

Sunday, 02 June 2013

Welcome to the Pittsburgh Chapter

Happy Summer! Hope you had a wonderful Memorial Day holiday!! The year continues to fly by...and your Pittsburgh Chapter continues to offer a number of activities for networking, learning, sharing knowledge and best practices, etc. Check out our Chapter meeting offering this month as well as our LIG meetings and other offerings as described...many different ways to learn and grow professionally.

There is a lot going with your Board as well. We will be having our mid-year strategic session in June to assess how we are doing against the goals and objectives we established in January, and to shift our focus to on plans for the balance of 2013. Please reach out to any of the Board with any suggestions or feedback that you may have. We will also be participating in the Region 4 conference in July – working with the other chapters in New York, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania and nearby states to share ideas, lessons learned and best practices.

And last but not least, please join us for our second networking event – this time at a Pirates baseball game. See the details below and mark it on your calendars now – it promises to be a fun event!

As you can see from our newsletter and our website, there is a lot going on.....Hope to see you at a future event!

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Susan Keaney
President, Pittsburgh PMI

Meetings

2013 June Chapter Presentation

When: Thursday, June 13, 2013, 6:00PM - 8:00PM

Topic: Who's in charge...of your career? Career Planning Strategies

Presented by: Ken Grant of Ken Grant Consulting

Location: ESWP, 337 Fourth Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

[Register here](#)

Abstract: No one cares, or should care, as much about your career as you. Do you have a dream? Do you have a plan to achieve that dream? You need to take charge of your career and formulate your plan to reach your dreams. Ken uses a project management model to present valuable lessons on career planning strategies. The model includes the 5 process groups, each with a set of processes to help develop career planning.

1. Initiation: identifying requirements (geographic, financial, personal, professional, and any others), identifying key stakeholders (family, friends, and colleagues) and involving them in your planning process.
2. Planning: expanding the dream into a vision with a mission, goals and objectives (discussion of measurable goals and objectives needed to achieve the dream)
3. Execution: putting the plan into action (includes discussions on networking, resumes, and interviewing).
4. Monitoring and Controlling: keeping control of budget, schedule and performance (includes discussions of why it is necessary to have a good grip on expenses, timelines, and achieving goals, why it is important to document progress compared to the plan so that you can make necessary changes intentionally and not accidentally).
5. Closing: What next?

The process never stops, once you have achieved your immediate dreams it is time to start thinking about the next step. Where do you want to be in the next 10 years?

Speaker's Bio: Ken has over 43 years experience in Department of Defense and private sector program and project management, operations, planning, and program support. Experience includes air and missile defense operations, planning, and threat assessment; and program schedule, cost, and performance support. Over 20 years of that experience was with the US Army including assignments to the Army Staff and to the Office of the Secretary of the Army. Retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel, Ken made the successful transition to the civilian world and for the past 23 years he has held increasingly responsible program/project management positions supporting the Department of Defense. He earned his PMP in 2005. Ken has taught PMP Exam Prep both on the PMI-NAC instructor team and under contract to UAH. In 2010, Ken started Ken Grant Consulting, a project management consulting practice focused on helping small businesses establish and maintain successful projects at affordable rates. In 2012, he moved from Huntsville, AL to Wake Forest, NC where he continues with his consulting practice and coaching others with career transition and development strategies.

Financial Services LIG Presentation

When: Thursday, June 13, 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

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/CAPM Certification Study Groups
- DALE CARNEGIE - Advancing Projects Through Motivational Leadership
- Lead Local PMI Events and Earn PDUs
- Professional Development Day (PDD) for Project Management!
- Future Project Management Training in 2013
- Social Media Posting of Pittsburgh PMI Training Information

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 participants and facilitators for our succession plan. Also, PMP Volunteers are needed to answer questions during PMP Study Group sessions.

Please contact FredBKoos@IEEE.org to be a leader or to participate.

DALE CARNEGIE - Advancing Projects Through Motivational Leadership

In today's business world, you are expected to get results by molding a group into a driving force, many times without any direct authority over team members. You need new skills to be effective in this environment - skills like winning trust, building credibility, and influencing others to agree with your point of view.

These are exactly the types of abilities you will acquire at [Advancing Projects Through](#)

Motivational Leadership. You will learn to communicate up, down, and across the organizations to build consensus; negotiate compromises that work for everyone; and resolve group conflicts before they derail a project. In addition, this project leadership training seminar provides a set of proprietary exercises that will show you how to create working alliances and make your colleagues enjoy doing what you need them to do.

