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President's Report :

November is Kansas City Mid-America Chapter of PMI's Volunteer Recognition month! All our KCPMI 2010 volunteers will be recognized at the November 15 Chapter Dinner Meeting. This is always our largest attended chapter meeting of the year, making it another great networking opportunity. This year's theme is "WIIFM-What's In It For Me?" We engage over 100 volunteers throughout the year all serving in various capacities. Come share in their experiences and hear how we have something of interest for everyone that might want to get involved. With volunteers anything is possible. We have a great group of dedicated professionals and students, making our KCPMI chapter a successful and solely volunteer-run organization with over 1300 members! Register to attend no later than November 11 for the discounted rate.

In addition to meeting the men and women who volunteer behind the scenes, our 2011 election results will be announced. Take the opportunity to meet and greet the new Board of Directors and say farewell to others and thank them for their service. Board transitioning will take place December 6 to enable the board to begin their strategic planning duties before the New Year.

I'm looking forward to seeing you on November 15th!

Respectfully yours,

Sonya K. Corrigan, PMP

President

Kansas City Mid-America Chapter of Project Management

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Volunteers :

Volunteer Committee Highlights

- Volunteer Recognition Event
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Professional Development

PMP EXAM PREP

Start the new year by enhancing your professional standing. Registration is now open for the Winter 2011 PMP

Exam Prep Class. The class will be 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. Please register by December 31, 2010. Those registering after that time are subject to a 10% late registration fee.

PMP STUDY GROUP

The last study group for 2010 has just completed and one of the participants has already reached their goal by passing the PMP Exam. The next study group is expected to begin in late January or early February, 2011. We are currently looking for a location for this event. If your business can provide us a room please contact [Christy Kuehl](#). Registration should open in December [on the KCPMI website](#).

Study Groups are a great way to hone your test taking skills, increasing your probability of success in passing the PMP exam. The group provides great networking too!

WORKSHOPS

The chapter held its final Advanced MS Project Workshop for 2010 on Saturday, October 30. There were several interested participants on the waiting list so we are considering scheduling additional MS Project Workshops in 2011. [Check the website](#) for the workshop schedule.

The final workshop for 2010 is **Generational Diversity**, November 13, 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM. The following topics will be covered:

- Overview of diversity
- Advantages of diversity
- Barriers to diversity
- Effective communication
- Managing diversity in the workplace

Location:

New Horizons Learning Center

Volunteer Recognition Event



November is Volunteer Recognition Month. At the November meeting this year's volunteers will be honored for their volunteer service to the chapter with a complimentary dinner. Each volunteer will also receive a certificate for the PDU's earned for 2010. The chapter could not offer the programs and services without the help of all the volunteers. Big thanks to all who give their time, talents, and expertise to the chapter. You make a huge difference. There will be several "Thank You" door prizes for the volunteers attending the event.

Charity Event

First of all we would like to say thank you to those who have donated items to help those in need as part of our 2010 KC PMI Outreach efforts! Our goal this year was to assist at least three charities and because of you we have been successful in giving back to our community.

We are planning one more event this year in November for the Don Bosco Youth Development Center. This year marks the Don Bosco Center's 70th year of enhancing lives of families in Kansas City. In particular, the Youth Development Center provides a safe and supportive environment for kids to take part in a variety of activities and educational programs. The Center is in need of the items listed below. You can help by bringing any of these items to the November 15th Chapter meeting.

- Sports Equipment
- Backpacks & School Supplies
- Afterschool Snacks
- Games
- Art Supplies
- School Uniforms (khaki pants, white shirts)

For more information on the Don Bosco Center please [visit their website](#). Contact Kathleen Cavanaugh at 913-664-3176 if you have any questions. Thanks again! We truly appreciate your efforts.

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteering is a great way to get involved and truly make a

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Breakfast (continental) and lunch are provided. The fee is \$140 for KCPMI Members and \$170 for non-members. The class size is limited to 24 participants, which provides a great opportunity to interact with the instructor and other participants. For more information please see visit the [Professional Development page](#). This workshop is worth 8 PDUs.

DIRECTOR OF WORKSHOPS

Greg Maltby, our Director of Workshops for the past four years, has decided to resign from his position. We will miss Greg's hard work and dedication to making KCPMI workshops a success over the past four years!

