



Patriot's Day

September 2011

Our Next Chapter Meeting – September 15, 2011

The next PMI Chapter meeting will be held on **Thursday, September 15, 2011** from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the **Clarion Hotel and Convention Center, 525 33rd Avenue SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.**

Clarion Hotel and Convention Center - Phone number **(319) 366-8671.**

Program Title:

"How To Overcome Your Fears" presented by Brad Emmert

About the Program:

Everyone has a fear of something. This may be a fear of being hurt, a fear of being made fun of, a fear of not performing to par, or a fear of public speaking. During this presentation, Brad will provide tips and tricks on how to address these fears and overcome them. Brad promises a very interactive learning session that you will be able to apply immediately upon leaving.

About the Speaker:

Bradley D. Emmert, was born and raised in Moline, Illinois, he is 46 years old and has 3 children. Brad has been self employed for 26 years and has started, owned and operated many businesses over that time. Brad is a member of the Moline Toastmasters club. Brad has a vast experience working with people; this has given him valuable insight, motivation and leadership qualities which he has found valuable in helping others. You will find Brad entertaining and inspiring and you will walk away with a whole new outlook on an old situation. It is through Brad's many experiences that he can relate to what others are going through and shares what he has done in order to help them. Brad has received (2) awards from Toastmasters International, and competed in several speaking contests. Brad speaks on Team Work, Life Struggles, Life's Changes, Dreams & Goals, Turning a Negative into a Position Situation. Brad also has been speaking on drug and alcohol through his church programs at Heritage Church in Rock Island, Illinois. Brad also can speak in many of the four (F's) area. Fears, Faults, Failures, and Firsts.

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Cost: Chapter Members: \$20 (online) or \$25 (pay at door); Guests: \$25 (online or pay at door)

Registration Deadline: Sunday, September 11, 2011 (11:59 p.m.)

To register, go to www.pmieasterniowa.org and click **Events > Monthly Program Meetings > September 2011 Monthly Meeting.**

Note: Even if you plan to pay at the door, we ask that you register online so we have an accurate attendance count for food and beverage.

Program Schedule:

5:00 - 5:20	Registration and networking
5:00 - 6:00	Networking, Registration for prize drawing.
6:20 - 6:50	Presentation / Discussion
6:50 - 7:00	Prize Drawing, Final announcements and wrap-up

President's Corner – First Call for 2012 Directors

By Tammy Sweat, PMP

The following Chapter Leadership roles will be available in 2012:

- Director of Individual Outreach (this role is responsible for reaching out to non-Chapter members for possible Chapter membership opportunities)
- Director of Professional Development (this role is responsible for determining training needs for Chapter membership)
- Director of Website and Technology (this role maintains the technical portion of the website)

Have you considered volunteering for our Chapter? Now would be the time to step up and claim a role to fame!

The Benefits of Volunteering

Earn PDUs for serving in a Chapter volunteer role

Networking

Travel to regional meetings

Training

Working with PMI Eastern Iowa Leadership team

Resume builder

Grow leadership skills

And More!

Do you have what it takes?

Most roles do not require specific knowledge to start with. The exception to this would be the Director of Website and Technology. All VPs have Directors assigned underneath them and it is their responsibility to train the Directors and ensure they are performing up to speed. If you volunteered, your VP would provide you with enough knowledge to get started. After that, your creativity can come into play as you take the role to the next level.

Please contact any of the PMI Eastern Iowa Chapter Leadership for more information regarding any of the available openings. We need your help!



New Certification Coming This Year - PMI Agile Certified Practitioner (PMI-ACP)SM

By Denise Boeding, PMP



PMI is introducing a new Agile certification, the PMI Agile Certified Practitioner (PMI-ACP)SM. According to PMI, many project professionals are seeing a demand for Agile practices in a variety of industries and organizations, and are eager to learn and apply them. Organizations, too, are seeing value in using Agile practices to deliver projects more quickly, with less wasted labor and costs due to misunderstood or ill-defined requirements.

PMI research revealed:

- 68% of the organizations using Agile techniques would find value in an Agile certification.
- 63% of hiring managers would encourage their project managers to pursue an Agile certification.

PMI is offering an opportunity to become involved in their Agile Pilot program. If you want to be one of the first practitioners to earn the new PMI-ACP certification, you'll need to apply to the Agile certification pilot program. It's open to any project management practitioner who meets the eligibility requirements. You do not need to be a PMI member to participate. If you are selected for the pilot, one of the benefits you will receive includes a 20% rebate after taking the examination. For more information on the pilot program, including eligibility requirements, please visit [New PMI Agile Certification](#).

Key dates for the new certification include the following:

- PMI is currently accepting and reviewing applications for the PMI-ACP
- September 2011: The PMI-ACP examination will be available
- Q4 2011: The first PMI-ACP certifications will be awarded to successful pilot candidates

In the July PMI Eastern Iowa meeting, I learned that one of our own PMI Eastern Iowa Chapter members, Carol Meeks, is intending to pursue this certification! She has volunteered to share her experiences with us as she marches towards her goal. Stay tuned for future newsletter articles regarding the new PMI Agile Certified Practitioner certification as we follow and support Carol thru the journey of obtaining this new certification!

2012 Chapter Meetings: You Asked...We Listened

Carol Scherrman, VP of Operations



In the member feedback survey conducted earlier this year, we received several requests from members to hold monthly chapter meetings in the Iowa City/Coralville/North Liberty area. We have received similar feedback in previous years.

