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## Michigan Capital Area Chapter Newsletter

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### PMI-MCAC Program Meeting May 18, 2010 – Lexington Hotel of Lansing

#### AGENDA

<b>Registration/Networking:</b>	<b>5:30 – 5:45 p.m.</b>
<b>Annual Business Meeting:</b>	<b>5:45 – 6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Speaker 1: Michelle Pallas,</b> "Best Practices Authoring a Statement of Work"	<b>6:00 – 7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Speaker 2: Sylvester Johnson, PgMP</b> "65 Day Pursuit"	<b>7:10 – 7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Speaker 3: Pam Hansen</b> "Case Study-Detroit Library"	<b>7:30 – 8:30 p.m.</b>

Hearty appetizers will be served throughout the evening.

*This event provides 2.5 PDUs!*

Registration Link: <http://www.acteva.com/booking.cfm?bevaaid=201396>

The deadline for registration is Friday, May14, 2010 at 12:00 noon. We will be able to accommodate a limited number of walk-ins.

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## **PMI-MCAC Announcements**

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### **Disney's Approach To Business Excellence**

The PMI Michigan Capital Area Chapter joins The Disney Institute, Michigan State University, and Cleary University as a promotional partner in presenting, "Disney's Approach To Business Excellence", June 7, 2010 in East Lansing and June 29, 2010 in Ann Arbor. PMI-MCAC members will receive a discounted rate! Follow this link for more information:

[Disney Program](#)

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### **Message from the President**

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#### **Marjorie Greer McIntyre, PMP**

Greetings to all PMI-MCAC members and friends! We are almost at the completion of this current program year - June 30, 2010. Chapter Elections for the upcoming Board of Directors is now in process. The positions which we will be voting for are as follows:

1. President (12 month term)
2. Vice President of Programs (24 month term)
3. Vice President of Communications (24 month term)
4. Vice President of Logistics (24 month term)
5. Vice President of Professional Development (24 month term)

Information regarding how to cast your vote for the candidate of your choice was sent to the membership via email. If you have not received this information, please contact Steve Williams, Vice President of Finance, at [finance@pmi-mcac.org](mailto:finance@pmi-mcac.org).

We have completed our Lunch and Learn sessions for the current program year. We will continue these sessions commencing with the next program year beginning September 2010. The sessions will continue to be a valuable tool for our membership, at no cost, providing 1 PDU and free lunch! We deeply appreciate all of the work effort Brad Olsen, Director, Media Relations, put into making this a successful endeavor. Thank you Brad!





We remain excited about our promotional partnership with The Disney Institute, Michigan State University and Cleary University. The Disney Institute will present a one-day workshop on, "Disney's Approach to Business Excellence." This event will be held on June 7, 2010 at Michigan State University and June 29, 2010 at Cleary University. PMI-MCAC members will receive a \$50 discounted rate off the cost of admission. Please visit our website for more information at <http://www.pmi-mcac.org>.

We also look forward to seeing you at the upcoming PMI-MCAC Program Meeting on Tuesday, May 18, 2010. We have three dynamic speakers to end our program year in grand style! What a wonderful way to earn 2.5 PDU's. Come out and join us!

As always, this is your Chapter. Please continue to support your Chapter, submit your suggestions, and feel free to share your skills and knowledge! Have a great month!

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## Vice President's Corner

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### Vice President – Professional Development



**Teri Hanes, PMP**

Planning is underway for our 2010 Professional Development Day. Please hold the date on your calendar and contact me ([professionaldevelopment@pmi-mcac.org](mailto:professionaldevelopment@pmi-mcac.org)) or any board member if you have any suggestions to make this the best Professional Development Day MCAC has ever had!.

What	Where	Day/Time	Date	PDUs
Professional Development Day	The Lansing Lexington Hotel 925 South Creyts Road Lansing Mi 48917	Monday 7:30 am – 4:30 pm	Oct 18	TBD

#### Four reasons for attaining a Project Management Institute (PMI) credential:

- 1. Improve your project management skills:** Project management training is one of the criteria PMI has set for sitting for any of their certification exams. Most vendors, that provide a course of study for different certifications, have valuable information on the best practices in managing projects; making the expense for taking the course well worth the time and money.
- 2. Gain recognition and respect in your workplace:** Most project managers rely on their ability to influence project teams to get work done. A large challenge is most organizations are matrix centric versus project centric. Meaning the functional manager maintains authority over his or her resources. This leaves project managers needing to rely on referential authority or other means to drive projects to success. Earning one of the PMI certificates from the PMI is one of the best ways of augmenting your referential authority.





3. **Learn project management best practices from the PMBOK:** The Project Management Book Of Knowledge (PMBOK) is the PMI's project management bible. Following the PMBOK guidelines will improve Project Management skills and knowledge. Acquiring best practices will not only help you pass the exam, it will make you a better project manager.
4. **Career Opportunities:** Last but not least, a Project Management Institute credential demonstrates knowledge and experience in the field of Project Management, as well as competency and determination. Many employers are aware of this and require, or at a minimum prefer and will pay more for, candidates with a PMI credential.

For information on the different PMI credentials visit:

<http://www.pmi.org/CareerDevelopment/Pages/AboutPMICredentials.aspx>

Thanks,  
**Teri**

## *Vice President – Logistics*



**Cathie Coens, PMP**

In my position as VP of Logistics, I've had the pleasure of meeting most of our members and becoming better acquainted with many of you. Thanks for your support, feedback, and an overall great experience!

