



Tuesday, 03 December 2013

Welcome to the Pittsburgh Chapter

Happy December! I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. 2013 is coming to an end and 2014 is almost here. WoW!

We had a tremendous Professional Development Day in November! I personally want to thank Fred Koos, Valerie Carpenter and the entire PDD team for setting such a high standard. Mark your calendars now for the November 2014 event. It promises to be even better!

Congratulations to our newly elected Board Members –Kim Reid is your new VP of Finance, Fred Koos is your “new” VP of Education and Professional Development and Joanne Sarachine is your new VP of Membership! We also want to thank Mike Rapach who has served for the past 2 years as our Past President and moves on in 2014 to become a new Trustee. We thank him for his service and look forward to working with him in his new role. And congratulations to Matt Craig who assumes the role of your Chapter President in January! I look forward to working with him and your new Board as I move into the role of Past President. Lots of changes to your Board in 2014 – but one thing remains the same – our pledge to you to provide our membership with best in class educational, professional and growth opportunities.

On a personal note, I want to thank you the membership of the Pittsburgh Chapter for an incredible 2 years as your President. We have an amazing chapter and I am so proud and honored to have been given such a wonderful opportunity to serve as your President. I have learned so much from all of you and so very proud of what we have been able to accomplish. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

There's much more going on in December at your PMI chapter. Please check out the website for details and to register/get involved. Hope to see you at an upcoming event!

Wishing you all a wonderful, safe and joyous holiday season and a healthy, happy 2014.

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President

Meetings

2013 Decembeer Chapter Presentation

When: Thursday, December 12, 2013, 6:00PM - 8:00PM

Topic: 7 Key Strategies to Communication with Greater Influence and Impact

Presented by: Jennifer L. Smith

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

[Register here](#)

Abstract: Do you feel like people do not listen to your ideas or sit there with glazed looks when you present? Are you struggling to ensure that your ideas are used when decisions are being made? Imagine what your life would be like if you could influence others to "take action" to keep projects on schedule.

Most people believe that you will have great influence and impact if you simply use more charts instead of "technical terms" and learn about who will be attending the meeting beforehand to be able to answer their questions.

And yet there is much more to communicating effectively. During this session you will learn and walk away with 7 key communication strategies that will help you have greater influence and impact when communicating with others.

Speaker Bio: Jennifer is a seasoned Executive Leadership Coach passionate about developing effective, authentic leaders who achieve sustainable results. She has worked with leaders in Fortune 500 companies, medium to small businesses, and not-for-profit organizations globally. Jennifer partners with clients to unleash their motivational drivers which allow them to access their untapped potential. Her personalized, results-oriented approach enables her to get at the root of the challenges her clients face; discover barriers along with the potential impact; develop strategies; and take action that moves them towards their goal.

Jennifer has more than 15 years of experience in areas such as leadership development, diversity/inclusion strategies, succession planning, change management, strategy development, performance management, and process improvement.

Jennifer holds a Bachelor's degree in Accounting from Grambling State University and is a graduate of General Electric's Financial Management Leadership Program (FMLP). She also holds a Master's degree in Organization Development and Human Resources with a concentration in Organization Development from The Johns Hopkins Carey Business School. Jennifer is a member the International Coach Federation (ICF) and serves as a Board Member for ICF-NJ State Chapter.

Training

Professional Development

Pittsburgh PMI has quality 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.)

Information below in the Professional Development section of this newsletter follows:

- PMP Preparation Class 2014
- Lee Lambert, Stakeholder Management Workshop, 2/20/14.
- PMP/CAPM Certification Study Groups
- Future Project Management Training in 2014
- Professional Development Day (PDD) 2013 was a Success!
- Agile Execution for and Beyond IT – New Article Coming
- Social Media Posting of Pittsburgh PMI Training Information

PMP Preparation Class 2014

Become a certified PMP!

Click [here](#) to register or go to www.PittsburghPMI.org for more information and to register. Look under Professional Development, Training.