- 16 PDUs
- 3.5 hours per week, 4 Consecutive Wednesdays
- June 5, 12, 19, 26, 2013
- 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- At Pittsburgh Technology Council, 2000 Technology Drive, Suite 100, Pittsburgh PA 15219
- \$895 (\$795 for PMI Members)
- For your Pittsburgh PMI member \$100 discount please contact Dana Levenson Dana.Levenson@dalecarnegie.com, (412) 606-4967
- Please see attached flyer for more information.

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!

Pittsburgh PMI is preparing for another great Project Management Professional Development Day (PDD) in November!

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

Feedback Requested for a Chance to Earn Free tuition to the Pittsburgh PMI PDD

- Your input is requested to help shape of the 2013 PDD by completing a short survey and earn a chance to win free tuition for this PDD.
- Click this link below to find the survey in the Professional Development page of www.PittsburghPMI.org.
- http://www.pittsburghpmi.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=60&Itemid=173
- Submitting your response will put your name in the list for a drawing of free tuition.
- The offer is for members of the Pittsburgh PMI chapter.

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

Outreach Events

Project NetMix: Take Me Out to the Ballgame!

Friday, July 12 ([register](#) by June 10)
Networking Tailgate and Baseball at PNC Park

Buy your ticket and the tailgating is on us! The Pittsburgh PMI chapter will provide hotdogs, hamburgers, chips and refreshments starting at 4:45 in Gold Lot 2 (the lot next to Stage AE).

But wait, there's more! All ticketholders attending the game receive a replica Roberto Clemente jersey.

Spouses and children are welcome. Ballgame tickets are \$25 per person and kids under 30" tall get in free. We'll be in Section 130 so bring your gloves to grab a foul ball.

- Tailgate from 4:45 to 6:00
- Then meet at the Left Field gate by Atria's at 6:30 to get your tickets.

Open to members and non-members
Registration deadline is June 10 !
[Register online](http://pittsburghpmi.org) at pittsburghpmi.org

Questions? Email Paul Halenda, PMP
dir_outreach_events@pittsburghpmi.org

The PMI Pittsburgh Carl Pritchard Scholarship

The Carl Pritchard Scholarship supports development of the best and brightest future project management professionals in the Greater Pittsburgh area through learning opportunities.

The Pittsburgh Chapter named this scholarship in honor of Carl Pritchard, to express its gratitude for his continuous support of the Pittsburgh Chapter.

Carl Pritchard has been a long-time member of the Pittsburgh chapter. He was keynote speaker at many of the Pittsburgh Chapter Meetings. Carl Pritchard has also offered our Chapter Members multiple opportunities to participate in his Pittsburgh based seminars.

Carl Pritchard is the principal and founder of Pritchard Management Associates. He is a recognized lecturer, author, researcher, and instructor. As a lecturer he is considered a leading authority on risk and communications management and presents on a variety of management topics, ranging from project essentials to the complexities of network diagramming and team motivation. As an author and researcher, he has published articles on project management language, advances in risk management, and on the challenges of training on the Internet. His work as an instructor has taken him around the world, training with some of the leading international training organizations, as well as for private clients and the Project Management Institute®.

The scholarship is not restricted to PMI Pittsburgh Chapter member and is open to:

- College and University Students - Students at the bachelors, masters, and doctoral levels who are studying project management and related fields
- 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

The scholarship will award a maximum of \$500 per year, which may be awarded in whole or in part to one or more individuals each time. The scholarship will be awarded to

cover all or a portion of the tuition to a training seminar offered by the PMI Pittsburgh Chapter such as the PMP Preparation (PMP Prep) class or the Professional Development Day (PDD).

Criteria for the Carl Pritchard Scholarship:

The applicant must live in the area that the specific PMI Chapter serves. (Zip codes beginning with: 150-162, 166,168)

PMI Pittsburgh Chapter Board Members and selection committee are not eligible.

Deadline for the application: 2 Months before training start

The PMI Pittsburgh Chapter will hold all applications until the deadline and the Scholarship in whole or in part will be awarded one month before the training start.

Winner must be willing to be photographed and will allow name and photographs to be used for publicity purposes.

If you would like to apply, please contact Isabelle Zacharias at PMIEF_liaison@Pittsburghpmi.org

The PMI Pittsburgh Project Management Company of the Year Award

The Project Management Company of the Year award is given annually to the Pittsburgh area company that best demonstrates a commitment to the practice and furthering of Project Management as a profession. Its purpose is to recognize those companies that promote Project Management as a profession so they continue to do so and become attractive to the best project management employees. Local companies who obtain this level of excellence are leaders in our industry who will contribute to our overall goal of making Pittsburgh a globally recognized “Project Management Center of Excellence”.

