Friday, 01 February

Welcome to the Pittsburgh Chapter

Happy February! Hope you are all staying warm as XXX

It's another busy month for the Pittsburgh Chapter of PMI. Your Board of Directors met on January 19th for a very productive Strategic Planning Session. There were a lot of great ideas that were generated for new and improved programs and Chapter offerings, and tools for increasing and enhancing member value. Look for these enhancements as the year progresses. And as always, please feel free to reach out to any of the Board with your ideas and suggestions.

And speaking of enhancing the value we provide to you our members, there are 2 things we would ask of you. First, please make sure that you keep your membership information (especially your contact information) up to date. We use this newsletter and email blasts to keep you all informed, and if we don't have your current information, you might be missing out. Go to www.pmi.org to check and/or update your information. Secondly, PMI will be issuing its annual chapter Membership Satisfaction Survey in a few weeks.   I would encourage you all to take a few moments and complete the survey and help us to help you in the months to come. We truly value your feedback and I personally want to thank you in advance for providing it to us.

Check our website and the remainder of this newsletter to learn more about what's going on in your chapter – as usual, there is a lot going on and many ways to get involved. Our PMP prep class and the Intercollegiate Project Management Triathlon (IPMT) are just 2 of the events that we have planned. Please check out the website for details and to register/get involved.

Hope to see you at an upcoming event!
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Susan Keaney
President

Meetings

2013 February Chapter Presentation

When: Thursday, February 7, 2013, 6:00PM - 8:00PM
Topic: How to Make Your Virtual Team and Project a Success
Presented by: Richard F. Clare, OCP, PMP, CBAP, CSM
Location: ESWP, 337 Fourth Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Register here

Presentation Description: A virtual project team is a group of individuals geographically dispersed who work across space and organizational boundaries to complete projects using communication technology links. This presentation will discuss the various reasons more projects in today's business environment are utilizing virtual teams, along with the benefits that can be obtained by use of virtual teams.

There are numerous barriers that can impede the success of virtual teams, and this talk will also discuss the top ten barriers along with strategies for removing these barriers. Project success is possible with a virtual team, provided the building blocks for success are properly done. This talk will also discuss the five keys to success when working with virtual teams spanning from getting started to managing the virtual team. An effective tool called the project e-communications plan will be explained, along with the available communication technologies that can be used. This presentation will help make your virtual team and project a success.

Biography: Rick Clare OCP, PMP®, CBAP®, CSM is the Business Analysis Practice Director and a Senior Instructor for PMCentersUSA, as well as an Oracle, Project Management and Business Analysis Consultant for ConsultUSA. Rick has more than 25 years of experience as a developer, business analyst, trainer and project manager. Rick is responsible for maintaining the BA courseware, providing expert consulting services to companies moving into the business analysis world for the first time, and constructing customized training material targeted at an individual company's methodologies.

Rick's early career experience was as a Senior Oracle Database Developer, performing analysis, design, development and documentation on numerous database systems using Oracle and its complete set of development tools. He has worked on projects that involve all aspects of the application development task, including strategy, analysis, design, build, implementation and production, as a business analyst and project manager. His training background is as an Oracle instructor, course developer and technical school administrator. He has delivered training to many organizations such as: General Physics Learning Technologies, the US National Guard, and the Oracle Corporation. He has also led an intensive 32 week Oracle career course for EIS in Canada.

Rick has written numerous documents including course material, help manuals, installation instructions, and system manager guides. He has presented at numerous conferences, such as Oracle's IOUG, the Oracle Developer Tools User Group (ODTUG) conference, the Building Business Capabilities Conference, the Project Management/Business Analysis World conference, and the PMI Global Congress. He led the IIBA's Chapter Development Committee and orchestrated work and contributed to a new IIBA book about managing Business Analysts. As a result of his effort, Rick served on the IIBA's Senior Leadership Team as Vice President of Chapters. He is a graduate of the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. Rick earned his CBAP® in 2008 and his PMP® in 2009 along with Certified Scrum Master (CSM) in 2012. Rick is originally from Canada, but now lives and works in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Financial Services LIG Presentation

When: Thursday, February 7, 2013, 5:00PM, prior to monthly chapter meeting
Location: ESWP, 337 Fourth Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Please join us for the Financial Services Local Interest Group (FS LIG) Meeting. The presentation begins at 5:00 PM at the Engineer's Society of Western Pennsylvania in downtown Pittsburgh immediately before the monthly chapter meeting. Check the Pittsburgh PMI Website for additional information to be posted.

Training

Pittsburgh PMI has many project management educational opportunities! Please check www.PittsburghPMI.org periodically for more details and to register for these events.
(The following training information is subject to change.)

PMP Preparation Class 2013

Become a certified PMP!

This is a great class at a great value for your preparation to become a PMP!

Mark your calendars – the PMP Preparation Class will be held on five consecutive Saturdays in 2013 as follows:

• February 16
• February 23
• March 2
• March 9
• March 16

Each day is planned to run from 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM with lunch and other snacks & beverages provided.

35 PDUs will be awarded!

This course includes a text book, study guide, online resources, practice exams, instructor support, and more!

Bring your PMBOK® Guide, Fourth Edition. PMI members can download the pdf file for free at www.PMI.org.

Location: Ansaldo STS, 1000 Technology Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15219-1320
Parking is included onsite.

Cost: $1095
Pittsburgh PMI Member Discount: $225 (Please login to website to get your discount.)
Late fee after 8 February 2013: $75 -- materials may not arrive until the second week of class

Click here to register.

Please contact FredBKoos@IEEE.org with any questions.

