



Program Meeting Announcement

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

**Program Meeting
Registration at 5:00 PM to 5:45 PM
Dinner served at 5:45 PM
Program begins at 6:15 PM to 8:15 PM.
Note: This presentation is two PDUs.**

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

**Dinner Speaker:
Frank Payne, PMP, President/CEO PQC International**

**Topic:
" Riskonomics™"**

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

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Professional Development Day

Monday, October 13, 2008

Leadership

Sheraton Hotel, Lansing, MI

Speakers Include: James T. Brown, Ph.D., PMP;
Frederick P. Morgeson, Ph.D.; Martha Bryan; Dewey Hou; Peter deJager

For more information go to:

<http://www.pmi-mcac.org/>



Message from the President

Amy J. Piper, Ph.D, PMP

Summer has flown by and Fall is just around the corner. Fall is my favorite season. The beginning of school always seems like we are starting with a blank slate and have new beginning. Even as an adult, I think of the season as a time to start new projects and learn new things.

With the children back in school, you too can spend a day in "school" with the Michigan Capital Area Chapter's Professional Development Day. This year the event has become an annual opportunity to develop your project management skills. It will be held on Monday, October 13 at the Lansing Sheraton hotel. The theme this year is Leadership in Project Management. Take a look at our website for more information and to register, www.pmi-mcac.org.

Another area where you can grow is the new credential for project managers who specialize in project risk management. Introduced in June, the PMI Risk Management Professional Credential is the fifth professional credential offered by PMI.

Qualified risk management professionals are needed on project management teams for a number of reasons, including accelerated schedules and leading edge technology. PMI recognizes the importance and special qualifications needed to be a project risk management professional. The PMI-RMP credential will substantiate the applicant's knowledge, skills and experience in this area. Project management practitioners interested in applying for and taking the examination should visit pmi.org/risk for more information and to download the application.

The PMI Risk Management Professional Credential is the fifth professional credential offered by PMI. The other four are Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM®), Project Management Professional (PMP®), Program Management Professional (PgMP)® and PMI Scheduling Professional (PMI-SP)SM.

To kick-off our new program year and acknowledge this new credential, our September program meeting will feature an internationally known risk practitioner Frank Payne, PMP. With Wainscott Finch Associates, Project Management Preparatory Academy, Rayshawn Technology and Paradigm University a PQC group of companies; a Georgia based management, technology, consulting, and learning solutions firm. Mr. Payne has [President's Message continued on page 3](#)



20 plus years extensive experience in all aspects of project management with a strong concentration in manufacturing engineering, human resource development, maintenance management, production line start-up and optimization, contracting, quality, risk, scheduling & cost, system integration engineering for the information technology, and the telecommunication industry. In conjunction with contracting experience, Mr. Payne is well known for his skills in the area of Program Management Office (PMO), methodology development and sustainability, project manager qualification and certification. His presentation and recently published book, Riskonomics™ takes best practices of data analysis and economics to create a detailed analysis of risk. It requires less time and money than conventional methods providing the best methods to mitigate risk by: Lowering cost, Confusion, Increasing stakeholder support, Prioritization, Setting expectations, Establishing reserves, and Improving communication & control.

This meeting will be very exciting and not too risky to attend. I look forward to seeing you at our next Program meeting on September 16th.

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Vice President – Logistics

Randy Jobski, PMP

Hello, my name is Randy Jobski, PMP. I have replaced Pam Sawatzki this term as the VP of Logistics. I want to start out by thanking Pam for her many years in filling this position, and for the wonderful work she did in ensuring our monthly Program Meeting and previous PDD locations, and the great meals provided at those events, were all in place for us to just come and enjoy. She took great pride in filling this position, and has set a high bar for those who follow her in this role.

To start off, I wanted to provide a bit of background on myself. I have been in IT for nearly 20 years. I worked most of those years with EDS starting in their Systems Development Program, and holding positions as a developer, team leader, project and program manager, and have directly manage a multitude of teams for over 10 years. This past March, I left EDS to pursue managing an IT department at Eastern Michigan University. I was hired in as the Associate Director of Enterprise Application Services, but ~2 months after I started, my boss left EMU and I was asked to step into his role as the Interim Director. This has been a challenging and rewarding experience, and I am very much enjoying my new career in this Educational environment.

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I am actively learning the process of the VP of Logistics role, and have had to jump right in by setting up my first Program Meeting in September at Waterford Estates Lodge in Lansing, MI (this was The Clarion, and before that the Harley; the same location as we have been meeting at for some time now). In addition, I am participating in the great deal of activity that is going on in the set up of the upcoming Professional Development Day to ensure this will be another fantastic event!!

I am very much looking forward to seeing all of you at both the [September 16th Program meeting at Waterford Estates Lodge](#), and this year's [PDD event at the Lansing Sheraton](#) on October 13th!! You can register for both events at Acteva by clicking on either of these links. At both events, you will see old friends, meet new people in your field, network, and learn tips, tricks, methods, and ideas on how to improve the way you perform your career.

