

Chapter Meeting

Ron Parker, MBA, PMP

Advantages of PMP® and CAPM Certification

When: January 16, 2003

Where: [Ramada Inn](#)

Hightower Conference Room
1510 Jefferson Street
Jefferson City, MO

Cost: \$20

Agenda:

6:00 Cash Bar
6:30 Dinner
7:15 Program
8:15 Business Meeting
8:30 Adjourn

Menu:

Roasted Beef Brisket
Garden Fresh Salad
Chef's Choice Potato or Grain
Chef's Choice Vegetable
Rolls and Butter
Apple Cobbler
Coffee or Tea

Please RSVP to [Ritchie Jenkins](#). Anyone with special dietary needs may call Karen Sanders at (573) 522-2266.

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About the Program:

Ron Parker, MBA, PMP, Infrastructure Project Manager at Hewlett-Packard Company, will speak about the advantages of obtaining Project Management Professional (PMP®) certification. Learn about certification tests and classes to help prepare you to test for either the PMP® or the recently created Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM) designation. Ron will present training aids and share the books he used to achieve his certification.

Speaker Biography

Ron works as Infrastructure Project Manager for Hewlett-Packard Company. His areas of

responsibility include voice and data infrastructure for all field offices in the midwest as well as production and field office facilities in Tennessee. He is serves as team lead of voice and data for Mergers, Acquisitions and Divestitures in North America. An additional assignment is helping his fellow team members prepare for and obtain their PMP Certification.

Prior to working at Hewlett-Packard, Ron worked as a Consultant-Project Manager for Sprint and American Century Investments in Kansas City.

Ron obtained his Bachelors and MBA while working in the Data Networking and Telecommunications departments at the University of Missouri, Columbia. He also served as University of Missouri Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Staff Advisory Council.

Chapter Meeting

Ed Bailey

The Softer Side of Systems

When: March 20, 2003
5:00-7:15 p.m.

Where: [Summit Lake Winery](#)
1707 South Summit Drive
Holts Summit, MO
[Directions to Summit Lake Winery](#)

Cost: \$16

Please RSVP to [Ritchie Jenkins](#) by March 7. Anyone with special dietary needs may call Karen Alexander at 573-635-9979.

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Menu: Antipasto
Fresh Fruit w/dip
Finger Sandwiches
Chicken Wings w/Raspberry Sweet & Sour Sauce
Pork Tenderloin w/Fresh Bread & Fruit Salsa
Assorted Tarts
Coffee, Tea, and Water

Agenda: 5:00 - Social
6:00 - Program
7:00 - Business Meeting
7:15 - Adjourn

About the Program:

Just as gardeners tend the soil before planting, the project manager or director must create the properly balanced environment before proceeding.

This start-up process is often overlooked because relationship building is dismissed as a 'gimme' and 'everyone knows his / her job.'

In addition, projects are sometimes considered outside activities or 'other duties as assigned' for policy or business staff and are thus relegated to secondary status.

Project communication--vertically, horizontally, and externally--cannot begin too early and can hardly ever be too frequent.

Speaker Biography

Ed Bailey is President and Owner of Edgar Bailey and Associates, LLC, whose areas of concentration are information technology, management consulting, and mediation.

During Ed's 30-year career, he has supported and managed staff working through the complete development life cycle on both major and minor projects. He has personally performed all phases of the System Development Life Cycle: programming, requirement definition, analysis, development, site preparation, installation and other implementation activities.

As the Missouri Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) project director working with the Southern Alliance of States, Ed developed requirements for a prototype EBT system to implement a regional joint federal/state benefit delivery system. This entailed coordinating project directors from seven other states and representatives from five federal agencies. The project acquired EBT services through a Missouri contract and participated in the U.S. Treasury Invitation for Expression of Interest evaluation for vendor selection.

Ed directed the data processing staff of an inter-agency working group who developed an automated interface between Employment Security and Social Services, saving the state an estimated 2.5 million dollars a year.

Ed also acted as a Food Stamp Outreach Task Force resource identifying a low usage, high need population of the elderly and in farming communities. The Task Force met its goal of increasing the number of individuals in the targeted groups and in better using federal funding participation. Ed co-authored "Barriers to Participation in Missouri's Food Stamp Program: Issues and Conclusions."

Chapter Meeting

John C. Webster and Sandy Messall

Topic: MS Project 2002

When: May 15, 2003
5:00-7:15 p.m.

Where: [Summit Lake Winery](#)
1707 South Summit Drive
Holts Summit, MO
[Directions to Summit Lake Winery](#)

Cost: \$16

Please RSVP to [Ritchie Jenkins](#) by close of business May 2, 2003. Anyone with special dietary needs may call Karen Alexander at 573-635-9979.

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Menu: Stuffed Mushrooms w/Spinach and Artichoke
Fresh Fruit w/Yogurt Dip
Swedish Meatballs
Chicken Wings w/Raspberry Sweet & Sour Sauce
Antipasto Kabobs
Assorted Cheesecakes
Coffee, Tea, and Water

Agenda: 5:00 Social
6:00 Program
7:00 Business Meeting
7:15 Adjourn

About the Program:

The goal of this interactive presentation is to demonstrate the new features of Microsoft Project 2002 and share how this tool has made the jump to be an effective enterprise wide project management tool. The primary presentation will focus on the new client side features, i.e. such as new fields and enhanced custom formulas and Smart tags, etc. We will briefly touch on the collaborative aspects of MS Project Server 2002 and share with you a day-in-the-life of four key roles in enterprise project management: Executive, Project Manager, Resource Manager and Resource.