To be responsive to our members' needs, we secured a meeting location in the Coralville for 2012 and will conduct three chapter meetings at this site.

The training facility is conveniently located just off Interstate 80 and is next to the Marriott Hotel. We are planning to hold chapter meetings at this alternate site in April 2012, July 2012, and October 2012. We will continue to conduct meetings on the second Thursday of the month.

Details and directions for each meeting will be provided in advance of the scheduled meetings.

BOD Monthly Report – 8/29/2011

By Geri Strivers

Period Covered: July 1 – July 31, 2011

Membership Summary for July, 2011:

Starting membership:	294
Renewals:	14
New members:	12
Rejoins:	1
Non-renewals:	6
Current membership:	303

Certifications:

Member PMPs: 180

Congratulations new PMPs:

July: Michele Saulnier
 June: Shane Marler
 May: Travis Zweibohmer, Tricia Coobs, Bridget Clark, Hollie Trenary, David Mossbarger

Welcome new members: Mark Ackman, Genova; James Albro II, John Deere; Daniel Bruck, PMP, Vangent; Chris Donahue, Pearson; James Egendorf, Rockwell; Rachel Fowler, Pearson; Erin Humpal, Pearson; Diane Maas, Pearson; Srilatha Narayana Rao, Pearson; Lisa Persels, Pearson; Shannon Scott, Darin Zapf, Verizon.



PMI Eastern Iowa PDD

Thursday, September 29, 2011

7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

4th Annual Professional Development Day (PDD)

Harvesting Your Leadership Skills

Benefits to attending the PDD

- Earn 8 professional development units (PDUs) – 3 more than in 2010 but for the same price!
- Hear two nationally recognized speakers and leaders in project management.
- Network with fellow project management colleagues.
- Win prizes from our PDD sponsors and vendors.

Fees/Deadlines

- Event date: Thursday, September 29, 2011
- Early-bird rates valid until August 31, 2011
 - Eastern Iowa Chapter Member: \$199
 - Non-chapter member/guest: \$229
- Regular rates begin September 1, 2011
 - Eastern Iowa Chapter Member: \$229
 - Non-chapter member/guest: \$259
- Registration ends September 22, 2011

Register online at

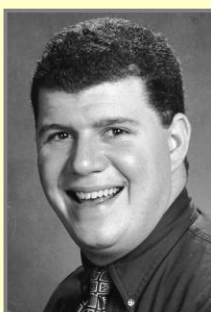
www.pmieasterniowa.org

Location

The Kirkwood Center
7725 Kirkwood Blvd. SW
Cedar Rapids, IA 52404
www.thehotelatkirkwood.com

Guest Speakers

Stop Playing Games: A Project Manager's Guide to Successfully Navigating Organizational Politics



Rick Morris identifies and discusses the day-to-day world of a project manager. Project managers have the unique ability to find shortcuts or workarounds in dealing with projects, sponsors, and stakeholders. Rick's session will bring to life true issues and fixes to help project managers avoid the games we are forced to play. Through sharing years of experience, Rick will show you how to get stronger, more process oriented, and more respect for the work you do. Rick will offer real world advice to help you gain proper techniques that you can immediately use to impact your projects, learn how to influence without authority, stop end rounding projects, and get back to the

basics that will help create a project manager who will do the right things the right way.

Improving Your Ability to Lead and Deliver

Andy Kaufman helps us wrestle with real-world leadership issues we all face— influencing without authority, motivating your team, and dealing with conflict. Explore the difference between leadership and management—and why it matters—and get a clear picture of a leader's responsibilities, including the balance between short- and long-term focus and the need to deliver results while developing organizational capability. Discuss the importance of developing your team members' leadership skills, including practical ways to do so even with a limited training budget. The session delves into the importance of one-on-one relationships and delivers proven insights on managing upward, dealing with peers, and developing stronger bonds both inside and outside your organization. You will walk away with practical tools to help you lead your team, including a template for formalizing a team charter and a reproducible survey to solicit leadership feedback from bosses, peers, stakeholders, and team members.



Find out more at www.pmieasterniowa.org

DATES TO REMEMBER

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5 – Labor Day
 11 – Patriot Day
 15 – PMI Eastern Iowa Chapter Meeting
 29 – PMI Eastern Iowa Professional Development Day

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13 – PMI Eastern Iowa Chapter Meeting
 16 – National Boss Day

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6 – Day Light Saving Time Ends
 24 – Thanksgiving Day

Chapter WHO's Who?

Role	Name
President	Tammy Sweat, MSPM, PMP®
VP of Communications and Publicity	Behram Kasad, MBA
VP of Education	Srikanth C Kamineni PMP®
VP of Finance	Brian Thorn, PMP®
VP of Operations	Carol Scherrman, PMP®
VP of Outreach	Suzanne Prymek, PMP®
Past President	Bhaskar Pulikal, MBA, CISA, PMP®
Director of Certifications	Denise Boeding, PMP®
Director of Individual Outreach	Mary Phelan, PMP®
Director of University Outreach	Bob Sanders, PMP®
Director of Logistics	Brian Wayling
Director of Marketing	Jennifer James, PMP®
Director of Member Relations	Geri Stivers, PMP®
Director of Newsletter	Sathian Devarajan, MBA, PMP®
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Director of Programs	Travis Zweibohmer, MBA, PMP®
Director of Website and Technology	Mark Bazzell, MBA, PMP®