Saturday, 02 March

Welcome to the Pittsburgh Chapter

Happy March! Can Spring be far away? And with the coming of spring comes more opportunities for involvement, learning, and networking with the Pittsburgh Chapter. Our PMP prep class is continuing with our largest class yet! Congratulations to Fred Koos, the Professional Development committee, the volunteer instructors and all of our class participants for another great class!

Our March chapter meeting will be another great learning and networking opportunity. Mark your calendars now and register to attend. Details are provided below. And regarding our chapter meeting, if you are new to PMI and/or the Pittsburgh Chapter, make sure you let us know when you check in at the meeting....we want to make sure we welcome you and answer any questions you may have.

And speaking of additional networking and learning opportunities, please check out the Outreach and Training articles below….there's a lot going on!

And lastly, if you haven't done so already, please make sure to respond to the PMI chapter survey that will be closing soon. You should have received a direct link to the survey. It will only take you a few minutes to complete and we will use the information and feedback to help enhance the value that we provide to you, our members. We truly value your feedback and I personally want to thank you in advance for providing it to us.

Hope to see you at an upcoming event!

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President

Meetings

2013 March Chapter Presentation

When: Thursday, March 14, 2013, 6:00PM - 8:00PM
Topic: Positioning Our PM Organization for Growth
Presented by: Dan Rippe
Location: ESWP, 337 Fourth Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Register here

Join us for a presentation by Dan Rippe from L3 Communications as he shares best practices on "Positioning Our PM Organization for Growth"! L3 Communications has earned the distinction of Pittsburgh's 2012 Project Management Company of the Year Award, which will be presented at this month's chapter meeting! This award is given to the company that best demonstrates a commitment to the practice and furthering of Project Management as a profession.

Speaker Biography: Dan Rippe is a BSME graduate of Purdue University in Lafayette Indiana moved to Pittsburgh three years ago accepting a growth opportunity with L-3 Corporation as the Director of Programs. His 20 plus years leadership and Program Management capabilities earned him the 28th Harold S. Geneen Award: ITT corporations highest recognition for outstanding achievement and the National Aeronautical Space Administrations Achievement Award for leading the successful development and launch of our nations Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite Instruments. He recently lead L-3's Program Management Functional Enterprise Team responsible for defining program management process and procedures. When he is not hard at work he is out enjoying time with family or one of his many hobbies bowling, golf or hiking. You can reach him at dan.rippe@l-3com.com or djrippe@gmail.com.

Healthcare LIG Presentation

When: Thursday, March 14, 2013, 5:00PM, prior to monthly chapter meeting
Topic: Innovation in Healthcare
Presented by: Dr. Arthur A. Boni, John R. Thorne Career Professor of Entrepreneurship, Carnegie Mellon University
Location: ESWP, 337 Fourth Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Speaker Biography: Dr. Arthur A. Boni, Ph. D. is the John R. Thorne Distinguished Career Professor of Entrepreneurship at the Tepper School of Business at Carnegie Mellon University. He is also the co-director of the Agile Innovation System, a partnership between CMU and Innovation Works to accelerate innovation originating in universities using lean, agile and needs driven principles. He joined the Tepper School faculty in 2003 and directed the Donald H. Jones Center for Entrepreneurship from 2006 until July 2012. His teaching and research interests include: entrepreneurship and new venture creation, commercialization of technology and biotechnology, venture capital investing, innovation and entrepreneurship in organizations, leadership and broad-based ownership in entrepreneurial companies, and evolving business models for the biopharmaceutical and

alternative energy industries. In 2005, Dr. Boni and Steve Sammut of the Wharton School and Burrill & Co.,co-founded and has served as National co-chair of the Annual Biotechnology Entrepreneurship Boot Camp held at each subsequent annual meeting of the international Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO) Annual Meeting. He also serves on the Editorial Board of the Journal of Commercial Biotechnology.

Prior to joining the faculty at the Tepper School of Business in 2003, Dr. Boni was in the private sector where he was engaged in building and leading entrepreneurial organizations in the technology and life science industries. He was a senior level officer at Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) for 10 years during its growth from several million in annual revenue to nearly $1B. He then founded and led an organization focused on creating startups and in the creation of four start-up organizations. He then founded and led the Office of Technology Management at the University of Pittsburgh and became a founding partner at Saturn Life Science Partners prior to joining the CMU faculty.

