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Professional Development

PMP EXAM PREP

Planning for the Fall 2010 PMP Exam Prep is underway. The session begins August 2010. Additional information and registration instructions will be posted soon on the chapter website.

PMP STUDY GROUP

The next PMP Study Group will be begin May 11 at the UMB Technology Center in downtown Kansas City, MO. The Fall Study Group is planned for the September / October time frame on the Kansas side of the metro area.

WORKSHOPS

The second MS Project class of the year, scheduled for May 15th, is sold-out. We plan to offer another class this fall.

Based upon feedback from chapter

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President's Report :

As we are almost half way through the year, the Kansas City Mid-America Chapter of Project Management Institute Board of Directors and their teams are well into the execution of their "Enhancing Project Management Value" strategic plans. This month I would like to focus on "Enhancing Membership Engagement."

Did you know that each Board Member is asked to bring up to two potential new chapter members as guests to attend the bi-monthly chapter meeting? This is just one way we, as board members, reach out to new and prospective members to share what KCPMI has to offer. It also allows all of us a chance to network with different individuals from many different industries.

Do you have a prospect on a potential new member or even a chapter sponsor? Please send an email to any board member as listed on the [chapter website](#) for a referral. We would love to share all the great things we are doing in 2010!

In the meantime there is still time to register for chapter Dinner Meeting on May 17th. Another great opportunity for our members and potential new members to take advantage of KCPMI offerings!

And last but not least, do not forget to save the date for our Professional Development Days at the Overland Park Convention Center, October 4 & 5! Can't wait to see you there as we "Enhance Your Professional Standing!"

Respectfully yours,
Sonya K. Corrigan, PMP
President
Kansas City Mid-America Chapter of Project Management
president@kcpmichapter.org

Volunteers :

membership, our next two workshops focus on soft skills. The first workshop, "What is a Crucial Conversation, and Who Cares?" will be in two evening sessions on Tuesdays June 8th and 15th in the Regnier Center at Johnson County Community College. We are rolling back this workshop to last year's price of \$125 for members and \$140 for non-members. This class is 8 PDUs and a light dinner will be provided on-site for both sessions. For more information [please visit our web-site](#).

"Generational Diversity" is the second soft skills course planned for August 10 & 17, also in the Regnier Center at Johnson County Community College. This class is only partly about knowledge. It is mostly about managing communication across generational lines throughout the organization. Additional information regarding the course content and registration will be posted to our website soon.

We are also working with New Horizons to host an ITIL Foundations workshop. Check the chapter website for more information as it becomes available.

MENTORING

The 2010 Mentoring Circles are going strong. Planned topic for the May chapter meeting is "Different ways for measuring success." Mentoring Circles are free of charge. Participants earn 1 PDU per session in Category 2SDL. If you have any questions about the Mentoring Circles please contact [Trish Kness](#), Director of Mentoring.

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Sponsors/Partners

Volunteer Committee highlights:

- Charity Events
- Volunteering Made Easy
- New Volunteer Positions
- Volunteer of the Month

Charity Events - Treasure Our Kids

Thank you for your support of the first 2010 KC PMI Charity Event on March 15 for Children's Mercy Hospital - Treasure Our Kids. We had a very successful drive for Children's Mercy at the March Chapter Meeting. The postcard reminders helped to drive increased participation. Thanks to all our members who donated to the cause. We appreciate your donations on behalf of CMH.

Ronald McDonald House - July 15th

Our next Chapter Charity event is on July 15th benefiting the Ronald McDonald House. We will be collecting items for RMH at the July 15th PMI Business meeting. The RMH Wish-List items include:

1. Forks and spoons
2. Postage stamps (the Forever stamps)
3. Kitchen-size plastic trash bags
4. Disinfectant wipes
5. Dryer sheets
6. Paper towels and toilet paper
7. Healthy snack foods: granola bars, peanut butter crackers, drink boxes, individual size boxes of raisins. These are popular because families enjoy healthy snacks at the hospital, can pick them up on the run when going over to the hospital and don't have to spend money at the cafeteria.

Our last event will be November 15 - the charity TBA at a later date. If you have questions, please contact [Kathleen Cavanaugh](#).

Volunteering made easy

Thanks to all who have filled out the chapter volunteer form. The Volunteer Committee uses this information to help place volunteers in open positions in the chapter. We have successfully placed several volunteers into positions. Keep the forms coming, there are always opportunities to help the chapter and make a difference. To apply for a volunteer position, please fill out and submit the [Volunteer Application Form](#). It's easy to do and the rewards are priceless.

New Volunteer Positions

The chapter has several new volunteer positions to fill. The first position is e-Social Networking Lead on the communications team. Please see the position description below in the [Communications](#) section of the newsletter.

The Director of Student Membership is seeking volunteers for two new positions:



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How did we do?
 Take our event survey
 and give us your
 feedback on this
 month's event.
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- Student Webpage Manager
- Student Member Care

Please contact [Nancy Petersen](#) for more information.

