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Program Meeting Announcement

Tuesday, March 18, 2008

Bonus Program 5:15 PM

Bonus Speaker: Bill Luxmore - Dale Carnegie

Topic: "Energizing Your Team"

Program Meeting at 6:00 PM

Clarion Hotel and Conference Center

3600 Dunckel Drive, Lansing, MI

Dinner Speaker: Roman Laszuk, PMP

Topic:

" Deploying Wireless Mobility In Manufacturing Enterprises "

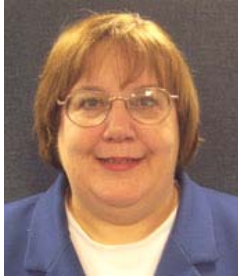
To Register go to : <http://www.pmi-mcac.org/>

And use the Monthly Program Meeting Link

Special Reduced Rate for Only Attending Speaker Portion of Meeting
at 7:00 PM. See the above link for details!

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Message from the President

Amy J. Piper, Ph.D, PMP

As many of you know I have been on a project in Argentina, so I have managed to dodge the cold Michigan winter. It was perfect to have snow for Christmas and then go back to the tropical weather. With any luck, we'll have a warm Michigan summer.

From a PMI perspective, I have had the opportunity to attend a couple of meetings with some other local project managers to discuss setting up a chapter or branch of PMI in the town of Cordoba (about 500 miles from Buenos Aires). We have been working with the chapter in Buenos Aires. It brings back memories of setting up the MCAC nine years ago. It is hard to believe it has been that long. In 2009, we'll be celebrating our 10 year anniversary! Wow!

In February, the Board completed the annual Component Charter renewal process as required by PMI. In 2009 the process will require more planning as PMI moves to the Performance Management Framework (PMF). The PMF focuses on membership value by describing the required performance for each service. Some services are mandatory (core services), some other services are additional and optional (extended services). One of the PMF core services identifies the alignment of the component strategic plans to the PMI Strategic Plan. So the MCAC Strategic Planning becomes even more important.

This will be one of the major activities of the MCAC Board as we continue through 2008. The importance of the strategic alignment of the PMI components and the PMI Strategic plan is that it is in the best interest of all PMI members that all parts of the PMI community are focused on the same desired outcome – that is the recognition and valuing of the practice and profession of project management through “making project management indispensable for business results.” Strategic alignment is the mechanism through which we will leverage the power of the profession and provide consistent value to all PMI members.

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We will be having Board elections at our May meeting. Other activities the Board is involved in is completing an Operational Manual, updating the Bylaws for review by the members, and planning the October Professional Development Day which is becoming a yearly activity rather than once every year and a half.

I'm back in town April 1st; so, I'll see you at April's dinner meeting!

Vice President – Professional Development

Marjorie Greer McIntyre, PMP

Save the date! We have scheduled this year's Professional Development Day (PDD) to be held on Monday, October 13, 2008 at the Sheraton Lansing Hotel on Creyts Road. We will keep you apprised of our plans as they unfurl. Thank you to those of you who contacted us offering your assistance is participating in the planning and execution of our PDD. I will be in contact with each of you in the near future. If you have any suggestions on making this event more beneficial for you, please contact me or any of the Board members.

The PMP Exam Study Group is forging ahead. We are now midway through our studies and ramping up to complete at the end of March. As the participants prepare to take their PMP exam, if you should have any tips, study methods that worked well for you, or information you would like to share, please do so by contacting me and I will share with the Group. If you would like to participate in a future Study Group, we are collecting names and will provide details in the near future.

Vice President – Special Projects

Karl Meier



This month, the Evil Eye (not the PM Eye) should be on the guy that did not pass along the duties of conducting a drawing to another Board member for the February meeting. I was unable to attend that meeting. In addition, I had just written and submitted to the Board the general process for conducting our monthly meetings. Included in that process, is the responsibility for each Board member to ensure that another Board member fulfils their duties in the event they cannot attend a meeting. I guess I should pay more attention to what I have written.

