Thursday, 02 October 2014

Welcome to the Pittsburgh Chapter

What a beautiful time of year it is in Pittsburgh in the Fall. The leaves are turning, the nights are cooling, and it's great weather for camping and hiking with friends and family. Hopefully it's also great weather for a mud run with kids (highlights to be shared at October chapter meeting).

We've also kicked off our program year with a great start, with excellent reviews for Jesse Fewell's Agile session and Carl Pritchard's always great insights into Risk Management, at our September chapter meeting.

I hope you've already registered for next month's Professional Development Day, as we're likely to sell it out again fast this year. We have a great crop of speakers and panelists, hand-selected by a dedicated team of volunteers who reviewed a large number of submissions to choose the best material for you.

A welcome surprise (for me) was an invitation to fill-in for our October meeting, as our scheduled speaker unfortunately had to cancel their session. As many of you know, I am an advocate of value-management practices, so I look forward to sharing some techniques and discussion with you, to help you make sure each of your projects is focused on delivering great results both for your organization, and for you as a professional Project Manager.

Welcome to our new members and congratulations to our new PMI credential holders. For all of you I hope your projects and programs have engaged and motivated teams doing great work, and I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming chapter meeting.

Kind Regards,

Matt Craig
President, Pittsburgh PMI Chapter

Meetings

2014 October Chapter Presentation

When: Thursday, October 09, 2014, 6:00PM - 8:00PM
Topic: Mapping your way to Value-Driven Delivery
Presented by Mattias Craig, PMP
Location: ESWP, 337 Fourth Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

[Register here](#)

The most successful project managers consistently deliver valuable results for their organizations. But knowing what is valuable is not always easy. How can you be value-focused in your management and leadership of the projects you are responsible for? Join us to discover how techniques including strategy mapping, results mapping, and value-driven delivery can be applied to increase success, reduce risk, and help you deliver the outcomes your organization needs.

Financial LIG Presentation

When: Thursday, October 09, 2014, 5:00PM, prior to monthly chapter meeting
Topic: TBD
Presented by TBD
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.

Healthcare LIG Presentation

When: Thursday, November 13, 2014, 5:00PM, prior to monthly chapter meeting
Topic: Accidental Love Triangle: Enterprise Architecture, Portfolio Management and Project Management
Presented by Robert Sheesley, Certified Business Architect, MBA
Location: ESWP, 337 Fourth Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

The disciplines of Enterprise Architecture, Portfolio Management and Project Management have competing needs and complimentary benefits in organizations that promote collaboration and transparency in pursuit of measurable value.   We'll take a look at the dynamic, symbiotic and sometimes contentious relationships of these three critical competencies and how they can not only co-exist, but inspire the best in each other for the good of the whole.

Bio: Robert Sheesley is Senior Director, Enterprise Architecture at Mylan, Inc. In this role Robert is responsible for developing, implementing, evolving, and managing the Enterprise Architecture practice for the global IT organization. Robert was previously Director of Strategic Technology Optimization, Corporate Information Services at

UPMC, and Program Director at HEALTHeLINK™, western New York's Regional Health Information Organization (RHIO), where he was responsible for project leadership of a $10 million Health Information Exchange (HIE) program to implement a state-wide clinical data exchange with an emphasis on clinical information among disparate health care information systems specific to child health immunization, newborn screening, syndromic surveillance, and chronic disease. Robert has over twenty-three years of experience, including Interim CIO and senior leadership roles, business and technology transformation, and delivery of mission-critical technology solutions designed to reduce operating costs, sustain customer loyalty, grow market share, and increase business value. Robert is both a writer and public speaker, having authored and delivered material for professional associations including Project Management Institute (PMI), Health Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS), Health Technology Research and Advisory Council (HTRAC), and the Association of Information Technology Professionals (AITP). He has served on executive round table panels for Information Week, authored white papers on merger and acquisition planning and integration, and business architecture, and has provided commentary on business process management for CIO magazine. A United States Marine and Operation Desert Storm Veteran, Robert is an active member of the Board of Directors of the Western Pennsylvania Chapter of HIMSS, and of Access Community Health Network, Chicago's largest private health care provider to the under-served and the nation's largest community health center. Robert is a founding member of the International Association of Innovation Professional and serves as co-chair of the Architecture Innovation Work Group.   He also serves on the Industry Advisory Board for HTRAC. Robert has held numerous leadership roles including Director, Health and Life Science Solutions with Syndicus, Inc., CIO Advisory Services Practice Leader for West Monroe Partners, National Insurance Practice Leader for Alvarez and Marsal Business Consulting, and Director Claim Technology for CNA Financial. He has a master's in Business Administration and a bachelor of science in Communications from Clarion University of Pennsylvania, and holds a Certified Business Architect (CBA®) designation with The Business Architects Association (BAA™).   In his free time Robert enjoys golf, camping, hiking, running and mountain biking.