See you in September!

## *Vice President – Special Projects*



**Joanne Chang, PMP**

Bylaws Revision project - The PMI-MCAC Board is currently reviewing the updated Bylaws. During the past months, the Bylaws Committee reviewed and incorporated the current Board's suggestions along with previous Board's recommendations. The changes were made to reflect our Chapter's current business, processes, and technology. Upon completion of the current Board review, members of the PMI-MCAC will approve the revised Bylaws before we send for





PMI approval. Our Committee members have put tremendous efforts into the project. I cannot wait to unveil it to our members!

Website Content Re-structure project - We are currently working with VP of Communications and our Webmaster for re-arranging the contents.

## Vice President – Finance



**Steve Williams, PMP**

Greetings to all! Below is the latest balance sheet for the Chapter. The statements are generated from the Chapter's accounting system and do not suggest audited information. If you have any questions regarding the finances of the Chapter, please feel free to contact me at any time.

### Michigan Capital Area Chapter PMI Balance Sheet As of April 30, 2010

March 2010

**ASSETS**

**Current Assets**

**Checking/Savings**

1000 – Checking

30,410.34

Total Check/Savings

30,410.34

Total Current Assets

30,410.34

**TOTAL ASSETS**

**30,410.34**

**LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

**Equity**

1110 – Retained Earnings

20,840.20

3100 – Net Assets

8,000.34

Net Income

1,569.80

Total Equity

30,410.34

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

**30,410.34**





## *Vice President – Membership*



**John Oldham, PMP**

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the following members - new to the Chapter since our last newsletter:

**Mr. Monty R Bieber**

**Ms. Laura Charon**

**Mr. Jeffrey Robert Crook**

**Nathan De Winkle**

**Ms. Susan M Felkowski, Esq**

**Mr. Matthew Elliott Henry**

**Mr. Jeremiah Johnson**

**Mrs. Amy Marit Kelley, PMP**

**Mrs. Durga Kothandaraman, PMP**

**Mr. Raymond Edward Moraniec, PMP**

**Mr. Turlapati Sairam**

**Mr. Charles J. Veverka, Jr.**

**Mr. Michael D. Wessman**

The Michigan Capital Area Chapter includes 157 PMPs in our 212 total membership count.

I am looking forward to seeing you during our May 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting at the Lexington Hotel.

John

## *Vice President - Publicity*



**Gwen Wyma, PMP**

Keep in mind that you can earn PDUs for having an article that you write published in the newsletter. Contact me ([publicity@pmi-mcac.org](mailto:publicity@pmi-mcac.org)) if you want to discuss possible articles or information you believe would be of value to share. I've enjoyed working with the board and chapter membership this last nine months. See you in September.





## Vice President - Outreach



**Arun Sampath, PMP**

We are concluding the current term with two, very successful, out-reach/volunteering efforts. On April 17 about nineteen of our chapter members participated in a volunteer effort at Mid Michigan Food Bank. The members spent the morning helping the food bank sort, re-package and shelve food that was received as donations from other organizations. Again on May 8, about seven of our chapter members participated in the National Letter Carriers Food Drive as Driver or Sorter at various locations around Lansing. Thank you all for your participation and making this a success. As always, if you have new ideas for the next term or comment you can send them to [outreach@pmi-mcac.org](mailto:outreach@pmi-mcac.org).



**From the Right:** Arun Sampath (V.P. Outreach), Prasanna Kumar, Ramyann Murali, G. Murali, Eugene Mosher, Debra Mosher, Marjorie Greer (President), Richard Baker, Andy Tang, Karl Meier, Joanne Chang (V.P. Special Projects), Steve Williams (V.P. Finance), Alex Tang, Eric Tang . Missing from the Photo: Candace Winslow.





# *Professional Development Day (PDD) Sponsorship Program*

We offer the opportunity for your organization to support our next Professional Development Day, October 18, 2010. As a sponsor, you will be able to interact with approximately project management professionals within the mid Michigan area. For more details, please contact [professionaldevelopment@pmi-mcac.org](mailto:professionaldevelopment@pmi-mcac.org)

## **PDD Sponsorship Levels**

- \$1000 – Platinum
- \$750 – Gold
- \$500 – Silver
- \$250 – Bronze





## Monthly Program Meetings

The MCAC Chapter Program Meetings are held at the Lexington Lansing Hotel, 925 S. Creyts Road, Lansing, MI.

MCAC Chapter Program Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month, September through May, excluding October (PDD) and December. Please go to <http://www.pmi-mcac.org> for additional information on program speakers, agenda, and registration.

### Registration

MCAC uses Acteva.com for online registration. Watch for monthly program emails from our Vice President of Communications containing an event link or go to our website. Online registration is available until three (3) business days in advance of the event. Registrations after this time are available as "walk-ins" at the door with payment by cash or check and are subject to availability.

### Typical costs

\$20 for PMI-MCAC members and \$25 for non-chapter members. A "speaker only" option is available for \$10 to PMI-MCAC members and \$15 to non-chapter members. Walk-in registration is subject to availability and a \$5 registration surcharge.

### Cancellation

Cancellations received by noon three (3) business days in advance of the event can be refunded (less applicable fees) or a credit for attendance to the next program can be granted. You may send a substitute in your place with advance notification.

Please contact the Vice President of Logistics with all registration concerns at [logistics@pmi-mcac.org](mailto:logistics@pmi-mcac.org).

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