IT LIG Meeting

When: Wednesday, March 20, 2013, 6:00PM, (pizza served at 5:30 p.m.)
Topic: The Plan's Journey: Scope to WBS to Schedule
Presented by: Rick Clare OCP, PMP®, CBAP®, CSM
Location: Pittsburgh Tech Council, 2000 Technology Drive #100 Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Abstract: The completed project schedule is a vital, living artifact that helps guide the project team to a successful conclusion. Its journey to completion starts back before the project even launches, when the Business Case is used to justify the project's existence. It continues through Requirements and Project Scope, through the Work Breakdown Structure, through Estimation of hours and duration, to eventually become a resource-loaded Project Schedule. This presentation will look at all of these evolutionary steps, carefully examining the methods and pain points for each stage.

Speaker 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.

Training

Project Management Professional Development

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.)

Topics of professional development here follow:
• PMP Preparation Class 2013
• Project Management Plan Review
• PMBOK® Guide, Fifth Edition Published, PMP Exam Changing 31 July
• PMP/CAPM Certification Study Groups
• Lead Local PMI Events and Earn PDUs:
• PMI Communities of Practice (COPs)
• Professional Development Day (PDD) for Project Management!
• Future Project Management Training in 2013
• Social Media Posting of Pittsburgh PMI Training Information

PMP Preparation Class 2013

Our PMP Preparation class is underway with 40 attendees from many large and small companies!

This course includes a text book, study guide, online resources, practice exams, instructor support, and more! The resources contain a wealth of knowledge related to the PMP exam.

The value of this class at a great cost is to the credit of the following project management experts, instructors, and volunteers!
• Joe DiFalco
• Barbara Hill

• Sam Jackendoff
• Susan Keaney
• Fred Koos
• Ray Luncher
• Paul Miller
• Peggy Stack
• Dorice Tharp
• Brian Trossman
• Jeanne Weber
• Joseph Zanella
• Leah Legge
• Dick Mohinder
• Peter Zenz

We are seeking a leader for future PMP classes.
Please contact FredBKoos@IEEE.org

The PMP Preparation Class is sponsored by Ansaldo STS

Project Management Plan Review

We are planning a special series of WebEx sessions as an overview of creating a project plan. Participants will select or create a project and walk through the steps of creating an actual project management plan for projects. This can also be used as part of a makeup session for those who were required to miss a day of the PMP Prep Class.

The times will be decided by those who need to makeup hours from the PMP Prep Class.

Please contact FredBKoos@IEEE.org for more information.

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.

We welcome comments to the PMBOK® Guide, Fifth Edition on our Facebook and LinkedIn groups below.

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.

The group typically meets each week on WebEx and/or in person, per the needs of the self-organized group's members.

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

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!

2012 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 -- http://www.linkedin.com/
• Facebook: Project Management Institute-Pittsburgh Chapter -- https://www.facebook.com/
• Twitter: @Fred_Koos -- https://twitter.com/
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

New initiatives for schools with PMIEF:

As a PMI member, you recognize the value of project management in schools. As a project manager, you also recognize the value of learning from the experiences of others.

Approaching educators and encouraging them to teach project management, without clear examples as to how other teachers have developed their own programs, can be daunting. This is why PMIEF has developed a series of case studies that can be referenced by anyone interested in integrating project management programs into existing curricula.   Link to our five case studies can be found below:

- Delason, New York
- Medford, Oregon
- Meridian, Idaho
- Seattle, Washington
- Tulsa, Oklahoma

We hope that you'll find them to be useful and encouraging.

If you would like to initiate such projects with your local schools, please contact Isabelle Zacharias at PMIEF_liaison@Pittsburghpmi.org.

Academic Outreach

A GREAT Mentoring Opportunity to give back to the future of Project Management!

The Community and Academic outreach teams are joining forces to plan a Black Tie Event this fall where all proceeds benefit the 2014 Intercollegiate Project Management Triathlon (Duquesne University Sponsored Jeopardy Style Student Competition on the PMBOK). We are working with the Duquesne University Student Project Management Association (PMA) to plan this event. We have identified sponsors from PMI and Duquesne, a Project Manager from PMI and a Controller from PMI. 29 eager students have expressed interest in participating on this project team! The benefits of this event/mentoring include:

