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Program Meeting Announcement

Tuesday, November 18, 2008

Bonus Program at 5:30 PM to 6:00 PM

Speaker: Amy Piper

Topic: Changes In PMBOK (Proposed Release - end of 2008)

Registration: 6:00 PM to 6:15 PM

Dinner served at 6:15 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:

***Adrian Bass, Director, Capital Quality Initiative
Lansing Community College***

Topic:

Appreciative Inquiry

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 week has been filled with PMI activities! It started on Sunday evening meeting the MCAC's Professional Development Day speakers. They were working hard to assimilate the venue and weave their separate presentations to a single theme on Project Management: Leadership.

Monday, October 13 was the MCAC's Professional Development Day, where I had an opportunity to see many of you that I haven't seen in a while. That made it a particularly wonderful day! Congratulations to Marjorie Greer McIntyre and her Professional Development Day Committee for another outstanding day of learning!

On Wednesday, I flew to Denver to participate in the Leadership Institute Meeting and the PMI Global Congress. I'm writing this from Denver on Friday evening. The theme of Leadership Institute Meeting is "Value". Thursday morning's keynote speaker presented a session on research that has been done on the value of project management. The research shows that the value is organizational specific. You can find out more about the "solid proof" at www.pmi.org.

Today, I have spent the day learning about the Strategic Alignment Scorecard (SAS), which is used to measure the value that we provide to our members. PMI has implemented this as a way to measure consistently across components the value the component provides to its members. MCAC's Board will spend the next couple of months determining what we can do to add value for our members and show measurable results. I'm interested in any feedback that you have, so please drop me a line at president@pmi-mcac.org.

I'll be here through Tuesday learning more about project management and leadership. I am particularly looking forward to Sunday's keynote from General Colin Powell.

Next month I'll provide some of the key take-aways from all of the sessions. Stay tuned! There's still four more days before I can start applying all the learning from this PMI-packed week!

Past President

John LeTourneau, PMP

One of the benefits of belonging to a professional organization like PMI is the networking and the ability to meet with other likeminded individuals. Our Professional Development Days and dinner program meetings are a venue to get to know one another better. Sometimes though, we miss names or want more information about a presenter. One thing that I have always wanted for our chapter is a member directory with profiles and photos. Many times after a meeting I have wanted to look up someone's name that I forgot, or find out what organization a person works for. Thinking about this recently, I thought that a good solution is a LinkedIn group for our chapter.

If you are not familiar with Linked In, it is an online network of experienced professionals. The information at the following link will explain what the group is all about:

http://www.linkedin.com/static?key=company_info&trk=hb_ft_abtli. Its philosophy is that relationships matter, and that your professional relationships are a key to your professional success. It is a great tool for keeping up with professionals that we encounter and work with over the years.

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Your contacts and colleagues can change jobs, move to different states, change companies, but Linked In allows us to still maintain that contact information. I hate to sound like an advertisement, but I wish I still had contact with many of the professionals I started out with twenty years ago who have since moved on to new stages of their careers.

I have created a Linked In Group called "Michigan Capital Area Chapter of the Project Management Institute." Group members can see each other's profiles, see each other's photos, basically the group can be our chapter directory.

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 days you will be approved and can view the profiles of other members of the group.

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!


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Vice President – Logistics

Randy Jobski, PMP

We had a fantastic 2008 PDD day at the Lansing Sheraton!! Based on the feedback we received from the participant surveys, it appears the speakers were very well received, and all had valuable information they could take with them and put to good use. I hope that those who attended found the check-in process to be smooth, the name tags to be accurate and easy to read, and enjoyed the hotel accommodations, continental breakfast, lunch, and drinks. If you have any concerns, or any way to improve the event regarding these attributes in any way, please let me know via email at logistics@pmi-mcac.org.

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We have our next MCAC Program Meeting on November 18th at the Waterford Estates Lodge in Lansing. We hope that you will be able to join us for good food, a great after-dinner speaker, and professional networking / socializing opportunities. The specific information for this upcoming event will be posted on our PMI MCAC website in the very near future. For those on our listserve, you will receive a message from our VP of Communications reminding you to sign up for this event in the near future.

Speaking of events, we ask that you pre-register for our events whenever possible via our website (powered by Acteva), as we must provide counts to the hotel in advance of the event on how many people will be attending and how many will be eating. By registering in advance, we can provide more accurate information to the hotel, and hence, the Chapter can avoid having to pay extra fees for being off on our guaranteed count. For our Program Meetings, there is ALWAYS the option to pre-pay online with a credit card at the time of registration OR you can simply register your intention to attend without paying anything at that time, and then pay on the day of the event at the door with cash or check. Pre-registering for the event in this way - whether pre-paying or paying at the door - is greatly appreciated!

Thank you, and I hope to see you all at the November PMI MCAC Program Meeting.

Vice President – Professional Development

Marjorie Greer McIntyre, PMP

What a wonderful day we had! Professional Development Day was held on October 13, 2008 at the Sheraton Hotel in Lansing. All five speakers were phenomenal. I am sure everyone left this event with useful information we could apply at the work place and in our daily lives. Thank you for participating in this event!

We are now in the process of planning the next PMP Study Group. When a start date and logistics are established, notification will be sent to the membership. If you know of anyone not on the membership list who would like to join the upcoming Study Group, please share this information with them. We do have a growing waiting list. So, if your name is not on it, please contact me via email at professionaldevelopment@pmi-mcac.org.

I look forward to seeing each of you at our next PMI-MCAC Dinner Meeting on November 18, 2008. Keep smiling!

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:

John Lightner, Ph.D.

Tawnya McKinzie, PMP

Jamie Walker

Laura Woltanski

The Michigan Capital Area Chapter includes 155 PMPs in the 204 total membership count.

I am looking forward to seeing you during our next Chapter Program Meeting on Tuesday, November 18th.

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**Vice President – Finance****Karl Meier, PMP**

**Michigan Capital Area Chapter PMI
Balance Sheet
As of September 30, 2008**

Assets	
Current Assets – Checking/Savings	\$27,355.37
Total Assets	\$27,355.37
Liabilities & Equity	
Liabilities	\$0
Equity	
Retained Earnings	\$25,791.65
Net Income	\$1,563.72
Total Equity	\$27,355.37
Total Liabilities and Equity	<u>\$27,355.37</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.

Vice President – Special Projects**Marcia Jones, PMP**

Allow me to introduce myself. I am the “new kid on the block”. I am replacing Karl Meier as the VP of Special Projects as he returns to the post of VP of Finance. Originally from Ohio, I have lived in Michigan for the last 7 years and have come to consider it home. I have worked on several IT projects, including the implementation of both Ohio's and Michigan's statewide child support systems. I am presently an Account Executive with HMS. We contract primarily with state agencies. Prior to moving to Michigan, I worked for the State of Ohio for 18 years. I earned my PMP certification in 2007 and am excited to become more actively involved with the chapter in this new role.

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Monthly Program Meeting Information

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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 [7Hhttp://www.pmi-mcac.org](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.