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President's Report :

The decorations are put away, the holiday treats all consumed, and the party streamers have been swept up. Another year has gone and a new one stands before us – ready or not here is 2011. At this time of the year I often have mixed feelings as I look back at the year gone by yet looked forward to the new opportunities that I will experience in the coming year.

Here at the KC Mid America chapter a new year is also beginning. The 2010 board has conducted their transition meetings and the 2011 chapter board stands ready to face the new opportunities that 2011 will invariably bring to us. I look forward to working with this new board – we have just the right mix of new blood and veterans all eager to accomplish many great things for the chapter in the coming year. Our process of planning has already begun – we have held our yearly strategic planning kickoff meeting and will meet all day on Saturday, 1/8/11 to set the direction that we feel the chapter needs to take. While we are conscious of what needs to be accomplished in 2011, I have tasked the board to look beyond and help to lay the foundation for the board of 2014. With that strategic mindset, as the chapter president in January, 2014, sits down to write their thoughts, I hope that they will be able to report on the fruits of this board's plans.

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the work that Sonya and her board accomplished in 2010 – we have big shoes to fill! 2010 saw the chapter remain strong financially in one of the worst economic periods since World War II. We hosted our largest Professional Development Days in chapter history and received glowing reviews on a job well done. We continue to provide excellence in education and PMP preparation. Most importantly, the 2011 PMI Region 6 conference was awarded to Kansas City! This is an excellent opportunity to show the PM global community what a jewel of a city (and chapter) Kansas City has.

Over the coming months I will keep you informed on the progress we are making as a leadership team. I do have one request for everyone reading this newsletter – now is the time to get involved! This chapter is not my chapter or the board's chapter – it's our chapter! The best way to make the chapter yours is to get involved. Attend the chapter dinners or other events, or mentor someone embarking on the path of certification. Every little effort helps. Together, let's make 2011 the year that people talk

Professional Development

PMP EXAM PREP

Start the New Year by enhancing your professional standing. There are a few slots available for the Winter 2011 PMP Exam Prep Class. The class is being held in downtown Kansas City, MO, at the H&R Block headquarters building. The session begins January 13 and finishes April 7, running thirteen consecutive Thursdays from 6:00 – 9:00 pm. Visit the KCPMI [chapter website](#) for more information and to register. Chapter member price is \$600, non-member is \$750.

PMP STUDY GROUP

The next study group will begin on Monday, January 24 and run through March 7, 2011 at the Leawood Pioneer Library in Leawood, Kansas. [Registration is now open](#) on the chapter's website. Participants should enroll in the study group when they are in the final stages of studying for the exam. Study Group sessions are a great way to hone your test taking skills, increasing your

probability of success in passing the PMP exam. The group also provides great networking opportunities!!

WORKSHOPS

Professional Development is in the process of putting together a new Workshops team (Director and supporting team) to be completed in January 2011. If you are interested in being part of the Workshops team, contact Sharon Valasek at sharon.valasek@hp.com or 816-213-5847. When the team is compiled, they will begin developing the 2011 Workshop schedule. Check the [Workshops](#) on the chapter website for more information.

MENTORING CIRCLES

Prior to the November workshop, several members joined in a discussion about the direction of the mentoring circle program. Participants are interested in starting the program back up in the same way it operated before, as a peer discussion group. Peer discussions will occur in 2011 before each of the workshops, starting with the topics of Scope Creep and Risk Management. Look for details when signing up for the next workshop. Contact John Iverson (john.iverson@vangent.com or 785-830-2420) to learn more.

Thanks,
Sharon Valasek
VP Professional Development

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Volunteers :

PDU categories are changing effective March 1, 2011. All certified members should have received the following information via email but in case you missed it please see below. There are actions to be taken prior to March 1. The links below will take you to the global website for more information on the new categories.

PDU Updated Category Structure Implementation Begins on March 1, 2011

Since research has shown that people did not fully understand the PDU categories and how to appropriately report their PDUs using that structure, we are pleased to respond to this customer feedback to make the structure more user-friendly and better serve our certification holders and the stakeholders who support them.

Steps you need to take BEFORE March 1, 2011

- Register your earned PDUs in the CCR system under the current PDU categories.
- After 1 March 2011, credential holders will need to report any earned PDUs that have not been claimed using the new

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categories.

- Please note that you will not lose any PDUs during this transition.

Overview of changes to the PDU category structure for your information:

- CCR category structure has been simplified, thereby reducing the number of categories from eighteen to six.
- All categories use the rule that one hour of learning activity is equivalent to one PDU.
- Categories have been expanded to include Web 2.0 learning opportunities.
- There will be limits on certain categories to require that all credential holders pursue project management continuing education as part of maintaining their credential.

It is also important to note what is not changing in the program:

- The three-year renewal cycle and number of PDUs required to maintain the credential will remain the same.
- The re-certification fee structure will remain the same.