Interested in being an instructor for future PMP review class?
Please contact FredBKoos@IEEE.org

The PMP Preparation Class is sponsored by Ansoldo STS

PMBOK® Guide, Fifth Edition Published, PMP Exam Changing 31 July

The Fifth Edition of the PMBOK® Guide is published! PMI members can download a free pdf file at www.PMI.org.

The PMP Exam will continue to follow the existing PMBOK® Guide Fourth Edition through 30 July 2013. Starting 31 July 2013 the PMP Exam will be based on the new PMBOK® Guide Fifth Edition.

If you are planning to become a PMP soon we suggest taking the class staring on 16 February 2013 to prepare to take the exam before 30 July 2013.

A significant change to the PMBOK® Guide is the addition of a new knowledge area for Project Stakeholder Management.

PMP/CAPM Certification Study Groups

Complement PMP certification training with our live and online study group. This is a self-organized study group enabled by the Pittsburgh PMI Chapter.

Being "self-organized" we are looking for participant and facilitators for our succession plan. Please contact FredBKoos@IEEE.org to be a leader or to participate.

PMP Volunteers are needed to answer questions during PMP Study Group sessions. Please contact FredBKoos@IEEE.org.

Lead Local PMI Events and Earn PDUs:

Directors are needed for the following two Pittsburgh PMI events.
Please contact FredBKoos@IEEE.org.

• PMP Preparation Class
• Professional Development Day

PMI Communities of Practice (COPs)

Please check www.PMI.org for information on many PMI Communities of Practice.

Professional Development Day (PDD) for Project Management!

We held a very successful first Professional Development Day with from the Pittsburgh PMI Chapter in November!

Mark your calendars for the first Wednesday of November in 2013 also!

Sponsors:

• PMCentersUSA, http://www.pmcentersusa.com
• Lambert Consulting Group, http://www.lambertconsultinggroup.com

Future Project Management Training in 2013

• Please reply to FredBKoos@IEEE.org with suggestions for additional training offered by our Pittsburgh PMI Chapter for 2013.

Social Media Posting of Pittsburgh PMI Training Information

In addition to training information being posted on www.PittsburghPMI.org, information is often posted at the following social media locations. More may come in the future.

• LinkedIn Group: Pittsburgh PMI
• New Facebook: Project Management Institute-Pittsburgh Chapter
• Twitter: @Fred_Koos

Two other useful Twitter people to follow are below:

• Twitter for our the IT LIG: @Pgh_PMI_IT_LIG
• Twitter for PMI: @PMInstitute

Enjoy!

Outreach

PMI Educational Foundation's Academic, Training, and Professional Development Scholarships

PMIEF Scholarships and Awards Program supports development of the best and brightest future project management professionals and other professionals worldwide through learning opportunities.

Over $237K awarded in 2012

The program is open to:

• College and university students - High school seniors and students at the bachelors, masters, and doctoral levels who are studying project management and related fields are eligible for our college and university scholarships.

• Educators - Primary and secondary school teachers and administrators who wish to implement project-based learning in the classroom.

• Non-Profits - Employees of non-profits and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) who wish to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of their operations.

• Professionals - Project management practitioners who wish to improve their professional capabilities.

If you would like to learn more about PMIEF Scholarships and Awards Program, contact Isabelle Zacharias at PMIEF_liaison@Pittsburghpmi.org

Academic Outreach

On March 8-10, 2013, PMI Pittsburgh will sponsor the Fourth Annual Intercollegiate Project Management Triathlon at Duquesne University! If you know any college students who might want to sign up, please share this brochure with them. Pittsburgh PMI staffs most of the volunteers for this event, and you can earn valuable PDUs while having a great time! Please contact Sam Provil at sprovil@provilassociates.com This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view itif you are interested in volunteering!

Corporate Outreach

Come join the PMI corporate outreach committee for another installment of our facilitated discussions. We will be discussing the brand new Tenth Knowledge area of the PMBOK!

There is nothing to prepare. Earn 1 PDU while sharing project management practices with your colleagues at other Pittsburgh area companies. This is also a great networking event located near the Pittsburgh International Airport.

Please visit our Corporate Outreach tab on the Pittsburgh PMI website or contact Jason McMann at Jason.McMann@ADP.com to register for this event.

Membership

Your Chapter Needs You!

Contribute to the Pittsburgh Chapter, increase your professional network and get to know others involved in your profession. PMPs can earn valuable PDU's in addition to making a contribution to the Project Managemen Profession! Volunteers and Operational Team members earn up to 5 PDUs per year and elected officers earn up to 10 PDUs a Year. Check out the chapter webite for more details...

New Chapter Members

As of January 29, 2013 the chapter has 1443 members. Please join us in welcoming the following new chapter members: Christopher Adams, Ishfaq Ahmad, Nathan Andrulonis, Gregory Chabra, Melissa Crownover, Geron Davis, Monika DeReno, Jeremy Diehl, John Fayewicz, Richard Frontera, Sharat Gottumukkala, Barbara Herford, Michelle Hicks, Brian Hoodin, Maggie Hudak, David Laird, Lawrence Latta, Priscilla Lee, Amy Lemanski, Natasha Lighnter, Dena Litwiller, Mike Longwell, David Madl, Susan Mason, Tim McKee, Smita Mukherjee, Jill Petroy, Gregory Polens, George Schott, Richard Sedlacek, Renae Semple, Subrahmanyam Sennerikuppam, Anurag Sharma, Brendan Sherry, Andrew Steimer, Mary Stinelli, Leon Tate, S Valalik, Karen Van Dusen, Jason Young

New Chapter PMPs

As of January 29, 2013 the chapter has 940 PMPs. Please join us in congratulating the following new chapter PMPs: Dayna Behm, Frank Dominek, Amy Lemanski, Catherine Swope

Contacts

Click to view the Pittsburgh PMI chapter contacts.