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PROjections

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Welcome New Members!

PMI Mid-Missouri Chapter welcomes new members who joined in April and May:

Pamela Bax
J Scott Christianson
John Hay
Betty Schobey
Thomas Hoer
Gail Morris

Welcome back to Frank Schonhardt who recently rejoin!

Thanks to all the members that have recently renewed. As of the end of May, the Chapter has 137 members and 77 PMPs!

We hope to see you all at the September meeting.

Corporate Singularity Vs. Project Multiplicity

By John Bolden, President and Chief Consultant
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At any moment in time, every organization will be in the throes of change to a greater or lesser degree.

Projects; tens, hundreds even thousands vie for resources, time and attention; concurrently striving to deal with defensive, offensive, expansion, growth, contraction and improvement pressures – internally conceived or externally forced.

The sum of the organization as a whole and every project that the organization is conceiving, planning or executing equates to Corporate Singularity. Corporate Singularity is a constantly evolving view of what is now, what was then, what will be and what is happening in between.

Organizations that understand and use Corporate Singularity to advantage will be more proficient at managing projects; will be more economic in use of project time, resources and money and will be more sensitive to the issues of acceptance and receptivity.

The mechanics of projects (how to get to the new state, when, at what cost, with what resources and with what results) are neither foreign nor impossible BUT the sum effect of multiple projects, conflicting dynamics and obstructive politics begets Project Multiplicity and this is severely disruptive of Corporate Singularity and every project it encompasses.

Corporate Singularity is a dynamic state that is composed of two discrete elements. The first element is the 'operating state' of the organization right now. No matter how long it lasts, it is the status quo now and, there is only one. For the purposes of this exercise this is 'what is now'.

The second element comprises multiple views of the 'operating state' of the organization as it will be in the

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future – essentially each business improvement or transformation project equates to one view of the operating state of the organization when that project changes the business in some way, somewhere, somehow. These views of the organization capture what will be different as each project is injected, integrated or implemented into the organization. For future reference, each view equates to *'what will be'*.

As you read this passage, your organization is executing tasks in order to fulfill its prescribed mandate now and will continue to do so until the outcomes of the next project are integrated into the operating fabric of the organization. At that very moment in time in the future - perhaps an hour from now, a day or two, several months or next year - a new *'what is now'* state will be created when a project changes the operating fabric of the organization.

Once delivered, this new *'what is now'* state is now the status quo until the next project in the delivery pipeline attains its *'what will be'* objective(s) by changing, adding or adjusting something or other, somewhere or other, in the organization and, a new *'what is now'* arises. This dynamic, constantly evolving view of *'what is now'* and *'what will be'* is Corporate Singularity.

The volume and variety of differing dynamics that create pressure to improve, grow, strengthen, refine, streamline, stabilize or even protect the organization are not limited to just projects of import, size, cost or risk. All projects of any form, whether simple and localized in one small department or global in scope affecting most elements of the enterprise comprise corporate singularity.

In short, an organization will attain as many new *'what is now'* states as there are projects across the breadth and depth of the entire organization that change what the business does and how it does it.

If you were to use the concept of Corporate Singularity when setting strategy, planning and executing each and every business improvement project - you, the project, the organization and every other project will be far , far better off. Let me explain...

How big is your Singularity...?

Envisioning Corporate Singularity without visual aids will be easy for some while those of us challenged by the concept of imagining what is now, what was then, what will be and what is happening in between will definitely benefit from using a scratch pad to follow this example:

On a blank sheet of paper, draw a line down the centre of the page, this represents the *'what is now'* state of your organization at this moment in time. It is the mechanics of the organization at this moment in time - it is the sum of processes, people, policies and paraphernalia that equates to everything the organization does in its day-to-day operation, now.

Consider all projects or initiatives of any type that are underway at this moment, in any part of your organization. Depending on where you work within your organization, your relative level in the hierarchy and your *'need to know'* you may or may not be aware of the extent of project efforts across the entire organization. Set up a relative scale that accommodates both the duration and start/end dates of the projects you know about.