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

The PMP Preparation Class will be held on five (5) consecutive Saturdays as follows:

- February 22
- March 1
- March 8
- March 15
- March 22

Each day is planned to run from 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM with lunch and other snacks & beverages provided.

35 PDUs will be awarded!

Attendees will receive a text book, study guide, online resources, practice exams, instructor support, and more!

Material is updated per the new Fifth Edition of PMI's [A Guide to the Project Management](#)

Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide).

The location is Ansaldo STS, 1000 Technology Drive, Pittsburgh PA 15219. Thank you Ansaldo STS!

Tuitions follow:

- Tuition: \$1165
- Pittsburgh PMI Member Discount: \$190 (Please login to website to get your discount.)
- **Early Bird Discount**, register before 1 Jan 2014: \$50
- Late fee after 11 February 2014: \$75 -- materials may not arrive until the second day of class
- (Pittsburgh PMI members registering before January 1st will only pay \$925. This is a great deal for this PMP Prep Class!)

Click [here](#) to register.

Please contact FredBKoos@IEEE.org for information on the following:

- Are you interested in being an instructor for a future PMP review class?
- Do you have any questions about attending the 2014 PMP review class?

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Lee Lambert, Stakeholder Management Workshop, 2/20/14

The Lambert Consulting Group is holding a workshop on Stakeholder Management in Pittsburgh on February 20, 2014.

Save the date. Additional information will be posted in upcoming newsletters and on www.PittsburghPMI.org.

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.

PMP Volunteers are needed to answer questions during PMP Study Group sessions.

Please contact FredBKoos@IEEE.org to be a leader, participate or volunteer as a PMP.

Future Project Management Training in 2014

Please reply to FredBKoos@IEEE.org with suggestions for additional training offered by our Pittsburgh PMI Chapter for 2014.

Professional Development Day (PDD) 2013 was a Success!

The second annual Pittsburgh PMI Professional Development Day was sold out and twice as big as last year! The feedback was very positive!

Attendees experienced a variety of presentations in a single day around the central theme of Successful Project **Execution!**

Proven techniques will help attendees' project success and project management careers!

For all who attended, you should have received emails with presentations. Please contact FredBKoos@IEEE.org if you did not receive them and if you did attend.

PDUs earned: 7

Time: 6 November 2013, 8:00 – 5:00

Location: The Regional Learning Alliance, 850 Cranberry Woods Drive Cranberry Township, PA 16066, <http://www.therla.org/>

Speakers follow:

- Craig Price – Keynote
 - The Realist's Guide
 - Getting a Grip on Negativity
- Rick Clare, OCP, PMP, CBAP
 - From: PMCentersUSA
 - Topic: Top 10 Execution Mistakes
- Ron Taylor, MBA, PMP
 - From: the Ron Taylor Group
 - Topic: Five Leadership Tips for Project Execution
- Michael Bernard
 - Oxford Development Company
 - Successful Execution of the CONSOL Energy Center Project
- Phillip Tiewater
 - From: Academy Leadership
 - Topic: Communication for Project Success
- Harlan Bridges
 - From: BOT International
 - Topic: Project Leadership, Are you ready?

- Dr. Barbara Schwarck, PCC
 - From: Clear Intentions International
 - Topic: How to get along with difficult people
- Dana Levenson, Performance Consultant/Professional Speaker
 - From: Dale Carnegie® Training
 - Topic: Executing with Impact
- Kevin Cameron, PMP
 - From: Cameron Professional Management, LLC, President and CEO
 - Topic: 10 Keys to Project Execution
- Joe DiFalco and Fred Koos
 - From: Pittsburgh PMI
 - Topic: Agile Execution for and Beyond IT

See www.PittsburghPMI, Prof. Development for more details.

Save the date for the 2014 PDD planned for the first Wednesday of each November.