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:

- Professional Development Day for Project Management, 5 November 2014!
- Agile PMI-ACP Certification Study Group
- PMP Preparation Class 2014
- PMP/CAPM Certification Study Group
- Agile Certified ScrumMaster (CSM) Course, Complete

- Future Project Management Training in 2014
- Social Media Posting of Pittsburgh PMI Training Information

Professional Development Day for Project Management, 2014!

"Driving Organizational Value through Effective Project Management" is this year's theme.

High quality speakers, great information and attendees make this the largest project management networking event in Pittsburgh!

Click here to register.

7 PDUs
5 November 2014
850 Cranberry Woods Drive Cranberry Township, PA 16066, http://www.therla.org/

This PDD will include the following:

Keynote Speaker: Skip Weisman; President; Weisman Success Resources, Inc.   How to be Respected and Heard as a Valuable Partner by Every Stakeholder on Every Project

Session 1A: Joe Lukas; Vice President, PMCentersUSA *How to Create a Correct and Concise Schedule*	**Session 1B**: Sam Provil; President & Managing Consultant; Provil & Associates, Inc. *Serious Project Time Management – Presented Not Too Seriously*
Session 2A: Ron Taylor; President; The Ron Taylor Group *What the Dog Saw*	**Session 2B:** Rick Clare; Director, PMCentersUSA *Top 10 Project Disconnects Between Executives and the Trenches*

Lunch

Executive Panel Discussion – Effective Project Management, from the Executive's perspective

Session 3A: Bob Stearns; CEO; Powerful Potential *Engaging Shareholders to Support your Projects*	**Session 3B**: Joe Lukas; Vice President, PMCentersUSA *Improving Stakeholder Relationships using Emotional Intelligence*
Session 4A: Harlan Bridges; PMO Setup Practice Lead, BOT International *Business Driven Project Management and Project Strategy*	**Session 4B**: Jennifer Smith; Executive Leadership Coach, Growth Potential Consulting *Three Secrets to Getting Projects Done on Time and Within Budg*et

Standard Price: $329

Pittsburgh PMI Member Discount! $30 (remember to login first for this discount)
Early Bird Discount! Before September 21st: $50
Avoid the $50 Late Fee. Register before October 28th.

For updates please see www.PittsburghPMI.org.

Agile PMI-ACP Certification Self-Organized Study Group

Our Agile PMI-ACP study group is running and gaining momentum.

We meet on WebEx at times that work for the members.

For information on how to joint this PMI-ACP Self-Organized Study Group or to attend please contact FredBKoos@IEEE.org.

PMP Preparation Class 2014

Become a certified PMP!

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

The PMP Preparation Class is planned to be held on five consecutive Saturdays starting in February 2015. Specific dates are TBD.

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

35 PDUs will be awarded!

This course includes a text book, study guide, online resources, practice exams, instructor support, and more!

We recommend that students read and apply processes of the PMBOK® Guide now in preparation for your PMP exam.

Interested in being an instructor for future PMP review class? Have questions about attending the PMP review class? Please contact FredBKoos@IEEE.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 Certified ScrumMaster (CSM) Course, 10-11 September 2014, Complete

Our Agile Certified ScrumMaster class sold out!

Jesse Fewell from Alacrity came to Pittsburgh to provide another great Agile class. Scrum is a leading Agile methodology with great tools for project success.

Jesse's website follows: http://jessefewell.com/

The CSM (Certified ScrumMaster) certification is administered by the ScrumAliance.

Some Agile articles are in the Professional Development page on www.PittsburghPMI.org.

Based on demand we will be offering another agile course in early 2015.

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 and 2015.

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

Community Outreach

Pay it Forward!

At the November Chapter meeting Pittsburgh PMI will be hosting our annual charity Outreach event supporting Veterans Place of Washington Boulevard with the Pay it Forward event. We will be hosting a house warming party to assist the Veterans place in providing necessities for local veterans in need.

Veterans Place of Washington Boulevard located in the East End Communities of Allegheny County is a 48-bed transitional housing and safe haven day program for homeless men and women who once served in the U.S. Military.

There will be Walmart and Target registries to make donations easy. The details of the event can be found on the Pittsburgh PMI website. More information to follow! Contact Rob Martin at martinrb@westinghouse.com for more details. The PMI Pittsburgh chapter appreciates your support in helping this great organization get off to a good start! The chapter will match gifts donated to double our support for veterans in need!