All companies with Pittsburgh PMI chapter members are eligible to apply for the award. The application will be available on the PMI Pittsburgh website in June and needs to be sent to dir_outreach_corp@pittsburghpmi.org by 11:59 pm on October 31st. Don't be shy, just apply!

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 Management 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 website](#) for more details...

New Chapter Members

As of May 28, 2013 the chapter has 1,465 members. Please join us in welcoming the following new chapter members: [Mike Clifford](#), [Roger Cottrell](#), [Gilbert DiCenzo](#), [Andrew Doucette](#), [Weihua Feng](#), [Allen Junod](#), [Sandeep Karwa](#), [Russell Kosis](#), [Debbie Leicht](#), [Eric Linhart](#), [Kim Means](#), [Tim OConnor](#), [Mike Pastore](#), [Michael Pietropaoli](#), [Jeremy Roberts](#), [Heidi Smedley](#), [Terri Szymanski](#)

New Chapter PMPs

As of May 28, 2013 the chapter has 998 PMPs. Please join us in congratulating the following new chapter PMPs: [Kevin Barretto](#), [Stephen Brady](#), [Elizabeth Carruthers](#), [John DiMarzio](#), [Maria Dunn](#), [Mike Hovraluck](#), [Richard Howie](#), [Stanislaw Jedrus](#), [Rhonda Johnston](#), [David Koenig](#), [Christopher Lieber](#), [Mary Ellen Malcolm](#), [Jeffrey Parkhurst](#), [Lynne Richardson](#), [Sheri Rockhill](#), [Peter Schogel](#), [Angie Selle](#), [Kevin Shoup](#), [Todd Veness](#), [Jeff Wilkins](#)

Contacts

Click to view the [Pittsburgh PMI chapter contacts](#).

Additional Announcements

SAVE THE DATE - VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

We are in the final stages of planning YOUR 2013 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.

This will be held on Thursday night, August 8th, which would be the same date as our Chapter meeting, if we had one in August! however, the Location is TBD. This is in "finalization"!

Please mark your calendar. Details to follow.....

Election for the Board of Directors

Each year at the October Chapter meeting, nominations for position are presented by the Chapter Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee is chaired by the Past

President who this year is Mike Rapach. Other members are Ray Luncher, Sara Alacce, and Susan Keaney our Chapter President. The results of the election will be presented at the November Chapter meeting.

As stated in Article V of the PMI Pittsburgh Chapter Bylaws, the following board positions are designated for the election process this year and will hold the office for years 2014 and 2015:

- VP Finance and Administration
- VP Education and Certification
- VP Membership and Volunteers

Position Descriptions

The following are but brief descriptions for each of these positions. Please refer to the Chapter Bylaws on the website.

The VP Finance and Administration shall oversee the management of funds for duly authorized purposes of the PMI Pittsburgh Chapter. Duties shall include but are not limited to the responsibility for the development, preparation and presentation of an annual financial plan, management of all Chapter financial transactions, establishing and maintaining all information required for Chapter bank accounts and other investments, submitting all required tax related filings on a local, state, and federal level, developing and obtaining approval for an annual operating budget, etc.

The VP Education and Certification shall facilitate education and training opportunities for the advancement of the project management profession. The duties shall include but are not limited to assessing the ongoing educational needs of the PMI Pittsburgh Chapter, coordinating and overseeing efforts of volunteers working to: develop and provide seminars, PMP training sessions, et al; acting as a liaison with PMI® for certification information.

VP Membership and Volunteers shall support membership growth and retention of the PMI Pittsburgh Chapter. The duties include but are not limited to the responsibility for the development and maintenance of the PMI Pittsburgh Chapter membership retention and growth plans, and overseeing the constant volunteer efforts within the PMI Pittsburgh Chapter.

The officers elected to these positions will serve one, 2 year term of office beginning January 1, 2014.

Chapter member interested in being nominated for one of the above positions, and believes their experience satisfies the prerequisites described in Article VI of the Chapter

Bylaws, should send an email to Mike Rapach @ mike@rapach.com. Your email should include your Bio, a recent 2x2 inch photograph, and your qualifications for the position.

Timeline for the nomination/election process

- September 30: .Dead line for chapter members to email the Nominating committee declaring their interest for a particular position. Please include your Bio, 2x2 inch photograph, and qualification for the position.
- October: The nominating committee will post their selections on the website, in the newsletter in October, and present the candidates at the October chapter meeting. Posted information will include the candidates' name, bio and photograph.
- October through November: The electronic ballot will appear midnight Thursday, October 10, 2013 and be available through midnight Sunday, November 3, 2013.
- November: The successful candidates will be announced at the annual Membership meeting on November 14, 2013.