Nonetheless, the purpose of the drawing and this monthly article is to encourage networking at our meetings. I have had the privilege to meet and learn from many wonderful people over the years, and that is coming from a person that is somewhat socially challenged. In many cases, I have only needed to listen during dinner to learn from those at my table. The conversations are always rich with PM topics and experiences and offer anyone sitting in or participating an opportunity to take something away that can be applied to their own endeavors.

If you are a regular attendee, thanks for passing along your knowledge and wisdom to the rest of us. However, we all still have some space left in our brains for more, so please think about attending if you are not a regular so we can learn from each other.

See you March 18th.

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Vice President – Communications

Amita Das, PMP

Hello everyone!

Due to other commitments, I have not had the opportunity to meet with you personally this year. I am VP of Communications for the Lansing chapter of PMI. The duties of this position include taking and reporting minutes of board and program meetings, then distributing them to the members.

In addition, the VP of Communications maintains the e-mail list of the members, arranges for the notification of program meetings, distribution of the chapter newsletter and other items determined appropriate to send to the membership.

One of the major advantages of this position is to become e-mail pals and a contact point for members of the chapter.

It is our chapter's vision and mission to promote the value of project management profession, education, and training. To support our mission and vision and based on the demand of members, our Vice President of Professional Development has formed a PMP study group. We can do even better and accomplish more this year if we hear from you. Therefore, I would like to solicit ideas and opinions from you to improve our chapter's communications.

Vice President – Finance

Alireza Namvar, MBA, PMP

Michigan Capital Area Chapter PMI Balance Sheet As of February 29, 2008

Assets		
Current Assets – Checking/Savings		\$24,886.31
Total Assets		\$24,886.31
Liabilities & Equity		
Liabilities		\$0
Equity		
Retained Earnings		\$24,988.52
Net Income		(\$102.21)
Total Equity		\$24,886.31
Total Liabilities and Equity		<u>\$24,886.31</u>

The above Balance Sheet is generated from the Chapter's accounting system and does not suggest audited information.

If you have any questions regarding the finances of the Chapter, please feel free to contact me at any time.



Vice President – Logistics

Pam Sawatzki, PMP

It is almost Spring! I think we can almost put this winter like weather behind us and start to look forward to some warmer weather. While we are waiting for that change in the weather...it is a good time to start planning to attend the March dinner meeting. This month the dinner meeting is on Tuesday, March 18, 2008. So after you have been out celebrating St. Patrick's Day, the perfect follow up in the attend the dinner meeting.

This months speaker will be Roman Laszuk speaking on Deploying Wireless Mobility In Manufacturing Enterprises. Roman has been a speaker in the past, and always provides wonderful insights! The bonus program begins at 5:15 and the bonus speaker will be Bill Luxmore with Dale Carnegie presenting "Energizing Your Team". A presentation that everyone can use in their day to day life.

We look forward to seeing you at the Lansing Clarion Hotel on the 18th!

Vice President – Membership

John Oldham, PMP

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the following members... New to the Chapter since our February meeting:

Amber-Lynn Harger

Charles Christopher Hoffmeyer, CAPM

Ms. Norma Miller

The following Chapter members have recently attained their Project Management Professional (PMP) certification:

Mr. Alok Singh, PMP

Please join me in congratulating our newest PMP!

The Michigan Capital Area Chapter includes 145 PMPs in the 205 total membership count.

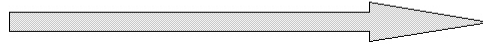
I am looking forward to seeing you during our next Chapter Program Meeting on Tuesday, March 18th.

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Monthly Program Meeting Information

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MCAC Chapter Program Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month, September through May, excluding December. Bonus Programs are often held prior to the Program Meeting (normally from 5:15 PM to 6:00 PM). Networking begins at 6:00 PM and Dinner at 6:30 PM. The Main Program begins at 7:00 PM. Please go to <http://www.pmi-mcac.org> to registration and for additional information.

Costs: \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members which includes dinner. A presentation-only option is available to members for \$10 and non-members for \$15. Anyone who does not register in advance will be charged an additional \$5 at the door. If you are not pre-registered, we may be unable to accommodate you due to restaurant limitations