Vice President – Professional Development

Marjorie Greer McIntyre, PMP

It has been a wonderful summer! Alas, it is time to kick off our new program year and begin ramping up to provide a more robust professional development experience geared towards our membership. We all need those ever so sought after professional development units (PDUs) and we are here to assist you in achieving them.

How would you like to earn 7 PDUs in one day? It is so easy to do. Join us on October 13, 2008 for our Professional Development Day (PDD) at the Sheraton Hotel in Lansing. Our theme this year is "Leadership." We have a wonderful line-up for you beginning with James Brown, Ph.D., PMP, as our keynote speaker. He will present, "Kill What's Ugly While Its Young." There will be four additional dynamic speakers providing more exciting and innovative methods and techniques to aid us in leading our teams to success. Don't forget to take advantage of the early bird registration of \$129 for PMI-MCAC members and \$159 for non-members by September 14, 2008. Please see the PMI-MCAC website for more information.

Our last PMP Exam Prep Study Group ended July 2008. To-date, two students have taken their PMP Exam and successfully passed. Congratulations to Candace Winslow and Jim Dyson! We plan to provide another PMP Exam Prep Study Group in the very near future. If you are interested in joining the next Group, please contact me via email at professionaldevelopment@pmi-mcac.org.

I look forward to a successful program year and to continue the provision of professional development opportunities for our membership. If you have any specific ideas or professional development needs, please feel free to share them with me. Your input is welcome and strongly encouraged. I look forward to seeing you at PDD!

Vice President – Special Projects

Karl Meier

PM Eye on Sue Race

Sue is the Project Management – Principal Lead for Computer Sciences Corporation (www.csc.com) on their Motorola Account. Sue is a regular at our meetings and usually sits at a table toward the back of the room. I have had the pleasure of dining with Sue at our meetings several times. She attends the program meeting for the speakers and the PDUs need to maintain her certification.



Look for Sue at a program meeting and take a few minutes to introduce yourself to her. You will be glad you did.

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Vice President – Communications

Amita Das, PMP

First, allow me to introduce myself to the new chapter members that have joined over the summer.

I am Amita Das and I am the VP of Communications for the PMI Michigan Capital Area Chapter. I work for State of MI - MDIT from the past eight plus years.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who supported me in my candidature for a second term as your VP of Communications. My goals for the next two years are... Communicate information to the chapter membership in a professional manner.

The new program year is now upon us and I'm very excited about a number of activities that have been planned for the year 2008-2009. The Chapter holds monthly Dinner Meetings for its members and guests. These meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month, September through May, with the exception of December. Our first dinner meeting is on September 16, with an internationally known risk practitioner Mr. Frank Payne, PMP, President/CEO PQC International, discussing "Riskonomics™". His presentation and recently published book, Riskonomics™ takes best practices of data analysis and economics to create a detailed analysis of risk. Mark your calendars and get those registrations in today!

Also, please note our Professional Development Day is on Monday, October 13, 2008 at the Lansing Sheraton Hotel starting at 7:30 am.

Please send your email address and phone number to communications@pmi-mcac.org if you are interested in being on the committee or if you have ideas for speakers.

I will be looking forward to seeing many members and friends during the September dinner meeting.

Vice President – Membership

John Oldham, PMP

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

Gary Bannhard
Toby Bayless
Ramin Bhatia
Parag Doshi
Richard Hood
Pradipta Mishra
Paula Szelag
Cindy Turben

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

Ms. Catherine A Coens, PMP
Dr. Thomas Glasmacher, PMP
Mr. Philip Dean Heavilin, II, PMP
Mr. Charles Christopher Hoffmeyer, PMP, CAPM
Mr. Brandon S Rogers, PMP
Ms. Cindy Sue Turben, PMP
Ms. Candace Winslow, PMP



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

The Michigan Capital Area Chapter includes 152 PMPs in the 210 total membership count.

I am looking forward to seeing you during our next Chapter Program Meeting on Tuesday, September 16th.

Vice President – Finance

Karl Meier

Michigan Capital Area Chapter PMI Balance Sheet As of July 31, 2008

Assets	
Current Assets – Checking/Savings	\$21,730.54
Total Assets	\$21,730.54
Liabilities & Equity	
Liabilities	\$0
Equity	
Retained Earnings	\$25,791.65
Net Income	(\$4,061.11)
Total Equity	\$21,730.54
Total Liabilities and Equity	<u>\$21,730.54</u>

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

MCAC tax forms have been filed with both the IRS and PMI national. Annual insurance has been paid. If you have any questions regarding the finances of the Chapter, please feel free to contact me at any time.

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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 9H <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 September be unable to accommodate you due to restaurant limitations