For more detailed information, please see these documents:

- [Compare new to old categories.](#)
- [Read the Frequently Asked Questions document.](#)

Finance :

The 2011 Board met on January 8t and development of the 2011 Chapter Budget is under way. Two new Directors were appointed last month: Lee Biard, Disbursements and Merlin Nuss, Receipts. Nancy Jewell and JR Growney will continue on the Finance Committee and will continue their excellent support handling registration for the montly meetings. The chapter ended 2010 with revenue exceeding expenses by \$48,812 with \$37,785 coming from PDD. The financial books have been turned over to our CPA for a review and generation of our annual IRS tax filing.

Professional Development Days :

Happy New Years from your "New" VP of Professional Development Days!

I look forward to a great PDD this year again. Mark your calendars now for PDD on September 19 and 20, 2011.

I am still looking for volunteers for various roles for this year's PDD and would appreciate your support. If you are interested in volunteering, even a few hours to help out, please send me an email at: vppdd@kcpmichapter.org.

Currently we still need volunteers in many areas. Please refer to the chart below and let me know if you are interested in helping out in ANY area!

2011 PDD Team

	Team Lead	Team Members
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Speakers	Yes	4
Fun	Yes	4
Finance	Yes	2
Registration	Yes	4
Sponsors	Yes	Open
Communication	Yes	2
Facilities	Yes	1
KC PMI Table	1st day volunteered	2nd day open

Also, make sure you check out the February edition of "PMI Today" as there will be an article about the 2010 Kansas City PDD with photos!

Thanks for your support!

Andrea Ponte, PMP
VP Professional Development Days

Communications :

New Year, New Goals!

This year, as one of our Chapter's goals, we will be upgrading our Chapter's website to the latest version provided by our vendor, StarChapter, with the new look-and-feel as well as enhanced features and functionality. We will kick off this project later this month (January) and it will take approximately 6-8 weeks to fully complete. Please expect to receive email communication from our Chapter for the latest news and status.

Survey – Tell Us What We Can Improve! Your Input Matters!

As we continue to plan for 2011, we'd like to know what you think of our services in 2010. [Please click here and complete our survey](#) if you haven't had a chance to do so! (If this link doesn't work, please copy and paste www.surveymonkey.com/s/SGLYV9Q to your browser). Your feedback is very important to us and will have a direct impact on our future operations. We appreciate your time and continued support!

Our Services

Career Center Our Chapter provides free job and resume posting services for the benefit of our members. Please [log on to our website](#) and click on "Home>Career Center" or "Home>Recruiter Resources" to see open positions, or contact [Director of Human Resources](#) to post your resumes.

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Contact Us

We always welcome your feedback. If you have any question, request or suggestion regarding our website, newsletter or career service in general, or if you'd like to place an ad on our website or newsletter, please don't hesitate to send an email to webmaster@kcpmichapter.org or vpcomm@kcpmichapter.org.

Best Regards
Yawen Hsu-Brown, PMP
VP Communications

Programs :

On behalf of the board, you are cordially invited to join the organization for the January 17 dinner meeting.

We welcome you and the guest speaker, Mark Thomas in presenting "ITIL Service Lifecycles and the Project Manager, the Intersection of IT Service and Project Delivery."

Today, some confusion exists regarding how and when Project Management principles align with the various Service Lifecycles of the ITIL Framework. The answer is not always easy. ITIL focuses on providing IT services with respect to customer expectations, while Project Management drives and delivers projects which delivers a product or service for that customer. Often times, the failure to use these differences to our advantage results in overall service failure. Although these two disciplines have their differences, with closer inspection, they have many more inputs, outputs and dependencies than meets the eye. In this one hour presentation, we will explore the essentials of how these two often separately managed frameworks can leverage each other to produce the results requested by the customer.

A delicious dinner buffet will be served to include:
Mixed Greens Salad with julienne Vegetables, served with Balsamic Vinaigrette and French Dressings; Tri-Colored Encrusted Tilapia topped with Cajun Cream Sauce; Vegetable Stir Fry; Roasted Chicken Breast; Chef Selection of starch or pasta, vegetables or medley; Rolls and Butter; Bready Pudding and Chocolate Mousse Cake; Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee and Assorted hot Teas.

Please note chapter dinner meetings are moving to the Overland Park Doubletree Hotel, 10100 College Boulevard starting this month. Visit the [current event web page](#) for additional details. Please [register for the event](#) no later than Thursday, January 13. Full refunds (minus \$2.50 administration charge) will be given for registrations canceled before January 13; after January 13 no refunds will be processed. Please send a substitute if you are unable to attend. If you have questions or concerns please contact vpprograms@kcpmichapter.org.

Admin :

Congratulations PMP and CAPM Certification Achievements!

On behalf of the Kansas City PMI Chapter, we are happy to announce the badges have arrived and will available at the January chapter meeting. In order to reduce expenses we will no longer be mailing badges.

In the future, badges will be managed by the VP of Membership. If you

have any questions or concerns please contact

vpadmin@kcpmichapter.org or vpmembership@kcpmichapter.org.

The badges available include:

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Bernadette Antoine, PMP
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Andrea Bird, PMP
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