We are seeking a new Director of Workshops. If you are interested in serving in this position please contact Sharon Valasek, VP of Professional Development, at 816.213.5847 or vpprodev@kcpmichapter.org. I encourage you to step up and serve your KCPMI chapter and the project management profession.

MENTORING CIRCLES

We have a new volunteer helping with the mentoring program. Watch for more details [on the website](#) about plans for keeping our mentoring circles prospering. Contact Sharon Valasek, VP of Professional Development at vpprodev@kcpmichapter.org or 816.213.5847 if you are interested in serving as a mentor or receiving mentoring.

Thanks,
Sharon Valasek
VP Professional Development

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

difference. It is also a way to meet and network with other professional and to help shape the direction of your chapter. Don't hesitate to contact any of the active directors or VP's for more information about roles in their area or to discuss your interests and skills. The Chapter is always looking for qualified, enthusiastic volunteers!

Current chapter openings are listed below:

- **Director of Mentoring** – Contact [Sharon Valasek](#) for more information.
- **Professional Development** – Volunteer to do some administrative and research work. Contact [Sharon Valasek](#) for more information.
- **Chapter Photographer** – Contact [Debbie Prochnow](#) for more information.

Volunteer of the Month

Congratulations to GR Growney as September's Volunteer of the Month. Thanks for all you've done for our chapter. Congrats!

Membership :

Happy autumn to all our members, especially our new members. It's exciting to see the new industries and companies that are discovering the benefits of project management and the Project Management Institute. As a new member or existing member, we'd love to tell you more about the chapter and how to get the most out of it. I encourage you to reach out to our Membership committee by [email](#) or in person at the November chapter meeting. We will have a booth near check-in where you can pick up a Member Welcome packet and hear more about the benefits the organization offers.

Our November dinner meeting is where we highlight our volunteer opportunities and recognize our Volunteers. Association studies have consistently shown that the members who benefit most are those that get involved. We're always looking for Membership committee members. Our goal is to help each member get as much benefit as possible from their membership. Our primary responsibilities are to engage existing members, welcome new members, and reach out to potential and past members. For instance, this year we had our first ever Team Trivia Night for existing, past, and potential members. I hope you'll consider joining the Membership committee and possibly leading a sub-committee. It's a great way to connect with members quickly.

Membership Update

Chapter membership was up slightly this period.

Membership Update Aug-Sep 2010	
Starting Membership	1301
Renewals	144
Gains	84
Losses	76

month's event.
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Ending Membership	1309
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New Chapter Members

Sep - Oct 2010		
Lawrence Adler	Lisa Ford	Keith Monks
Jennifer Boren	Gurpreet Gill	Dennis Myers
Michelle Bright	Daniel Graesser	Timothy Oberle
Russell Bright	Kyle Groenewold	John Otte
Melissa Brown	Karen Hickey	Kent Pesek
Michael Calcara	Kyle Hofer	James Prothe
David Carte	Carla Houston	Cheryl Randle
Megan Cassidy	Deborah Jones	Matthew Rasins
Daniel Cates	Stephanie	Witold Rzepnicki
Robert Collins	Kearney	Rose Sanders-Likes
Kris Dickerson	Sean Kelly	Stan Sauer
George Doegar	John Kindel	Eric Shirling
Mark Dunton	Davin Knolton	Edward Slaughter
Susan Eriksen	Candace Koba	William Teater
Allen Erwin	Rick Lavelock	Ravindranath
Andrew	Dong Li	Uppalapati
Fairchild	Michael McElroy	Bridget Wade
Paul Finster	William	Digby Willard
	McQueen	

Student Membership

Thanks to Cecilio Webb for visiting the graduate project management class at Ottawa University in September and to Cindy Meyer for visiting the MBA class in "Project Development and Management" at Avila University in October.

We have an opportunity to visit ITT Technical in November. ITT Tech is initiating an undergraduate degree in project management. This will be a great opportunity for a partnership with the KC PMI Chapter. Nancy Petersen will make this visit but welcomes other chapter members to accompany her. We also have an opportunity to visit the "Advanced Project Management" class at Keller Graduate School before December 15.