Sponsor:

PMCentersUSA, <http://www.pmcentersusa.com>



Agile Execution for and Beyond IT – New Article Coming

Many asked for more information from the presentation during the PDD about Agile Execution for and Beyond IT. We will be posting a more comprehensive article soon at www.PittsburghPMI.org -- Prof. Development -- Articles. This will fill in many of the blanks that we did not have time to cover in the short time of during the PDD. Included will be more details on the Agile kitchen example, per many requests. We will also include a link to more details of the Scrum information reviewed and references to additional Agile information.

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.

- LinkedIn Group: Pittsburgh PMI
- Facebook: Project Management Institute-Pittsburgh Chapter
- Twitter: @PittsburghPMI (use hashtag #PitPMI for related tweets)

Other useful Twitter handles to follow are below.

- Twitter for our the IT LIG: @Pgh_PMI_IT_LIG
- Twitter for PMI: @PMInstitute
- @Fred_Koos for tweets related to our events

Enjoy!

Outreach

Free Chapter Meeting for Students

February 13, 2014

Meet Potential Employers

Enjoy fine Dining Downtown

Network with more than 100 Professionals

Improve your Team Building skills with our keynote speaker: Jesse Wilson "What's Our Story?" A powerful, engaging, and revolutionary approach to Team Building.

For more information contact Isabelle Zacharias at PMIEF_liaison@Pittsburghpmi.org.

Outreach Events

Coffee Talks: Training with Caffeine

You asked...we listened. We are proud to announce a new event outside of the city and in the morning.

Attention early birds, come to the first "Coffee Talk" session. These sessions will focus on communication and interpersonal skills. Of course there will be good, fresh roasted coffee there too! Free coffee and tea will be provided.

When: February 12, 2014 at 6:30 AM-7:30 AM.

Where: Generoasta coffee shop which is directly East off the I-79 Warrendale Exit.

Topic: "How to communicate to engage: in a world of Millennials" with Jackie Rodgers from Dale Carnegie.

To attend this free event and receive 1 PDU, you must register via the PittsburghPMI.org event calendar. Registration ends on February 5th, 2014 and only has 30 seats available.

The next "Coffee Talk" session will be on April 23, 2014 in the South Hills. Please contact Alan Bachmann at AABachmann@cvtty.com for more information.

Hands on Workshop

On Tuesday, November 12th, 27 people attended our Hands on Workshop at Industrial Scientific Corporation, in Hanky Farms. Our featured speaker, Laura Nee gave us an overview of Microsoft Virtual Project Office (VPO) software. In addition, we got to test drive VPO and learn how companies are seeing more business and project success by using this tool! During the presentation and hands on portion, people in attendance were able to ask questions and others in attendance also shared insight on their own past and current projects. The topic and discussions were very informative, and will prove to be helpful in expanding knowledge base for future projects.

We ended the meeting with announcements of the near-future Pittsburgh PMI education and networking events. Thank you to Laura Nee and Beth Anderson for showing us new strategies for online Project Management, and also thank you to Industrial Scientific Corporation for hosting the event!

Academic Outreach

5th Annual Inter-Collegiate Project Management Triathlon



Date: March 28-30, 2014

Time: Palumbo Donahue School of Business

Location: Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

The Inter-Collegiate Project Management Triathlon (IPMT) is an undergraduate level

competition hosted by Duquesne University and is sponsored as well as supported by PMI and the PMI Pittsburgh Chapter. This event tests competitors' knowledge of the PMBOK® Guide and their responses to project case-based scenarios.

There are three competitive events where the participants can showcase their project management knowledge:

Team Quiz-Bowl: Teams of four students will compete in a Jeopardy-style event. All questions will be based on the PMBOK® Guide and at a difficulty level equivalent to that necessary to achieve the Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM®) designation. (The form of the questions will be fill-in-the-blank or short answer.)

Individual "All-Star" Quiz-Bowl: This is also a Jeopardy-style event, to be played exclusively by individuals, and it will follow a similar format to the Team Quiz-Bowl. Participants will be selected based upon the degree of knowledge s/he has shown in their individual performance in the team event.

