

Tuesday, 06 May 2014

Welcome to Pittsburgh PMI – May 2014

“Whatever you can do, or dream you can, begin it. Boldness has genius and magic in it.”

Can you believe one third of 2014 is already behind us? I hope you have had a productive and valuable start to the year, and are seeing your labors begin to bear fruit.

As PMI project managers, we have a professional responsibility to not only apply effective project management practices, but to do so as stewards of the value proposition inherent within every project. Are you clear on the value promise contained within your projects, and are you acting every day to guide project execution towards realizing that creation of benefit for your stakeholders? We are not in the widget building business, ours is the business of value realization.

We have a great month of events in front of us. Our upcoming chapter meeting on Thursday the 8th kicks off with the Healthcare LIG, which will also be attended by a number of recruiters from local organizations, followed by ways to improve your Project Management Office by leveraging the OPM3. This weekend we’re holding our Baseball networking mixer at PNC Park, and I look forward to catching up with many of you at this sold-out event. Beyond that we have plenty of outreach and professional development activities throughout May and June. Please review the full newsletter for details.

Our chapter continues to grow, and I welcome our new chapter members and look forward to seeing you at a chapter event. Also congratulations to our 10 members who have advanced their professional standing by achieving a PMI certification this past month.

As always we have many openings for you to learn and grow through volunteer opportunities, and I would particularly like to call your attention to our new team pulling together the 2014 Project Management Company of the Year.

Kind Regards,

Matt Craig, PMI Pittsburgh Chapter President

Meetings

2014 May Chapter Presentation

When: Thursday, May 8, 2014, 6:00PM - 8:00PM

Topic: Navigating PMO Improvement with OPM3

Presented by Chris Uldriks

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

[Register here](#)

The 2012 PMI Pulse of the Profession survey identified that only 20% of respondents felt their organizations had high organizational project management (OPM) maturity. This is startling given the same report indicated that organizations with high OPM maturity reported delivering 72% more projects on time, 55% more projects within budget, and 38% more projects meeting their business goals than their counterparts with low OPM maturity.

With the obvious benefits of increasing OPM maturity, why are so few embracing the opportunity to improve and so few successfully implementing improvements?

Navigating PMO Improvement with OPM3 discusses the obstacles to PMO capability improvement how the PMI OPM3 process helps organizations overcome the obstacles to improving PMO capability to drive strategy execution and deliver more projects meeting business goals on schedule and within budget.

Project professionals attending this event will:

1. Gain an understanding of organizational project management (OPM) and the PMI Organizational Project Management Maturity Model (OPM3)
2. Understand the OPM3 assessment process
3. Learn how OPM and OPM3 assessments help a PMO overcome the obstacles to PMO improvement and facilitate effective improvement in organizational project management capability
4. Discover the business benefits of implementing a mature OPM framework, including:
 - a. Improved project predictability
 - b. Alignment to organizational strategy
 - c. Increased organizational agility
 - d. Development of a sustainable PMO
5. Learn the benefits of OPM and the OPM3 to the project manager, PMO manager, and executive

Bio: Chris Uldriks is President of Programmatix, a PPPM and systems engineering consulting firm. Chris has over ten years of program office experience in the aerospace and defense industry. His previous experience ranges from systems engineering and mission management in the missile defense and commercial space launch segments to research and development project portfolio management in medium caliber weapons. He is one of approximately 100 PMI certified OPM3 professionals operating globally. Chris graduated with a BS in Engineering Management from the University of Arizona and an MBA from Arizona State

University.

Healthcare LIG Presentation

When: Thursday, May 8, 2014, 5:00PM, prior to monthly chapter meeting

Topic: Successful Exits: It's not just about the technology

Presented by Donald P. Taylor, MS, MBA, Ph.D., Executive-in-Residence, Pittsburgh Life Sciences Greenhouse

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

The presentation is about how Technology de-risks failure, not an exit. Great technology is a frequent initiator of a life sciences startup company yet it is often not enough to ensure a successful exit. Startups must follow the norms of their startup vertical and align customer, investor and acquirer purchase triggers but how are these triggers identified?

