Handbook (www.pmi.org/PDF/PDC_PMPHandbook.pdf).

You can learn more about these changes in the PMI article "PMP Expiration Date Change" located at www.pmi.org/CareerDevelopment/Pages/PMP_Expiration_Date_Change.aspx or contact PMI directly at customercare@pmi.org for further assistance.

June Meeting—Recap

The June 9th meeting was a presentation entitled “**Successful Management of Remote Project Teams,**” that was presented by Steve Carney. Mr. Carney engaged the audience to share their experiences and challenges of managing offshore teams, as well as sharing his own. The chapter thanks Steve for hosting half of the monthly meeting costs and for the excellent presentation.

Chapter Meetings Schedule (subject to change)



Date and Time	Location	Topic and Presenter
July 14th, 2009	Clarion Hotel & Convention Center, 525 33rd Ave SW, Cedar Rapids	“Communication & Networking Skills for Success” by Rose Slaymaker
August 11th, 2009	Clarion Hotel & Convention Center, 525 33rd Ave SW, Cedar Rapids	“Creating a Culture of Project Management Execution” by Jamie Northrup.
September 8th, 2009	Clarion Hotel & Convention Center, 525 33rd Ave SW, Cedar Rapids	FUN NIGHT!!!!!!!

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

The PMI Eastern Iowa Chapter membership stands at **285**, with **156 PMP®s** and **2 CAPM®**

New PMP®s Congratulations new PMPs: Zac Henrich, Leann Hermanson, Jennifer James, Pearson; Keun Lee and Pat Woods, Rockwell Collins; Michael Psiropoulis, Hewlett Packard; Michael Woodard, Aegon USA.

New Members Welcome New Members: Raghu Aerabati, PMP; Sherry Bonelli, Craig Conklin and Stephen Phelps, FPL Energy; Steve Doubet and Tom Rowan, NextEra Energy; Luann Forinash, ACT; Peter Rainbow, Schneider Electric; Jim DeLong, James R DeLong & Associates; Richard Delzer, PMP, IT Kaisen Consulting Inc; Gary Gagnon, PMP, Cambridge Investment Research, Inc.; Matt Hubbell, Rockwell; Lorena Madden, Rockwell; Sean Palmer; Brian Wayling.

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	86	56
2	Rockwell Collins	34	19
3	Vangent, Inc.	15	10
4	Aegon	14	7
5	ACT	12	6

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	Cost	PDU(s)	Location	Title
7/20/09	5-9 pm	100 PMI Member 125 Non-Member	4	Kirkwood	Project Risk Management and Proactive Planning
8/17/09	5-9 pm	100 PMI Member 125 Non-Member	4	Kirkwood	Project Communications Management and Performance Reporting
9/21/09	5-9 pm	125 PMI Member 150 Non-Member	4	Kirkwood	Project Resource Management and Soft Skills
10/19/09	5-9 pm	125 PMI Member 150 Non-Member	4	Kirkwood	Project Procurement Management
11/16/09	5-9 pm	125 PMI Member 150 Non-Member	4	Kirkwood	Critical Thinking skills and Problem Solving 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
July 21 & 28	1161-TN060100	7	Web workshop at your desk	Working Smart with Microsoft Outlook
Aug 13 & 20	1161-TN060100	7	Web workshop at your desk	Working Smart with Microsoft Outlook
Sept 15 & 22	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
7/6	21	New Horizons	Introduction to Project Management
7/28	7	New Horizons	Microsoft Project 2007 – L1
8/20	7	New Horizons	Microsoft Project 2007 – L2
9/16	7	New Horizons	Microsoft Project 2007 – L1
10/6	7	New Horizons	Microsoft Project 2007 – L2

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