We had several PDD attendees visit the vendor booths for our local universities. If you are looking for a graduate project management degree, two recommended choices are the Masters in Project Management from Keller Graduate School and the (new) online Masters in Project Management offered by the Avila/Advantage program. JCCC offers excellent courses in their business and industry division. Check out more student membership news at www.kcpmichapter.org/studentmembership.php.

Finance :

The 2010 Chapter Budget was finalized and approved by the Board in January. 2010 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 actual surplus for Jan-Oct was \$148,454. 73% of funding sources came from PDD. 60% of funding allocations went to Board management activities. The Cash Reserve is at a seasonal high due to PDD (\$225k).

Professional Development Days :

The chapter proudly presented what is arguably its most successful Professional Development Days (PDD) this year on October 4 and 5. With the theme "Enhance Your Professional Standing," the thirty-three PDD volunteers welcomed nearly 500 who attended, presented, and networked at the Overland Park Convention Center. That's more than have ever attended any event for our chapter in the past. The chapter is grateful for the efforts of these volunteers.

Jeff Havens kicked the event off early Monday morning and kept things lively throughout both days. Attendees were able to attend 10 out of 28 presentations offered. Topics included a wide range of subjects from some technical product reviews to Mary Lucas with her "Lunch Meat and Life Lessons" to lessons learned from the Greensburg, Kansas tornado. Attendees who took the survey after the event rated this year's PDD about an 8 on a scale of 10.

Attendees were able to learn with first person help on hand from the PDD sponsors: Ericsson, The Center for Business and Technology of Johnson County Community College, Sogeti, Keller Graduate School of Management, CDI IT Solutions, JourneyX, Microsoft, Triple I, Fissure, Lambert Consulting Group, the American College of Technology, RavenFlow, New Horizons, Avila University, and ASPE.

The volunteer team has collected lessons learned and has already started planning for PDD 2011. Watch for more announcements in the newsletter, on our [Face Book site](#), and on our [Linked In group](#) as the team focuses on being ready with an even better PDD on September 19 and 20, 2011. We are looking for volunteers now for next year's team.

Bob Bolinger, PMP
VP Professional Development Days

Communications :

ATTENTION New Members!

If you've just become a member of PMI Kansas City Mid-America Chapter, please note that it usually takes up to one week (5 business days) before your membership record is transferred from PMI.org to our Chapter's membership database. It is NOT a real-time transfer. Please see our website [FAQ](#) for details.

Stay Connected with Our Chapter!

We are pleased to introduce our new **Twitter** account – **PMIKCMidAmerica**. Sign up as a follower to keep up to date on upcoming events! Several of you are already following us on Facebook. Feel free to post any PMI related information you think others may be interested in on the wall and remember to suggest our page to friends and business contacts!

Contact Us

We 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 [VP Communication](#).



(Login required)



Best Regards
Yawen Hsu-Brown, PMP
VP Communications

Programs :

Our September meeting was terrific! Our speaker, Kim Miller from Cheetah Learning, held an interactive session on "Risk Planning" that had everyone engaged and learning. From the comments on the surveys, everyone learned something new to apply when performing risk planning on their projects. Thanks for providing the invaluable feedback. Maybe we can have Kim speak again in the near future on another topic.

Our last meeting of the year is planned for Monday November 15 at the Marriott in Overland Park. This is our annual Volunteer Appreciation Event and we will be having a great celebration. Some of our volunteers will be speaking on "The WIIFM of Volunteering" with an opportunity for all volunteers to share their experiences. We will be thanking the current Board and introducing the 2011 Board. This is going to be a big party with lots of prizes so come join in the fun! Summit Pro Source and Johnson County Community College are the sponsors for the evening. We will be having a great BBQ buffet so plan to attend now.

Debbie Prochnow, PMP
VP Programs

Admin :

New PMP Badge Order - Congratulations to all new PMP and CAPMs!

The KC PMI Chapter badge order is underway and new PMP and CAPMs will be receiving a badge in the mail before the end of the year. This order will include all new PMP and CAPMs from April through October.

The delay in badge receipt is due to a minimum order requirement. We thank you for your patience and will mail the badges when available to the home address currently in the PMI database. Please [contact me](#) if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks to All!
Leslie Kupka
VP Admin

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meeting survey and
give us your feedback
on this months event.
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