We will also be inviting a few local recruitment firms to speak to our members during dinner. If your company is hiring or you have worked with a recruiter in the past you respect they are welcome to speak to our members during the dinner portion of our meeting. If you want to recommend someone as a recruiter please contact Kathy Lawson (412)818-5687 or klawson@nwgsonline.com

Bio: Don Taylor is an experienced life sciences executive, with more than 20 years of life sciences commercial development experience. Dr. Taylor began his career as Co-founder, President and CEO of Net Health Systems, Inc., a bioinformatics company engaged in web-based disease state management (acquired in 2012). Prior rejoining PLSG in 2010, he served as the Vice President of Corporate Development for Cellumen, Inc., a biotools company, and the predecessor company Cernostics, Inc., a cancer molecular diagnostics company.

Prior to Cellumen and Cernostics, Don was the Global Pharmaceutical and Biotechnology Market Segment Manager for Thermo Fisher Scientific, Inc., where he led product marketing campaigns across a sales team of more than 500 people and \$400 million in revenue. Don was the Senior Director of Business Development for Vivisimo, Inc., (acquired by IBM in 2012) providing big data software to the pharmaceutical and biotech industry. Prior to Vivisimo, Don was the Vice President of Business Development for Strategic Healthcare Programs, LLC (SHP), a Frost & Sullivan award-winning bioinformatics company.

Dr. Taylor has served on the board of directors of several biotechnology companies; including Sculptor Developmental Technologies that he helped sell to Hospira, Inc. in 2008. Don has been published in leading journals such as Cancer Research, Stem Cell Research and Therapy, and Topics of Health Information Technology and is an Adjunct Professor of Information Systems at Carnegie Mellon University.

Don received a B.S. in Information Systems from Carnegie Mellon University, an M.S. and Ph.D. in Bioengineering from the Swanson School of Engineering at the University of Pittsburgh, an MBA from the Katz Graduate School of Business at the University of Pittsburgh, and conducted postdoctoral research at the University of Pittsburgh School of

Medicine in the Department of Pathology. Dr. Taylor's research was in collaboration with Massachusetts Institute of Technology on developing an organotypic bioreactor to study cancer metastasis, wound healing, and stem cell therapies.

Professional Development

Pittsburgh PMI has great 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:

- Lee Lambert, Stakeholder Management Workshop, June 18th
- Planning Agile Course, Tentatively Summer 2014
- PMP/CAPM Certification Study Group
- Agile PMI-ACP Certification Study Group
- Future Project Management Training in 2014
- Professional Development Day (PDD)2014
- Social Media Posting of Pittsburgh PMI Training Information

Lee Lambert, Stakeholder Management Workshop, June 18th.

You won't want to miss this!

The Lambert Consulting Group is holding a workshop on Stakeholder Management in Pittsburgh (Verona) on June 18th.

Lee always gives great seminars! As a result of his extensive contributions, he was awarded PMI Fellow status in 2009!

For details and to register see: <http://www.lambertconsultinggroup.com>

For a PMI discount use code word "PMI".

Planning Agile Course, Tentatively Summer 2014

Pittsburgh PMI is planning another world-class Agile course. Valuable methodologies and tools will be covered to enhance your performance as a project manager. This will also be a step towards being a PMI Agile Certified Practitioner.

More information will follow in upcoming newsletters and at www.PittsburghPMI.org.

PMP/CAPM Certification Study Group

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 participants 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.

Agile PMI-ACP Certification Study Group

We will be starting Agile Certified Practitioner (PMI-ACP) study group in soon, tentatively 7:00 PM on Tuesdays starting mid-May. This is modeled

after the PMP Study Group above. We have interested participants and will be setting the dates to meet on WebEx.

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) 2014

Save the date for the 2014 PDD planned for the first Wednesday of November (each year) **5 November 2014**.

The theme will be “**Driving Organizational Value through Effective Project Management**”. Within this theme, two tracks are planned as follows:

- Communications/Stakeholder Management
- Practical Application of Tools/Techniques.

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

Enjoy!

Outreach

Outreach Events

Hands on Workshop

Our first Hands on Workshop of 2014 will be held on Thursday, May 22nd at Waynesburg University's Southpointe Center in Cannonsburg, PA, beginning at 6:00 PM and lasting two hours.

Oxford Development's Project Director, Michael Barnard, is scheduled to present on how projects of large magnitude can be broken down into manageable phases and stages. During the session you will learn tips and tricks that you can use to effectively build your own project plans into manageable pieces and Work Breakdown documents.

This will be an exciting event, a great networking opportunity and a fun way to earn 2 FREE PDUs towards your PMP certification! It will also be a good chance to connect with new contacts in the Pittsburgh area. [Register now](#), registration closes May 15th!

