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## Michigan Capital Area Chapter Newsletter

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### ***Program Meeting Announcement***

**Tuesday, March 17, 2009**

**Registration / Networking: 5:15 PM to 5:45 PM**

**Dinner: 5:45 PM to 6:15 PM**

**Program begins at 6:15 PM to 8:00 PM**

Waterford Lodge  
(Formerly the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center)  
3600 Dunckel Drive, Lansing, MI

**Dinner Speaker:  
Dr. Todd Gute**

**Topic:  
Project Management – From an Architect’s Perspective**

This event qualifies for two PDUs!

To Register go to : <http://www.pmi-mcac.org/>  
And use the Monthly Program Meeting Link

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## **Message from the President**

**Amy J. Piper, Ph.D, PMP**

This month I'd like to remind you that we are always looking for speakers for our Bonus Programs. This is a 30 to 45 minute presentation on a topic of interest to project managers. It takes place beginning at 5:30, prior to dinner. Speakers receive five PDUs for presenting a topic. Please contact me at [amy.piper@sbcglobal.net](mailto:amy.piper@sbcglobal.net) if you have a topic to present.

Another reminder, Board elections will be held in May. John LeTourneau will be sending out a call for nominations. Please consider running for one of the open positions. In 2009 the following positions will be up for re-election: President, VP of Membership, VP of Finance, VP of Publicity, VP of Special Projects and VP of Outreach.

### **PMI Michigan Capital Area Chapter Officers**

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## **Past President**

**John LeTourneau, PMP**  
**Chapter Officer Elections**

The Michigan Capital Area Chapter of the Project Management Institute is soliciting nominations for board members for terms beginning July 1, 2009. Serving on the Board provides the opportunity to work with experienced Project Managers from a variety of industries. If you enjoy being involved in the administration of a professional group, or would like more experience in doing so, we have many great opportunities. Another thing that we do is build great relationships and friendships with other board members that often times extend outside of the PMI world. If you have ever observed the interactions between board members, I think you will have noticed a congenial atmosphere between like-minded professionals that experience a sense of satisfaction and camaraderie from getting things done together.

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If you are interested in being a part of this great team, I encourage you to run for a chapter board position.

The open positions include:

- President (12 month term)
- VP – Membership (24 month term)
- VP – Finance (24 month term)
- VP – Publicity (24 month term)
- VP – Outreach (24 month term)
- VP – Special Projects (24 month term)

The time commitment for these positions is typically 5 to 10 hours a month, and will vary depending on your commitment to the organization. Why volunteer for the PMI Michigan Capital Area Chapter Board?

- Gain Professional Development Units towards maintaining PMP certification (10 per year!)
- Opportunity to influence the direction of the chapter, and possibly the global PMI organization
- Gain a greater understanding of the Project Management Institute
- Network with project management practitioners from multiple organizations across USA and the world
- Advance your career!

The roles and responsibilities for each open position are detailed in the Roles and Responsibilities document, located on the Chapter website under Chapter Business / Election Info.

If you are interested in running for one of the above open positions, please email the following documents, the Board Election Candidate Form (located here: [http://www.pmi-mcac.org/downloads.cfm?path=/election\\_info/](http://www.pmi-mcac.org/downloads.cfm?path=/election_info/)), and a recent resume, to <mailto:pastpresident@pmi-mcac.org> by Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> (but the sooner the better).

If you want to nominate someone else for a board position, send us their name ASAP and we will contact them for biography and resume information. Candidates must be current members of PMI and the Michigan Capital Area Chapter.

Nomination/election information:

- Call for nominations e-mailed to members Mar-Apr-09
- E-mail nominations due back to chapter May 05, 2009
- Voting link e-mailed to members May 08, 2009

If you have additional questions please contact me.

### **Chapter Directory on Linked In**

As we mentioned in previous new letters, we have created a Linked In Group called “Michigan Capital Area Chapter of the Project Management Institute” that we hope to use as an online chapter directory. Group members can see each other’s profiles, see each other’s photos, basically the group can be our chapter directory. The group has grown quite large and we currently have 71 members!

If you are already a Linked In member, I encourage you to sign in and join the Capital Area PMI group. You can find the group by doing a search in the upper right hand corner of the Linked In site. Change the drop down menu from “Search People” to “Search Groups” and then enter the name of the group, which again is “Michigan Capital Area Chapter of the Project Management Institute”. You can then select the group, and then select the “Join Group” button. Within a few hours you will be approved and can view the profiles of other members of the group.

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If you are not already a Linked In member, I encourage you to join Linked In, fill out your profile, post a photo, and join the Capital Area Chapter Group by following the instructions above. You can join at the following link: <http://www.linkedin.com>. Be prepared to enter information about yourself and your past jobs. I would recommend having an up to date resume on hand to cut and paste information into the Linked In profile areas.

Keep your profile up to date and use this tool to stay in touch with PMI contacts, reach your career goals, and control your professional online identity!

