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Program Meeting Announcement

March 20, 2007

Program Meeting at 5:15 PM
Clarion Hotel and Conference Center
3600 Dunckel Drive, Lansing, MI

Bonus Speaker: Maureen Myers

Topic: Implementing Project Management for New Product Development

Dinner Speaker: Dave Davis

Topic: Issue Management in Project Teams

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

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Message from the President

John Le Tourneau, PMP

Hello Everyone!

As you many already know our chapter board elections are coming up very quickly. The board is responsible for running the local chapter as per the bylaws established by our membership. The board meets on the first Tuesday of each month and the minutes are published on the chapter website.

One recent pursuit being addressed by the board and our VP of Membership Dan Buonondono is a member survey. The survey is meant to provide data so that programs and activities can be tailored to the needs of the membership. Our goal is to get all of our members participating in a dynamic chapter environment.

Another activity that we are addressing with Arun Sampath is the definition of our outreach mission. Should we reach out to corporations, academic institutions, the community, or all of these choices? As with most organizations, our resources are constrained and the decision of getting the most bang for our efforts is not an easy one.

We are also knee deep in discussions and decisions surrounding our October Professional Development Day (PDD). Amy Piper is doing a superb job of moving this process along, the board is involved in decision making and often times individually as committee members.

Another topic of discussion at board meetings is chapter finances. We recently approved the tax forms prepared by Karl Meier and review the revenue and expense statements on a regular basis.

I hope this gives you a little feel for what we do as a board and at the board meetings. 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. Take some time at the next PMI function to observe the interactions between board members. I think you will notice a congenial atmosphere between like-minded professionals that step forward to get things done together.

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

Past President

Stanley Samuel, MBA, PMP

Many times I have heard project managers say that if they obtain their PMPs then they have managed to prove their project management expertise in the industry. This is so untrue; however having the PMP Certification is just like touching the tip of an iceberg. PMP allows a project manager a foot in the door of the vast project management network (people and knowledge) across the globe. PMP Certification through PMI helps a person to start proving his worth and also helps them sharpen their project management skills. One of the simplest ways to enhance one's skills in project management is being part of the local PMI Chapter Board, which connects with the PMI Headquarters at large.

I have been on the MCAC Board for the past 3 years and before that I used to teach PMP preparation classes for about 2 years in the New Jersey PMI Chapter. During all this time I was able to network with one of the best project managers and project directors in the industry. As the saying goes, "Iron sharpens Iron". I truly see that it was my interactions with these PMs that made me a better project manager, rather than just passing an exam.

Past President's Report continued

At this juncture I want to encourage you and invite you to start thinking of being part of the MCAC Board during the upcoming elections. If you are interested, please note that the following positions will be open for elections this year; President, VP Membership, VP Finance, VP Publicity, VP Special Projects, and VP Outreach. I shall be sending out an official email in regard to the upcoming elections. You surely want to make the best of this opportunity and respond to the invitation.

Vice President – Membership

Dan Buonodono, PMP

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the following member to our Chapter: Mr. Robert Walbeck, Business Systems Manager, Macsteel, Inc. Welcome aboard Robert!

The following Chapter member has attained their Project Management Professional (PMP) certification in February 2007: Mrs. Megan M. Nedow, PMP. Congratulations Megan!

If you have not done so already, please take a few minutes and complete the Chapter's Annual Membership Survey sent to you by David Smith, our VP of Communications. The link to the survey can be found on the chapter's home page at www.pmi-mcac.org. Information that you provide will help the chapter with its future direction.

As a note, I will not seek re-election as the VP of Membership during the upcoming election. If you would like more information on this position, please read over the duties involved, which can be found in our bylaws, located on the Chapter website in Chapter Business → Public Files. Also, if you have questions regarding this position, such as time commitment and specific duties that I perform, please don't hesitate to contact me. If you are interested in running for this position, please contact Stanley Samuel, Immediate Past President, to be placed on the ballot.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at our next program meeting on Tuesday, March 20th!

Vice President – Logistics

Pam Sawatzki, PMP

Greetings! As St. Patrick's Day fast approaches, may the luck of Irish be with you! As you are contemplating how much "green" to wear on this upcoming "holiday", don't forget to register for the next chapter PMI meeting coming up on Tuesday, March 20, 2007. This is sure to be a good one! Maureen Myers will be the bonus speaker and she will be speaking regarding "Implementing Project Management for New Product Development". She will be discussing how her team is implementing standard PM processes and MS Project in the Engineering Dept. at Dart Container Corp in Mason. Our Dinner Speaker will be Dave Davis who will be discussing issue management addressing and whether our project teams truly address those issues assigned to them. He will help us to understand and solve the problems we can encounter on projects by using Project Governance Documents right at the start of Project Kickoff.

The bonus program begins at 5:15, hope you can make it!

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Vice President – Professional Development

Amy J. Piper, Ph.D., PMP

We are preparing to offer a PMP Review Course later this Spring. I haven't heard what the demand for this course is since the new PMBOK was released. If you are interested in attending a local PMP Review Course, please send me your name and email address and I will add your name to a wait list. When we have about a dozen people, I will take a poll to determine the best days to offer the course. Traditionally, we have offered this course over two Saturdays.

If you have passed the PMP certification exam since Version Three of the PMBOK has been released, you probably no longer have a need for your PMP exam prep materials. If you are interested in donating them to a chapter repository, they will be lent out to others studying for the exam, please let me know. I can be reached at amy.piper@eds.com. I will make arrangements to pick up the materials and make them available to individuals studying for the exam.

This year we will have our Professional Development Day (PDD), **Monday, October 8, 2007**. Save the date! It will be held at the Sheraton on Creyts Road in Lansing, Michigan. We are pleased to announce our keynote speaker is, Dr. Harold Kerzner. His presentation is entitled, "Managing Projects Under Long-Term Uncertainty: The Iridium Project". Stay tuned for more details.

We are just beginning our planning for the October event, so if you would like to participate in the planning you can obtain even more PDUs. Contact me at amy.piper@eds.com if you are interested in helping plan the event!

Vice President – Outreach

Arun Sampath, PMP

Our chapter has grown over the years. I recently joined our growing team as V.P. Outreach with the primary intent of advancing PMI and Project Management principals and concepts to non-traditional areas. We would like to target educational institutions and various businesses as first step and then extend that outreach to various community organizations.

As part of the educational outreach program we want to establish a link with location colleges, universities and PM training institutions. Through this link we would like to promote the PMI's standards and educational programs.

In parallel we would also like to reach out to the local businesses to understand their needs and make them aware of the PMI and the Project Management profession.

At this stage I am looking for volunteers to help me with defining and developing a plan for the outreach effort. Please contact me at outreach@pmi-mcac.org.

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**Vice President – Finance**

Karl Meier

**Michigan Capital Area Chapter PMI
Balance Sheet
As of February 28, 2007**

Assets	
Current Assets – Checking/Savings	\$22,021.67
Total Assets	\$22,021.67
Liabilities & Equity	
Liabilities	\$0
Equity	
Retained Earnings	\$22,934.58
Net Income	(\$912.91)
Total Equity	\$22,021.67
Total Liabilities and Equity	<u>\$22,021.67</u>

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

The MCAC board approved the annual tax filing at the March 6, 2007 board meeting. Tax forms will be filed to both the IRS and PMI national within the next two weeks.

Monthly Program Meeting Information

The MCAC Chapter Program Meetings are held at 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 May, excluding December. Bonus Programs are often held prior to the Program Meeting (normally from 5:15 to 6:00). Please go to <http://www.pmi-mcac.org> for additional information.

Costs: \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. 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.