Wednesday, 04 June 2014

Welcome to the Pittsburgh Chapter

"You have to manage for results, do the right things right and make serving the customer the center of everything" – Peter Drucker.

Summer is nearly upon us, and I hope your projects are running well, delivering great results, and growing your teams for success now and in the future.

We have a great month of activities for you to wrap up our official program year, and will continue study groups and course opportunities through the summer months. Lee Lambert is hosting a Stakeholder Management workshop this month, and as a participant in a number of Lee's sessions, I can say they are well worth your time. We are also continuing our support for Agile related topics, including this month's chapter meeting, and pending courses and study groups.

We are growing our engagement with local organizations through the Pittsburgh PMI Outreach team. We seek to engage and add value to our members' companies, and we ask that you consider representing your organization if you don't already have an Outreach representative. This provides excellent volunteer and leadership opportunities for you, and helps provide insight and access to the many valuable offerings from our chapter and from PMI for you and your company.

Throughout the Summer your board and other volunteers will be working hard to review and improve the value we facilitate for you, our members. Please contact any member of the board with feedback and suggestions. We will be holding our semi-annual strategy review and planning session in July, and we welcome your input.

Thanks to Jason, Heidi, and the many volunteers who put on a great tailgate for us in May, capped off by a super win of the Pirates over the Cardinals, and followed by a spectacular fireworks show.

Kind Regards,
Matt Craig - PMI Pittsburgh Chapter President

Meetings

2014 June Chapter Presentation

When: Thursday, June 12,2014, 6:00PM - 8:00PM
Topic: Implementing Agile/Scrum with a traditional PMO...and making it work
Presented by: David Haberman, PMP, SCM
Location: ESWP, 337 Fourth Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Register here

Description of Presentation: More and more companies are moving to an Agile approach to business. And this is certainly true within IT organizations. Many of these businesses and IT organizations already have Program and/or Project Management Offices established. These PMOs have cost the organizations but most are not willing to just shed their PMOs. The question when moving to a more Agile approach is, do they need to eliminate Project Management Offices? Can traditional PMOs coexist with Scrum Masters, Product Owners, Sprints, and Burn-down Charts. Not to mention Chickens and Pigs?

This presentation will argue that the answer to that question is yes – PMOs can coexist. We will consider three questions:

1. What does Agile want?
2. What does the PMO want?
3. What does the customer want?

Once we answer these three questions, then we can develop a scenario where a Traditional PMO can coexist with Agile/Scrum.

Bio: David Haberman is a Project Management Professional and Certified Scrum Master with experience in developing Project Management Offices (PMOs). David graduated with a BS in Information Science from the University of Pittsburgh and has over 15 years of Project Management, Project Management Office, and Agile Scrum experience in several industries. He has primarily been engaged in managing large and complex projects, mostly in the area of applications development. David has helped companies succeed by maintaining and expanding business solutions.

Financial LIG Presentation

When: Thursday, June 12,2014, 5:00PM, prior to monthly chapter meeting
Topic: To be announced
Location: ESWP, 337 Fourth Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, 2nd floor

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.

There have been delays in getting a world class provider of this training. We are working to keep this moving forward.

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

Many people have shown interested in Agile Certified Practitioner (PMI-ACP) Certification Study Group. We now just need a facilitator of these sessions and can get started. We can start this PMI-ACP study group now, tentatively at 7:00 PM on Tuesdays. This is modeled after the PMP Study Group above. We have interested participants and will be setting the dates to meet on WebEx.

People interested in being the Lead facilitator for this PMI-ACP Self-Organized Study Group or to attend please contact FredBKoos@IEEE.org.

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 PDD team has made great progress!

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.

We had a great event last year and this will be even better this year!

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

Corporate Outreach

Corporate Outreach would like to welcome 6 new company coordinators from 5 local companies.

Raj Puri from Coventry Healthcare
Valerie Carpenter from Bettis Labs
Tim Janeway and Natasha Lightner from Highmark
Nick Hodnick from McKesson Corporation
Bill Bates from Williams

Please reach out to these representatives which represent your company or Jim Huber with any Pittsburgh PMI needs. If you would like to represent your company please contact Jim Huber at dir_outreach_corp@pittsburghpmi.org on becoming a company coordinator. Also visit our webpage (www.pittsburghpmi.org) for Corporate Outreach under the Outreach tab.

Outreach Events

PMI Night at PNC Park, May 10, 2014

Thanks to our chapter members and friends for making May 10 a PMI event to remember at PNC Park!

Our Pirates tailgate party drew over 120 members, friends and family for hamburgers, hotdogs, pop, and good times. While there was the threat of rain, the game started right on time. And the Pirates beat the Cardinals 4-3! The Fireworks after the game really helped to cap off a great day. Click here for pictures from the event!

Thank you to everyone that participated, and especially to our great staff of volunteers. We are looking forward to next year for our 3rd Annual PMI Pittsburgh Pirates Night in 2015. It promises to be the best one yet!

Project NetMix

A date for our next networking mixer has not been set yet but is planned to take place in early fall of 2014. We look forward to seeing everyone next time! For more information please contact Jason McMann, PMP at Jason.McMann@ADP.com.

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 25, 2014 the chapter has 1,427 members. Please join us in welcoming the following new chapter members:

Aimee Brown, Jennifer Clifton, Jessica Costa, Eric Daggett, Tchetchet Digbohou, Margie Hayden, Deb Hope, Mark Hoyle, Diana Hurtado S., Amit Jangid, Carrie Johnson, Melissa McKrell, Sarah Michael, John Powell, Chris Shaw, Sara Sibenaller, Michael Thompson

New Chapter Credentials

As of May 25, 2014 the chapter has 1,024 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:

Richard Barker PMP, Alexey Belozerov PMP, Allen Butler PMP, Sara Dwyer PMP, Brian Evanchak PMP, Michael La Bertew PMP, Jennifer Maurer PMP, Jason Smith PMP, Julia Wiley PMP, Julie Wulff PMP