



## **RANDY RINIER BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION**



### **VP Administration & Board Secretary**

Randy Rinier has over 25 years of project and operations management experience that spans software development, business continuity, information technology implementation and unified communications. His professional experience has been obtained at Allegheny Energy, Hewlett Packard and Giant Eagle.

Randy has participated in chapter meetings for over 15 years. He has been Director for Board Operations and reported to the past 4 Chapter Presidents. He is a member of PMI North America's Region 4 "Birds of a Feather" Governance group. Randy is a certified PMP. He graduated from The Pennsylvania State University with a BS in Mathematical Science and obtained his MBA from the University of Pittsburgh. He has been a member of PMI since 2002 and received his PMP in July 2002.

### **Active Member Pittsburgh Chapter, 2002 – Present:**

- 2010 – Present Pittsburgh Chapter, Director for Board Operations
- 2007 – 2009 Pittsburgh Chapter, PMP Prep Class Instructor

### **Objective:**

- If elected, I will continue to responsibly prepare, maintain, record, distribute all records, correspondence and related affairs of the chapter and work with my fellow Board members to help advance the field of project management.

## DAN POLASKI BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION



### **VP Governance and Policy**

Dan Polaski has over 25 years of *Project and Program Management* experience. His experience spans many vertical markets and many disciplines in both the Public and Private sectors. Dan has been *Project and Program Director/Manager* for a variety of Application Portfolios as a Management Consultant within an IT management consulting firm. He is a certified PMP, is a graduate of Robert Morris University, and has a Masters Certificate in Advanced Project Management from Villanova University. Dan is currently the Director of Operations to the Board of Directors in the Pittsburgh Chapter under 3 Presidents. He is also a member of the “Birds of a Feather” Governance group within Region 4 of the North American PMI. Dan established the Governance group at his Management Consulting firm, setting IT policy and procedure for the firm. Dan also worked to establish IT Policy and Procedure Governance at a local Utility Company in Pittsburgh. Dan has been a member of PMI since 2005 and received his PMP in March 2006.

### **Active Member Pittsburgh Chapter, [2005 – present]:**

- Year 1 [Pittsburgh Chapter Operations Director of Operations 2013]
- Year 2 [Pittsburgh Chapter Operations Director of Operations 2014]
- Year 3 [Pittsburgh Chapter Operations Director of Operations 2015]
- Year 4 [Pittsburgh Chapter Operations Director of Operations 2016]

### **Objective:**

- Responsibility for addressing governance and policy issues, including ensuring the maintenance and enforcement of chapter policies and bylaws, transition and succession plans

## KATHY LAWSON BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION



### **VP Programs**

I have held the VP of Programs position for two years, during which time I have coordinated the speakers for the 7:00 monthly chapter meetings with input from the membership and board. The feedback on these speakers has usually been very good and the attendance has been consistently near capacity. The Pittsburgh PMI chapter is a wonderful group people who are a joy to collaborate, network and work with, so this should not surprise anyone.

Professionally, I am an independent insurance professional with 14 years of experience in the insurance industry. I have managed cases ranging from 7 people up to 1500 across multiple state lines. I make sure that the solutions offered adhere to their state insurance regulations as well as meet our client's service expectations and cost requirements. I have held licenses in 7 states and have done everything from building the client database for the enrollment to shepherding the account through underwriting. The business to business aspect of my profession has required that I understand that profitability and employee retention have an intersection. Job satisfaction is closely related to how valued one feels at work. One of the most interesting statistics of my job is an old LIMRA study that showed that a leaner benefits package that cost less but was explained well actually had a better perceived value to employees than a richer more expensive package that was poorly communicated or understood. I always try to keep that in mind when we have our benefit meetings. The Third Party Administration portion of our business has required that I maintain knowledge of the IRS regulations on FSA, HRA, HSA, Transportation benefits and LTC.

I have deeply enjoyed my time as VP of Programs at Pittsburgh PMI. I look forward to another 2 years in this position but if not, thank you for allowing me this time to serve the bright, challenging and interesting group that is the Pittsburgh PMI Chapter.