Give the students the opportunity to apply their learning's from their PM classes while working side by side with top Project Management Professionals in the Pittsburgh area.Give the students some real experience they can list on their resumes and hours of PM experience that can be used to sit for the CAPM or PMP exams one day.Plan a nice evening for PMI chapter members and their spouses to enjoy.Give the students the opportunity to raise significant funding for the 2014 IPMT Competition.Give PMI members the chance to earn up to 45 PDUs for mentoring, and the overall sense of satisfaction that comes with being involved in such a great cause!Improve our future generation of project managers in the Pittsburgh area; facilitate networking between grads and employers to identify great entry level candidates. We plan to guide the students step by step through the project planning process and give them hands on direction on everything from gathering requirements, WBS breakdown, project scheduling, risk management, etc., all while planning a real event. Our project manager, Robert Martin, has taken on a great responsibility but will need help from other PMI members who are experts in specific areas. Our thought is that the Project Manager will schedule working sessions with the students throughout March and April (until they break for the summer), we will identify the deliverables for each scheduled session, and we will bring in mentors who are experts in each subject area, and they will lead the students through each process hands on…actually walking them through identification of risks and mitigation plans, and so on.

We need 9-10 volunteers to act as mentors; each one will choose a specific PMBOK knowledge area that they feel comfortable with. Each mentor will be required to attend one group working session that covers said knowledge area (approximately a 2 hour commitment), then be available to the students via email over the next week to answer any follow-up questions and review the final deliverable, making any necessary changes to finalize the document. We expect each mentor to have one week of engagement from the session through to finalizing the deliverable before the next session begins on the next knowledge area. The planning phase will last 8 weeks during March and April and the specific timing will depend on the

knowledge area you choose. We will also require mentors to assist with execution, monitoring and controlling of the project when the students return in the fall from August through the date of the event.

If you are interested in this amazing opportunity or have any questions, please contact VP of Outreach, Heidi Pastirik at VP_Outreach@Pittsburghpmi.org. Knowledge areas will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis!

Outreach Events

Facilitated discussion on the Tenth Knowledge area of the PMBOK

When: Wednesday, March 20, 2013 6:00PM – 7:00PM
Topic: The new Tenth Knowledge area of PMBOK
Where: Eaton Corporation, 1000 Cherrington Parkway, Coraopolis, Pa 15108

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 Outreach Events tab on the Pittsburgh PMI website or contact Jason McMann at Jason.McMann@ADP.com.

Register for this event.

Make connections at PMI Pittsburgh's First Project Management Networking Mixer

When: March 28 from 5:30 to 7:30PM
Where: The Bronze Hood (5920 Steubenville Pike; Robinson, PA 15136)
Event Type: Networking Mixer

Register for this event.

Join the Pittsburgh Project Management Institute (PMI®) to mix, mingle and network with other local project management professionals at Project NetMix! Project NetMix is a fun way to make those connections that will help you grow your career. Bring plenty of business cards and get ready to make new acquaintances and have some fun! This inaugural event will be hosted at The Bronze Hood (5920 Steubenville pike, 15136) in Robinson, PA on Thursday, March 28 from 5:30 to 7:30PM. Tickets are only $15 and include:

• Delicious hors d'oeuvres
• Two drink tickets
• Plenty of informal networking opportunities
• Stay past 8:30 to join us in some karaoke
• PMI members and non-members welcome!

Please visit LINK to register for this great event by Monday, March 18, 2013! There is a limit of 50 people, so register early. Please contact Dan Betten at drb15205@yahoo.com. We look forward to meeting you there!

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 February 26, 2013 the chapter has 1,466 members. Please join us in welcoming the following new chapter members: Jose Aguiar, Lee Bannister, Gary Battles, Leslie Beck, Alexey Belozerov, Jeff Benner, Flávia Bexiga, David Boger, Julie Botkin, Walter Bowman, Stephen Brady, Allen Brown, Murugan Chandrasekaran, Diana Clive, Grant Connors, Ryan Conover, Eryn Devola, Carly Dobbins-Bucklad, Eric Dudek, Cindy Fernandez, Von Fisher, Jo Ford, Pratik Gandhi, Sandra Grote, Lance Hagerman, Bill Hefley, Susannah Hoang, Patrick Huber, Lori Janesko, Rhonda Johnston, Matthew Jozwiak, Raymond Kelly, Tracie Kio, Kaushik Kiran, Andrew Kleinschnitz, Joshua Kopper, Paul Kruczkowski, Christine Laurent, Lindalugo Lugo Gonzalez, David Martinelli, Trish McConnell, Timothy Mobley, James Orlando, Dontae Payne, Kimberly Poremski, Thomas Ritchey, Bernd Scanlan, Aaron Schaeffer, Michael Sliviak, Donald Smith, Denise Taylor, Puri J Thenrengan, Mary Thomasson, Tao Zhao

New Chapter PMPs

As of February 26, 2013 the chapter has 943 PMPs. Please join us in congratulating the following new chapter PMPs: David Boger

Contacts

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