It's not too early to be thinking about VP positions for next year. Ron Guerin, VP Finance, will not be seeking a second term. If you are thinking about getting more involved with the Chapter, being a VP is a great way. [Contact Ron](#) for information about his role. Don't hesitate to contact any of the VPs if you have an interest or passion for a particular role. The Chapter is always looking for qualified, enthusiastic volunteers!

Volunteer of the Month

Congratulations to Mark Zemelman who was named March Volunteer of the Month. Mark has been coordinating the facility for Professional Development Days since 2002. He started out as the Facilities Lead and now is the Directory of Facilities. The 2010 PDD will be his 8th PDD conference. He is currently the longest tenured PDD team member. Mark has developed warm relations with the management of the Overland Park Convention Center. Even when the convention center changed management, Mark made a point to get close to the new management team. To further demonstrate his effectiveness, in the post-event surveys, the facility (including the building and the food) gets some of the highest marks for satisfaction for Professional Development Days. Mark arranges with the convention center to have their resources at our disposal throughout the PDD event. Mark also misses most of the PDD (after working for a year on preparation) to keep all the machinery functioning. Everyone who attends PDD gets the benefit of Mark's work to have everything ready and in place. On top of all that, Mark always has a ready smile for everyone he works with and lifts everyone's morale. We are lucky to have Mark in our chapter. Congrats!

Membership :

Chapter membership continues to grow. Here is a summary of membership changes since the last newsletter:

Membership Update Feb-Mar 2010	
Starting Membership	1325
Renewals	206
Gains	91
Losses	59
Ending Membership	1357

Welcome to all new members. Hopefully, each of you has received your "Welcome to KCPMI" email. Please let us know at VPMembership@kcpmichapter.org if you did not receive your welcome email. We'd also like to hear from you, if you just want to find out more about getting involved and getting the most out of

your chapter membership. When you check in at your first chapter dinner meeting, be sure to ask for your New Member Welcome packet.

New Chapter Members

February - March 2010	
Duane Addison	Neil Israel
Bernadette	Robert Johnson
Antoine	Carl Knopp
Jeffrey James	Chris Koke
Arnold	Ken Krauss
Christopher Bailey	Raghunath Malay
Chris Barbour	Lura McClenney
Tim Bennett	Jim McGown
Shannon Blades	Kelly Bryon
Brandon Blank	Miller
Tamika Bryant	Timothy Moran
Brent Bunn	John Murphy
William Burton	Betty
Walter	Nwabuonwu
Butterworth	Tim Orsund
Christine Cantrell	Rebecca Pavlicek
Matthew Carlson	Andrea Ponte
Stephen Case	Rosalinda
Malik Chinn	Puszynski
Kevin Connett	Keith Schwinn
Philip Cosey	Scott Skahan
Paul Crea	Sarah Smith
Jason Cronister	Bradley Steele
Debra Denavs	Justin Sturgeon
Mark Fisher	Kimmo Tarkka
Dallas Fuller	Richard
Noel Gardner	Templeton
Sandra Hardman	Steven Tesch
Raziya Harriat	Darla Tobin
Jon Heath	Daniel Wagner
David Henry	Michael
Brian Hugeback	Weilbacher
Lucia Huonker	Nathan Whitney
	Angela Wilson

August KCPMI Trivia Night

Plan now to attend the first ever KCPMI Trivia Night to be held one evening between August 23rd and August 26th. We have not pinned down the exact date and location yet, but it will be a fun time with great prizes for current members, as well as their potential member guests.

Student Membership

Three college visits were completed in April and one is planned for May 5th. Thanks to Yawen Brown for going with Nancy Petersen to visit Avila Advantage and thanks to Cecil Webb for

going with her to visit Ottawa University. Thanks also to Donna North for visiting UMKC. These visits and the relationships built with the schools and the students have resulted in a current count of 32 student members! Two students have joined the chapter this year as a result of these visits.

Eleven chapter members and/or direct family members have requested application information to apply for one of the two \$1,250 scholarships that KC PMI sponsors. Don't forget that ALL materials must reach PMI before June 1st. Contact studentmembersip@kcpmichapter.org if you need further assistance. Good luck to each of the candidates!

Finance :

The 2010 Chapter Budget was finalized and approved by the Board in January. This year is a break even budget (\$265k) with 76% of funding sources coming from the annual PDD event and year round Professional Development events. 83% of funding allocations will go to the annual PDD event, year round Professional Development events, and Membership Dinners.

The deficit for Jan-Apr was \$6,725. 92% of funding sources came from Professional Development events and Member Dues. 74% of funding allocations went to the annual PDD event. The Cash Reserve remains at a healthy level (\$89k).

Professional Development Days :

2010 KC-PMI Professional Development Days

Mark your calendars to attend this year's Professional Development Days at the Overland Park Convention Center on Monday, October 4th, and Tuesday, October 5th. This year's theme is "Enhance Your Professional Standing". [Visit our website](#) for more details as they become available.

