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## Michigan Capital Area Chapter Newsletter

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

**Tuesday, May 19, 2009**

**Registration / Networking: 5:45 PM to 6:15 PM**

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

**Program begins at 6:45 PM to 8:15 PM**

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

#### **Dinner Speaker:**

**Tim Cermak, MBA, PMP, Senior Portfolio Advisor**

#### **Topic:**

**Mini PMO: Get More from What Is Available Using SharePoint,  
Microsoft Project and Collaboration Practices**

This event qualifies for 1.5 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

It looks like we finally made it through the winter. After spending last winter in Argentina (Where it was summer.), this one was particularly difficult. With the increasing number of sunny days, spring will soon turn to summer.

Before we take our summer break, we'll have our 2009 Board elections. You will be receiving a message from John LeTourneau soon with instructions for nominations. One important point that we discussed at the last Board meeting is that if you are interested in running for a position, you can nominate yourself. If you interested in participating, please follow the nomination procedure. We'd love to have you on the Board. It is a fun and rewarding way to participate in your growth as a leader.

Each year the President position is elected, as well as half of the other Board positions. This year the positions that are open in addition to the President are: VP of Membership, VP of Finance, VP of Outreach, VP of Special Projects, and VP of Publicity. To review the responsibilities of each of these positions see the Chapter Bylaws at [http://www.pmi-mcac.org/download//public\\_files/pmimcacbylaws.pdf](http://www.pmi-mcac.org/download//public_files/pmimcacbylaws.pdf). Please consider running for one of these positions.

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## Past President

John LeTourneau, PMP

### Chapter Officer Elections

This is a reminder that we are currently soliciting nominations for board members for terms beginning July 1, 2009. The benefits of serving are numerous and diverse. (See the March, 2009 newsletter for more information)

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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)

Ballots will be sent to members on Friday, May 15, 2009. Write-In candidates for the above positions are accepted but please remember that all candidates must be current members of PMI and the Michigan Capital Area Chapter.

If you have additional questions please contact me.

## Vice President – Logistics

**Randy Jobski, PMP**

Hello! We had a good turnout at our April MCAC Program Meeting with 23 attendees, plus our main speaker and his associate. The Christman Company's Vice President, Pete Kramer, was our presenter, and he did a wonderful job speaking about "Mgt Initiatives in Building Information Modeling & High-Performance Buildings". This topic was quite fascinating. It was great to see how people in the construction company are running their projects, and to see that some 3-D modeling IT software is becoming an extremely important tool in their "toolbox". I believe everyone had a good time, and learned something new as a take away.

In our last meeting this session, our May Program Meeting will have speaker Tim Cermak, MBA, PMP, Senior Portfolio Advisor, presenting on his topic "Mini PMO: Get More From What Is Available Using SharePoint, MS Project, and Collaboration Practices". **This presentation will be worth 1.5 PDU's!** For more details, and for the link to Acteva to sign up, please see our pmi-mcac.org web site. Or, if you would like to go directly to the Acteva web site to sign-up, you can go here: <http://www.acteva.com/booking.cfm?bevalD=183541>.

Our next Program Meeting will resume in September, 2009. We will bring you more details on our Chapter's Special 10-year Anniversary event that we will be having during our September Program Meeting as this information firms up. Stay tuned!!

**NEW V.P. OF LOGISTICS NEEDED!** I have had a ton of fun performing the MCAC V.P. of Logistics role, working with the Board, and just assisting in keeping the Chapter alive and vibrant. Unfortunately, I won't be able to stay on in this role as I have other family and work related commitments that are preventing me from completing my 2-year term. If you have any interest in this position and would like to discuss it and see what is involved, please don't hesitate to contact me at my work number (517-483-1760). The Chapter President will be appointing this position instead of it going through the voting process since this is a mid-term change. So, in that respect, you could do it for 1 year, and see if you really like it. If it turns out to be not a good fit for you, then you only need to make the 1-year moderate time commitment. However, if you really enjoy it, then you will be a shoe-in for the next year's elections as the sitting V.P. :)

Please don't forget to vote for our Chapter's Board members!

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## ***Vice President – Professional Development***

**Marjorie Greer McIntyre, PMP**

Mark your calendars! Professional Development Day (PDD) will be held on Monday, October 19, 2009. The entire day will be packed with innovative and motivating speakers. Just as important, your attendance will yield up to 7 PDUs! More detailed information will follow in the coming months.

If you should have any ideas to enhance professional development opportunities for our membership, please feel free to contact me at your convenience at [professionaldevelopment@pmi-mcac.org](mailto:professionaldevelopment@pmi-mcac.org). It is our commitment to create and maintain a robust professional development environment for our Chapter members.

We look forward to seeing each of you at our upcoming Monthly Dinner Meeting on May 19, 2009 at the Waterford Estates Lodge. Have a Memorial Day Holiday!

## ***Vice President – Finance***

**Karl Meier, PMP**

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

#### **Balance Sheet**

**As of April 30, 2009**

Assets		
Current Assets – Checking/Savings		\$27,532.98
Total Current Assets		\$27,532.98
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>\$27,532.98</b>
Liabilities & Equity		
Liabilities		\$0
Equity		
Retained Earnings		\$24,522.55
Net Income		\$3,010.43
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<b>\$27,532.98</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b>		<b><u>\$27,532.98</u></b>

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

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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 May, excluding October and 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 confirm program times.

**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 eating dinner 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