## PAUL HALENDA BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION



### VP Outreach

Paul has over fifteen years' experience in Project Management in the Healthcare, manufacturing, metals, Rail- transportation, and Refractories industries. Is a certified PMP and currently pursuing his MBA at Waynesburg University. Has a strong background in managing customer relationships throughout project life-cycle from planning through closeout. Participative management style which motivates and encourages team members to achieve their full potential. Well versed in strategic planning, fiscal management, and workload management.

Paul spent 6 years at Coventry Healthcare as a Project Manager in the Infrastructure Division. While at Coventry, Paul was on high profile conversion projects such as Benefit Express conversion, VISTA integration, MHNET integrations, and corporate email conversion.

Paul has been serving as Director of Outreach Events for the last five years for Pittsburgh PMI chapter and has coordinated round table discussions, hand on workshop events, and networking mixers for local chapter members. Seeking to serve as VP of Outreach for PMI Pittsburgh Chapter.

#### Goals:

- Reach out to more people in the community – look at ways to increase our membership
- Strengthen relationship with companies through company coordinators
- Veterans – Explore opportunities to increase their involvement with our chapter.
- Continue to explore how our chapter can add value to local companies.
  - How can we help grow our local project managers
  - Types of Program offerings. Do we need to change or add additional ones
  - Tools/resources for our current project managers.

Project Management-Education – having a bigger presence in our colleges and high schools. We need to reach younger demographics to grow our profession.

## SANDRA WILLIAMS BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION



### VP MARKETING & COMMUNICATION

Sandra G. Williams has over 20 years' experience as a project manager and team leader for various companies in the Pittsburgh area. She is a certified PMP, has received her Competent Communicator award from Toastmasters, International, and holds an ITIL Service Management Foundations certification. Sandra has a BS in Mathematics from the University of Pittsburgh and an MBA from Robert Morris University. Her professional experience has crossed several industries including manufacturing, media, and financial services. She has been a member of PMI since Jun 2002, and received her PMP certification in Mar 2004.

#### **Active Member Pittsburgh Chapter, 2002 – present:**

- 2009 - 2014 Company Coordinator
- 2007 - 2008 VP Programs
- 2005 - 2007 IT LIG coordinator

#### **Objective:**

- If elected, Sandra will identify opportunities to increase awareness of chapter activities among our members and throughout the broader Pittsburgh community.
- She will build on the success of predecessors by enhancing our chapter's use of social media and traditional communication channels to elevate our presence in the region.

## THOMAS [TJ] ANGELO BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION



### *VP Marketing & Communication*

Thomas (T.J.) Angelo has over 10 years of experience as a Program Manager, Product Manager and Service Owner of Collaborative Technologies within the Enterprise Digital Workplace space for BNY Mellon. Prior to that, T.J. has worked as a project manager in the technology space leading several enterprise wide technology builds and launches across various groups including the Chief Administrative Office, Enterprise Productivity Services, Enterprise Architecture and Web Services. T.J. has a background in project management, business analysis, architecture and software development for employers including Sony Electronics, SoftGenetics and US Steel. TJ is a VP of Collaborative Technologies and a certified PMP. T.J. has a BS in Computer Science from Penn State University as well as a minor in Engineering Entrepreneurship. T.J. has acted as Director of the Financial Services LIG for the past 5+ years, starting June 2010. T.J. has lead communications and digital marketing efforts for various endeavors including a bar / restaurant, a rock band and multiple concern / event promotions. His professional experience was obtained leading global projects with team members spanning the US, Europe, India and Asia. He has been a member of PMI since April 2008 and received his PMP certification in May 2009.

### **Active Member Pittsburgh Chapter, 2008 - 2016:**

- Year 1-2 Active Member and Regular Attendee of all PGH Chapter and LIG meetings
- Year 3-8 Director of the Financial Services LIG

### **Objective:**

- If elected, T.J. will work hard to promote and market the PMI Pittsburgh Chapter and associated LIGs beyond its current reach and exposure in the professional and academic community. Driving an increase of awareness of services and events that PMI offers will provide value to current members and prospect members with the goal of growing the PMI Pittsburgh Chapter membership and community to be able to offer better resources, service and support for more of our peers in the project management community.