Enjoy professional presentations by our emcee Jeff Havens ("How to Un-Crapify Your Life") and keynote speaker Barbee Davis ("97 Things Every Project Manager Should Know"). We'll have 23 other presentations and case studies for you to choose from. We'll have the Mayor of Greensburg, Kansas and construction case studies. We'll also have presentations on topics like office politics, team building, security, six sigma, and "The Race to the South Pole."

We'll be offering discounts for groups and scholarships for the unemployed and others who might find attendance a hardship. Watch the web site for details about how to sign up. Don't miss this chance to earn 14 PDUs in two days. Registration will open in mid-July. More details will be posted as preparations are finalized.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help with the event please contact [Bob Bolinger](#), VP PDD.

Communications :

New Position Alert

The Communication Team is currently looking for a volunteer to fill a new role: e-Social Networking Lead. This position will be responsible for creating, maintaining and updating content of our Chapter's Social Networking websites. This includes but is not limited to Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter. This position will report to the VP Communications. Please feel free to contact [Yawen Brown](#) for more information.

Position Filled

Please join us and welcome Andrea Bird as our new Director of Website and Electronic Media. Andrea started this position in April and will be responsible for our Chapter's website and email announcements/communications.

Additional Information

We've received several emails during the past few months regarding our membership update frequency. Please understand that we update our membership information on a weekly basis. This process is controlled by PMI National and it is not a real-time update. If you would like to become a member please allow at least one (1) week of time for your membership information to be imported into our database. We must have your information in our system before you can sign up for any Chapter events and take advantage of the member discount.

Should you have any questions, comments or feedback regarding Chapter website, newsletter, career center, job posting, or our social networking sites on LinkedIn and Facebook, please feel free to send an email to [VP Communications](#) at any time. Your input is always greatly appreciated!

Thank you for supporting our Chapter.

Best Regards,
Yawen Brown

Programs :

We had a great March meeting with very high attendance. Calvin Mayfield delivered a powerful message on Agile that led to many questions and the feedback was terrific. Thanks to everyone who responded to the survey.

Our May meeting is planned for Monday 5/17 at the Marriott in Overland Park. Our speaker is Lisa Qualls from LightThread. She will be speaking on "Project Management Tools in the Digital Age". Keller Graduate School of Management is sponsoring this meeting. We will be having a great mexican buffet so [register to attend](#) now.

Admin :

Badges for Newly Certified PMPs and CAPMs

Congratulations on reaching your certification goal!

For the newly certified, badges will be mailed within the following the month based on a list of the PMPs and CAPMs list below. Should you attend the May 17th Kansas City PMI Chapter Dinner Meeting, the badges will be available at the meeting.

David Baker, PMP
Gregory Ballentine, PMP
Stephen E. Beagle, II, PMP
Robert J Bellamy, PMP
Theresa E Blauvelt, PMP, CAPM
Brad Booton, PMP
Barbara Boyer, PMP
Traci Bryan, PMP
Janice Caler, PMP
Kalyan Chintam, PMP
John Chevalier, PMP
Philip Cosey, PMP
Michael Cukier, PMP
David Dufresne, PMP
James Eisenhutt, PMP
Karen Eskilson, PMP
Weam Farid, PMP
Steven Giboney, PMP
Daniel Gilden, PMP
Barbara Glover, PMP
Sandra Hardman, PMP
Frederick Harper, PMP
Pete Hubbard, PMP
Rasika Jayawardena, PMP
Angela Jones, PMP
Daniel Kapaun, PMP
Pat Kote, PMP
Richard Masasabi, PMP, CAPM
Steve Masters, PMP
Janet Mathis, PMP
Kristine McCann, PMP
Jim McGown, PMP
Maureen McGuire, PMP
Susan Mize, PMP
Timothy Moran, PMP
Michael Oiler, PMP
Eric Peterson, PMP
Stuart Phillips, PMP
Brenda Pozek, PMP
Robert Rainey, PMP
Tim Rieckmann, PMP
David Reynolds, PMP
Cristopher Sherman, PMP
Jennifer Stickney, PMP, CAPM
Bozena Taubert, PMP
Angela Thurman, PMP
Chris Trauer, PMP, CAPM
Ed VanBunker, PMP

Mark Vanderweide, PMP
Jennifer Ward, PMP
Andrea Weis, PMP
Shelley Whitson, PMP
Kari Woods, PMP
Tonia Zeiler, PMP
Robert T. Shaw, CAPM
Angela Wilson, CAPM

Badge Reorders:
Lyn J. Heaton, PMP
Elizabeth R. Oneth, PMP
Annette Scranton, PMP

Should you have questions or comments, please send an email to vpadmin@kcpmichapter.org at your earliest convenience.

Thanks to all!

How did we do?
Take our monthly
meeting survey and
give us your feedback
on this months event.
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