We look forward to seeing you at our spring Hands on Workshop. Please come and join us!

Date: Thursday, May 22nd

Topic: Work Breakdown Strategies & Managing Large Projects

Location: Waynesburg University Southpointe Center

6000 Town Center Boulevard

Canonsburg, PA 15317

Cost: There is no cost to attend this meeting.

PDUs/CEUs: 2

Contact: Paul Halenda, PMP at dir_outreach_events@pittsburghpmi.org or Ken Presutti, PMP at kenpresutti@gmail.com with any questions/queries.

Agenda: □

5:30p Sign-In, Eat, and Network□
6:00p Welcome, Introductions, Announcements□
6:10p Featured Presentation Begins
6:50p Break
7:00p Hands On Scenario
7:50p QA and Wrap-Up

Networking Mixer: Take Me Out to the Ballgame!

The PMI Pittsburgh Chapter is excited to once again hold our annual Pirates Tailgating Networking Mixer. This year we will be watching the Pirates take on the St. Louis Cardinals. Registration is now closed, and we thank everyone that is planning on joining us. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Date: Saturday, May 10th Time: 4:30 PM

Location: PNC Park - 115 Federal Street, Pittsburgh, PA 1521

<http://pittsburgh.pirates.mlb.com>

Program Details:

- Arrive at 4:30 PM
- →Tailgate begins at 4:30 PM to 5:45 PM (Lot across the street from Allegheny Center Parking Garage - location map attached)
 - Tailgating location is about 2 blocks north of PNC Park. At the intersection of Federal Street and South Commons. Located on the East side of the intersection.
- Tickets will be handed out at the Tailgate. If not attending the Tailgate, your tickets will be at the Will Call Window (beside Home Plate), at 6:30pm.
- First Pitch at 7:05 PM
- Zambelli Fireworks will immediately follow the game!

Registration is now closed. - No walk-ins can be accommodated. Look forward to seeing everyone at the game! Contact: Jason McMann, PMP @ Jason.McMann@ADP.com for any questions.

Coffee Talks: Training with Caffeine

The first year of our new Coffee Talks have been a success with both events sold out! Please look for the next dates coming this fall.

Academic Outreach

Academic Outreach is seeking volunteers to share their background & experiences on various topics with a Duquesne University Graduate Project Management Class on Monday or Wednesday evenings from May 12 through June 21, 2014. For more information and/or to volunteer to speak, contact Joe Ralyea at joe.ralyea@pnc.com or Sam Provil at

sprovil@provilassociates.com.

2014 Pittsburgh PMI Company of the Year

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to craft the questions for the 2014 Project Management Company of the Year award application. Please contact Jim Huber at james.huber@pnc.com if you are interested to be on this committee and earn free PDU's!!

Corporate Outreach

Company Coordinators Needed

If you would like to represent your company as a Company Coordinator for the Pittsburgh PMI Chapter, please contact Jim Huber, Director of Corporate Outreach, at james.huber@pnc.com. The link is on our web page under the Outreach tab. This is another opportunity to earn free PDU's.

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 April 29, 2014 the chapter has 1,433 members. Please join us in welcoming the following new chapter members:

Syed Yasir Ahmed, Mark Barie, Michael Bateman, Joseph Beyer, Christina Bone, Mary Anne Buvens, Duvineel Cabrera, David DeFazio, Kristin Errett, Jerry Hayostek, Sean Kerutis, Stephanie King, Amy Laura, Courtney Little, Rosy Logioia, Jessica Lutz, Mathew McConnell, Thomas McNally, Edward Moore, Amelia Osterman, Joanne Pelliccioni, Frank Pogue, Elisa Ramseyer, Robert Schillat, Denelle Smith, Harold Smith, Timothy Su, Susan Trkula, David Wainwright, Rodger Weiss, Julia Wiley, Julie Wulff, Pete Yurinec, Ronald Zak

New Chapter Credentials

As of April 29, 2014 the chapter has 1,027 credentials in the membership (PMP®, CAPM®, PMI-RMP®, PMI-ACP®, PGMP®). Please join us in congratulating the following new chapter members that received a new credential:

Darren Beck PMP, Robert Dice PMI-ACP, Lawrence Giannetti PMP, Dwayne Kirkland PMP, Linda Klink PMP, Brett Layden PMP, Robert Murray PMP, Nicholas Stebick PMP, Michael Strosnider PMP, Cindy Walsh PMP

Contacts

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