## **Vice President – Logistics**

**Randy Jobski, PMP**

Well, we sure had a wonderful time at the February Program Meeting! So many people came, that we had to bring in an extra table on the fly! Amy Piper showed us all how to be much more effective in the use of LinkedIn. This tool is a great way to stay connected to past and current work associates, friends, whomever you don't want to loose touch with anywhere in the world. And, here is something that I picked up from Amy's presentation that I thought was a wonderful idea. If you are going to go on an interview, or in some way meet someone new, and you know their name in advance, you can try using LinkedIn and/or your connections to find someone who knows the person. That could, at a minimum give you some information about the person by reading their profile, or you might even find that one of your connections knows the person personally, and may be able to put in a good word for you prior to you even meeting with them!! Now, that would certainly help your chances of standing out in the pack! That is just one thing I learned from watching Amy's presentation. I picked up many more tips on how to move around the site, etc. as well. What a great way to spend 45 minutes or so.

Our main speaker was Loran Walker, and his topic was "Learning Lessons on Lessons Learned". This too was a very good presentation! The feedback received from the end of meeting survey indicated that many people found Loran's presentation to be engaging and informative. Loran demonstrated the importance of doing lessons learned activities as part of a project. The fact is that much can be learned from these activities, but one has to take the time to utilize and implement what was learned for it to really be of value. His presentation was based on an unscientific survey he conducted where he received a large number of responses from across all size companies. We hope to get a copy of this presentation from Loran so we can post it on our web site. If you missed the meeting, or even if you were there, you might want to go through it once posted. I am sure you will learn something new about this topic no matter how versed you are in the subject.

At the writing of this article, we are gearing up for our March Program Meeting. I am sure we will have a wonderful speaker for you! Please remember to register ahead of time – if at all possible – via our Acteva web site. For March, you can register here: <http://www.acteva.com/booking.cfm?bevaid=179685>.

Thanks, and see you at the March meeting!

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## Vice President – Membership

John Oldham, PMP

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the following new members to the Chapter:

**Lisamarie Babik**  
**Dayne Boyk**  
**Shannon Coombs**  
**William Dennis**  
**Dushmantha Fernando**  
**Angela Fossi**  
**Craig Hagelberger**  
**Cheryl Jeska Collins**  
**Marie Kuz**  
**Chad Lycos**  
**Stephen Williams**

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

**Mr. James Dyson, PMP**  
**Mr. Richard Hood, PMP**

Please join me in congratulating each one who recently completed their PMP certification!

The Michigan Capital Area Chapter includes 156 PMPs in our 212 total membership count.

I am looking forward to seeing you during our next Chapter Program Meeting on Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>.

An additional reminder... for our PMP membership.

- If you have not already done so...  
Now is the time to log your PDUs for 2008 Practitioner of Professional Project Management Services.

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Marjorie Greer		Marcia Jones	Contributor
McIntyre	Contributor		

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## Vice President – Professional Development

Marjorie Greer McIntyre, PMP

2009 is moving along and we are all wondering how to get more of those ever so sought after Professional Development Units (PDUs)!

DATE OF EVENT	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY	SPONSORS	UNITS EARNED
01/28/2009	<p><b>Webinar –</b>  <b>The Mythical Man-Month</b>            12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.  <i>Don't forget to watch this Webinar via the <a href="http://www.pmi-mcac.org">www.pmi-mcac.org</a> website and claim your PDU!</i></p>	Peter deJager PMI-MCAC	1 PDU
02/11/2009 - 03/25/2009 (Wednesday's)	<p><b>PMP Study Group</b>            5:30 – 7:00 p.m.  <i>In Progress</i>  <i>The next PMP Exam Prep Study Group will not commence until after July 2009. The 4<sup>th</sup> edition (latest release) of the PMBOK will be the primary study resource.</i></p>	PMI-MCAC	14 CEUs <i>(Instructors may earn 1-5 PDUs)</i>
10/19/2009	<p><b><i>SAVE THE DATE!!</i></b>  <b>Professional Development Day (PDD)</b>  <b>2009</b>            7:30 – 4:45 p.m.</p>	PMI-MCAC	7 PDUs

*Don't forget to claim your PDU's for the PMI Monthly Dinner Meetings!*

### **Professional Development Sub-Committee**

In order to provide the optimum professional development opportunities to our membership, we are in the process of creating a Professional Development Sub-Committee. This Sub-Committee will assist in the identification and implementation of quality and value added professional development opportunities in project management and leadership. Just as important, these opportunities will provide the ability to earn those much needed PDUs! Also, committee members may earn additional PDUs for their participation on this committee.

If you are interested in joining us in the endeavor, please contact me at [professionaldevelopment@pmi-mcac.org](mailto:professionaldevelopment@pmi-mcac.org).

Stay tuned for more professional development opportunities!

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## **Vice President – Finance**

**Karl Meier, PMP**

**Michigan Capital Area Chapter PMI  
Balance Sheet  
As of February 28, 2008**

Assets	
Current Assets – Checking/Savings	\$28,535.51
Total Current Assets	\$28,535.51
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$28,535.51</b>
Liabilities & Equity	
Liabilities	\$0
Equity	
Retained Earnings	\$24,522.55
Net Income	\$5,012.96
Total Equity	<b>\$28,535.51</b>
Total Liabilities and Equity	<u><b>\$28,535.51</b></u>

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

Status of annual reporting is as follows:

- Annual corporate renewal has been completed
- 1099s have been completed
- Annual IRS filings have been started

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## ***Monthly Program Meeting Information***

The MCAC Chapter Program Meetings are held at the Waterford Lodge, formerly the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center, 3600 Dunckel Drive, Lansing, MI 48910

MCAC Chapter Program Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month, September through September, 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 register 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