Speaker Biographies

John C. Webster, PMP

John's roots are in the manufacturing industry. He spent over 11 years with McDonnell Douglas, with six of those years being in various managerial roles within the procurement department, where he was responsible for several missile and satellite programs. He also spent 5 years in the International Contracts organization managing aspects of the Offset obligations to foreign customers.

John oversees the Management Consulting Practice within Oakwood and is responsible for all client delivery of these services. During his time at Oakwood he participated in Microsoft's Beta project of the Project Server 2002 release and lead a team that presented an entry in Microsoft's Business Value Challenge (BVC). Oakwood was the only company in the St. Louis area that participated in the Beta program.

He has an MBA from St. Louis University and has been certified as a Project Manager Professional (PMP) for the Project Management Institute since 1997."

Sandy Messall

Throughout her career in the I.T. Industry, Sandy has performed many different functions in

the IT arena, including Business Analyst, Quality Assurance Manager, and Project Management Office Manager. Prior to her career at Oakwood she was responsible for the software selection study at Shepard Company to replace their core back office applications, which included Order Entry, A/P, A/R, General Ledger, Sales & Marketing, shipping, manufacturing, and inventory. While at Compaq Computer Corporation, Sandy was a Program Manager for several multi-international development applications.

Since joining Oakwood, she has led a team in the implementation of a payment reconciliation application, which interfaced with A/P, General Ledger, and a warehouse management system. Sandy is a member of the Project Management Institute (PMI) and National Association for Female Executives (NAFE)."

Chapter Meeting

Ron Parker, PMP

Alternative Approaches - Preparing for the CAPM & PMP Certification

When: September 18, 2003
5:00 to 7:15 p.m.

Where: **Columbia Country Club**
2210 Country Club Drive
Columbia, MO 65201
(573) 449-4115

[Directions](#)

A fellow PMI member assisted the Chapter in securing this location with no additional fees, and plans to assist with some of the presentation aids! Make it an enjoyable trip and ride with a friend. If needed and you are unable find someone to ride with, please contact Karen Alexander at kalexander@tier.com for assistance.

Cost: \$16

Please RSVP to [Ritchie Jenkins](#) by close of business September 5, 2003. Anyone with special dietary needs may call Karen Alexander at 573-635-9979.

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Menu: Fresh Vegetables w/Dip
Domestic Cheese Arrangement
Italian Pinwheels
Breaded Ravioli
Pasta Bar
Lemon Bars
Coffee, Tea, and Water

Agenda: 5:00 Social with Italian Hors d'oeuvre Buffet
6:00 Program
7:00 Business Meeting
7:15 Adjourn

About the Program:

Mr. Ron Parker will be presenting an overview of alternative approaches to prepare for PMP certification! Ron will discuss the advantages of obtaining your certification, requirements, the PMP exam and classes involved for CAPM and PMP certifications. Mr. Parker plans to use web pages to illustrate training aids and sites that may help in preparation. He will also share the books he used to achieve his certification. Ron will provide a listing of recommended web sites and publications to help you prepare for your exam.

Speaker Biographies

Mr. Ron Parker, PMP, works as an Infrastructure Project Manager for Hewlett-Packard Company. His current areas of responsibility include voice, data, satellite, wireless LAN and all other infrastructure for production and sales offices in the mid-west and Tennessee. He serves as team lead of voice and data for Mergers, Acquisitions and Divestitures in North America. An additional assignment is mentoring fellow team members towards obtaining PMP Certification.

Prior to working at Hewlett-Packard, Ron worked as a Consultant-Project Manager for Sprint and American Century Investments in Kansas City. Projects during this period encompassed the implementation of wireless LAN, wireless Voice and VOIP. Ron has worked in IT for 25 years and has 15 years of Project Management experience.

Ron obtained his Bachelors and MBA degrees while working in the Data Networking and Telecommunications departments at the University of Missouri-Columbia. He served as Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the UM System Staff Advisory Council as well as President and Vice-President of the MBA Student Association at Columbia College.

Ron spends much of his spare time with his wife and son teaching, learning and enjoying the sport of Soccer.

Chapter Meeting

Steve Peterson

Artemis International Solutions Corporation

Can Government Benefit from Portfolio Management?

When: November 13, 2003
5:00-7:15 p.m.

Where: [Summit Lake Winery](#)
Norton Room
1707 South Summit Drive
Holts Summit, MO
573 896 9966
[Directions to Summit Lake Winery](#)

Cost: Cost is \$16.00. The different agenda allows us to pass a savings back to our membership. Please RSVP to [Ritchie Jenkins](#) by close of business November 3, 2003.

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Menu: Fresh Veggies with Dip
Seasonal Fresh Fruit with Yogurt Dip
Chicken Wings with Raspberry Sweet & Sour Sauce
German Sauteed Brats with Apples & Potatoes served with Hot Mustard
Crab Cakes with Sauce
Assorted Tarts
Coffee, Tea, and Water

Agenda: 5:00 Social
6:00 Program
7:00 Business Meeting
7:15 Adjourn

About the Program:

"Portfolio management" is increasingly being promoted as a cure-all for many management issues. Is this a passing fad, or is there some truth to the claim? Why should project managers care and how will the trend toward portfolio management affect current project management processes? According to Steve Peterson, the answer depends on what problems are being tackled, what specific benefits are expected and how the process is implemented.

Steve will present a vision and case studies suggesting that federal, state and municipal government can use effective portfolio management to better justify capital expenditure, create alignment with government objectives, comply with regulatory requirements, and manage risk.

Speaker Biography

Steve Peterson



Steve Peterson has worked with government agencies and Fortune 1000 companies for the last four years in the area of Portfolio Management and Strategic Planning. He's implemented strategic planning solutions for both government and Fortune 1000 companies at ProSight, META Group and Xerox prior to his current role managing Public Sector Solutions for Artemis International.