Quick Fire Team Challenge: During the competition weekend, teams of four participants will be given a project management scenario and asked to develop and submit three work products. Teams will be evaluated on how well the team performs developing the work products. The same teams that participate in the Quiz Bowls will participate in the Quick Fire Challenge.

In between competitive events, participation in team building activities, which require physical and mental dexterity, is encouraged. These activities are designed to provide competitors an opportunity to relax and have fun.

Educational institutions are limited to entering two (2) teams to participate in the IPMT Competitive Events. Universities that have participated in previous IPMT competition include:

Appalachian State University, Boone, NC
Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA
Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, PA
Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI
New Jersey Institute of Technology, Newark, NJ
University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA
University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC
West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV

For more information or to register visit www.duq.edu/pm-triathlon

Scholarships

The 2013 PMI Pittsburgh Carl Pritchard scholarship recipients!

Thanks to the Carl Pritchard scholarship offered by the PMI Pittsburgh Charles Tomljanovic

and Phani Krishna Reddy Vuyyuru were able to attend our successful PDD in November for free.

Phani Krishna Reddy Vuyyuru is a MBA student at the Pittsburgh University and seeks to improve his Project Management skills and become a PMP Project Manager.

Charles Tomljanovic is an educator at Mount Aloysius College in Cresson PA. He is teaching Project Estimation and Cost Management, Project Planning and Scheduling to MBA students.

Both were eager to attend the PDD to improve their PM skills and get to know other Project Managers from the Greater Pittsburgh area.



Global Outreach

We need your help with PMIEF (PMI Educational Foundation) and Global Outreach. The PMIEF and Global Outreach team is looking for volunteers for the following positions:

PMIEF School Liaison:

Develop a partnership with school districts from Greater Pittsburgh Area to fulfill their needs concerning the promotion of 21st century skills.

Inform schools about the opportunities of scholarship for teachers, curriculum availability or any other support PMIEF or the PMI Pittsburgh Chapter could offer to promote 21st century values to the students.

2 to 3 hours /month – 1PDU per hour

Chapter of the Year Application Project Manager:

The PMI Global Chapter Awards recognizes PMI Chapters and Communities of Practice that

have demonstrated unparalleled dedication and contributions to the project management profession.

This year PMI Global recognized the Pittsburgh Chapter for its great achievements with the 2013 Members Service Award! The Members Service Award recognizes the Professional Development opportunities and services that a Chapter offers to its members.

Next year the Chapter has decided to go for the Chapter of the Year Award!

We need a Project Manager to lead the application process, define the goals, assemble the team, and gather all the information from the team.

The Project Manager defines and tracks project scope, goals, schedule, budgets, and execution strategies in collaboration with project stakeholders.

1 to 2 hours /week from March to April – 1PDU per hour

If you are interested, please contact Isabelle Zacharias at PMIEF_liaison@Pittsburghpmi.org

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 November 29, 2013 the chapter has 1,423 members. Please join us in welcoming the following new chapter members: Paul Albamonti, Nema Aragones, Fausto Bizzarri, Lauren Brown, Susan Burke, Evan Currie, Michael DelSignore, Lynn Finn, Albert Fletcher, Randall Fowler, Christopher Georgevich, Julie Hartig, Gregory Jablunovsky, Thomas Jackson, Billy Josay, Christopher Klein, Robert Lenart, Scott Mattila, Mary Mazur, Michael Mungal, Heidi Munn, Elise Nolan, David Parker, Clay Piper, Catherine Plummer, Albert Powell, Desmond Russell, Ronald Sebek, Mark Smock, Philip Wilson, Paul Wonders

New Chapter PMPs

As of November 29, 2013 the chapter has 995 PMPs. Please join us in congratulating the following new chapter PMPs: Robert Lenart Jr., Aaron Schaeffer

Contacts

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