Academic Outreach

Volunteers Needed for Professional Development Units (PDU's) Opportunities

PMI Pittsburgh Academic Outreach is offering fun & easy opportunities for PMI credential holders to obtain PDU's in 2014-15 for Category D – Creating New Project Management Knowledge. We are seeking PMP, PgMP, PMI-RMP, PMI-SP, as well as CAPM Certified volunteers to share their project management knowledge/experiences with students at Western Pennsylvania colleges/universities. The list of PMI Pittsburgh Academic Outreach educational institutions includes, but is not limited to:

- Beaver County Community College,
- Carnegie Mellon University,
- Duquesne University,
- Indiana University of Pennsylvania,
- Geneva College,
- Pennsylvania State University – Beaver Campus,
- Robert Morris University,

- University of Pittsburgh.

Each presentation is scheduled for approximately one (1) hour, including 15 to 20 minutes for questions & answers, with typical range of topics starting from PMBOK knowledge areas; to PMBOK processes, tools, or techniques; to individual "real-life" project management experiences, as requested by the sponsoring professor/students. The venues for these presentations are all live class-room, on-campus at the Academic Outreach college/university of your choice.

Both, your time to prepare your presentation as well as the time to deliver it, can be claimed for PDU's. Each hour of your preparation/delivery time qualifies for 1.0 PDU.

Interested volunteers are encouraged to contact PMI Pittsburgh Chapter – Director of Academic Outreach, Sam Provil, PMP (sprovil@provilassociates.com or 412-833-1115) for more information and to register as a volunteer speaker.

Volunteer today to take advantage of this fun & easy opportunity to give back to the project management profession as well as earn PDU's for re-certification of your PMI Credential. And, who knows? Your presentation may even inspire a student to pursue a career in project management. Wow! Wouldn't that be amazing?!

Corporate Outreach

The Project Management Company of the Year application is now available on the PMI Pittsburgh website.

Project Management Institute is the world's leading not-for-profit professional membership association for the project, program and portfolio management profession. Founded in 1969, PMI delivers value for more than 2.9 million professionals working in nearly every country in the world through global advocacy, collaboration, education and research. PMI advances careers, improves organizational success and further matures the profession of project management through its globally recognized standards, certifications, resources, tools, academic research, publications, professional development courses, and networking opportunities. PMI has more than 250 chapters in more than 70 countries worldwide. Your local Pittsburgh chapter has been recognized for its involvement and unique member services locally, nationally and globally. Pittsburgh is leading the way in Project Management and we want to recognize the local companies that contribute to our goal of improving the Project Management profession!

It does not matter the size of your company or the current level of your project management maturity model, we are focused on identifying the company who has placed great focus on advancement and performance improvement of its project management practices over the last year.

This is a chance for your company to showcase its strengths and earn a distinction that attracts experienced project managers and makes you one of the best project management

employers!

All applications are due by 11:59 pm on October 31, 2014.   You may contact Jim Huber, Director of Corporate Outreach, with any questions or to submit your application at dir_outreach_corp@pittsburghpmi.org.

The Pittsburgh chapter looks forward to your submission!

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 September 29, 2014 the chapter has 1,454 members. Please join us in welcoming the following new chapter members:

Teresa Kishlock, Vaishnavi Krishnamurthy,Tracy Murray, Albert Philpott, Martha Benson, Scott Aldrich, Vince Carnevale, Richard Goldman, Jody Handley, Sandy DePellegrini, Fuad Ashwash, David Coopey, Mark Falatovich, Diana Messich, Wayne Sodowsky, Amanda Anders, Jennifer Mayle, Joseph Barretto, Eric Bono, David Eckert, Connie Jackson, Sarah Kocsis, Christopher Palmer, Cheryl Sweeney, Janice Wohlfarth, Juanita Lomax, Gangadhar Nagabandi, Liza Whipkey, Sreenivas Krishnacharya, Christopher Kupper, Kolette Stim, Donald Hackworth

New Chapter PMPs

As of September 29, 2014 the chapter has 1,053 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:

Sam Murgie PMP, Jodi Beichner PMP, Joseph Beyer PMP, Jennifer Clifton PMP

Contacts

Click to view the Pittsburgh PMI chapter contacts.

Additional Announcements

Elections

It's almost Officer Election Time! We have an outstanding slate of volunteers running for office this year. Your candidates are as follows:

President Elect: Fred Koos, Kimberly Mangan
VP, Outreach: Lorraine Robinson
VP, Communications: Peter Zenz
VP, Programs: Kathy Lawson

Their bios, photos and qualifications are posted on our website and included as an attachment to this newsletter.   The candidates will be presented at the October chapter meeting.

The electronic ballot will appear at <u>midnight Thursday, October 9, 2014 and be available through midnight, November 2, 2014.</u> The successful candidates will be announced at our annual Membership meeting on November 13, 2104.

Good luck to all of our candidates!!!!!!