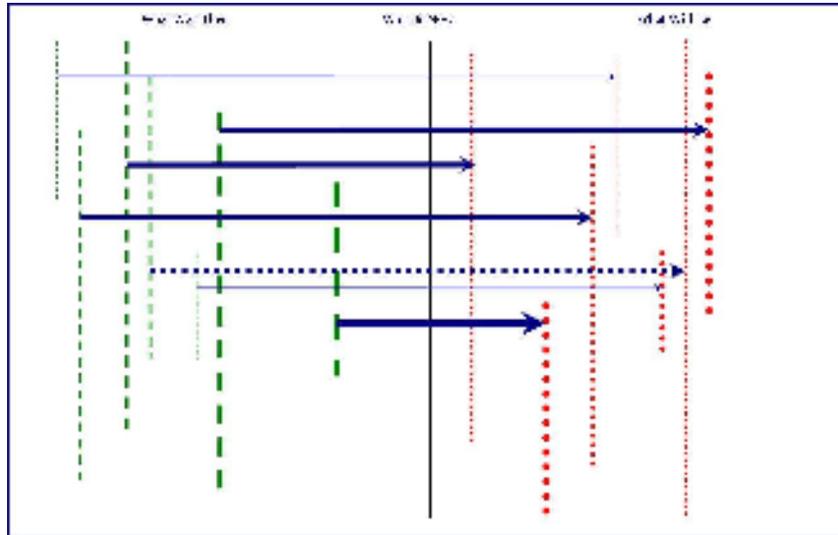
One trusts that someone, somewhere, has full and complete vision of everything that is going on, project wise, across the organization...

Draw a horizontal line for each and every project; position the left end of the line at the approximate point where the project first saw the light of day and the right end of the line at the point when the outcomes of the project are expected to be fully integrated into the organization.

You will end up with a collection of lines of varying length, each bisecting the *'what is now'* line. If you know of future projects where the start date is to the right of the *'what is now'* line, scribe them also if the width of paper allows.

Essentially, the left end (start) of each project would have a little tag denoting '*what was then*' while the right end of the project (completion) would have a tag denoting '*what will be*'.

"*What will be*" is obvious, I hope. '*What was then*' is a little confusing and while those who possess spatial dexterity will easily grasp the import, the rest of us deserve a brief explanation.



Look at the example diagram. The start point of each project underway has a tag known as '*what was then*'. This means that time has passed from when the project was approved or started (Note that when the project started, it was at the '*what is now*' line), the project is still underway and will address an issue or exploit an opportunity at some point in the future (*what will be*).

What is crucial to note is the fact that multiple projects; each with different start dates, differing end dates and with presumably different objectives are progressing concurrently, albeit at differing stages, speeds and degree of importance, right at this moment in time - all busily focused on their own objectives, issues and problems.

For simplicity, my example denotes just seven projects. Vertical green lines denote the start point (*what was then*) and end points are denoted in red (*what will be*) for each project. (Note I use dashes and dots to bring attention to green and red lines respectively, these formats have no bearing on the construct). Each project is shown in blue where the thickness of the line denotes the relative cost of the project.

Bear in mind (read slowly), any green line means there **IS/WAS** an issue or opportunity that that project was to address when that project was approved (meaning some time ago when it was at the *what is now* point) and that the project will address once the project reaches the '*what will be*' point in the future, a red line.

Notice that the green lines are of different length and thickness. A widespread need across the organization = a long green vertical line; a concentrated or specific need in one area or part of the organization = a short green vertical line. Similarly, if the need extends deep into the organization or is extremely complex = a thick green line, if the need is simple or generalized = a thin green line.

The same logical representation appears for the red lines with the observation that in many, many cases the original view of width and depth of need (vision/green) bears no relation whatsoever to the actual extent of change necessary to make the imperative work (delivery/red). This causes a significant number of project to miss expectations, for what

I trust are obvious reasons.

Naturally, real projects would be much more complex to view with co-terminus, co-dependent, intertwined and staged projects all over the paper - yet this simple view of just a few projects allows us to probe several common 'corporate singularity' problems...

Baseline Disconnects; Incorrect Assumptions; Too Much Change; Reuse Anathema...

Look at the fifth project from the top of the diagram; I use a dotted blue line for clarity. What stands out? Let's see...

Three projects started before this project and each of them appear to span or share some common elements of the organization (green line = vision/need or issue).

Is the fifth project from the top of the diagram replicating or duplicating part or all of any of these three projects?

Can the fifth project from the top of the diagram use assets, collateral or knowledge from the projects already started?

Could parts of this fifth project or parts of these other projects be cancelled, combined, consolidated?

What else should one be worried about...?

Five projects in total will complete before the fifth project from the top of the diagram completes and two of these started after the fifth project. Aha...!

Will delivery of these projects affect the operating fabric of the organization so that the fifth project's deliverables will not fit or cannot be integrated easily?

Will the people in the organization be too exhausted to properly accept more change?

Will delivery of the fifth project render obsolete, unworkable or untenable the deliverables of the previous five projects?

Will the outcomes of the fifth project hinder or damage the prospect of success of projects that deliver later?

One project that started after the fifth project delivers after the fifth project is complete:

What might this mean to either or both projects?

What might this mean for the organization?

Is it safe to assume that the rationale for either or both of these projects will not be harmed or altered in any way?

Did anyone ask?

I leave you to imagine the possible permutations of additional questions that one would naturally ask and rightfully expect to receive clear and coherent answers.

Key Fact:

The baseline for project assumptions about what to integrate, how and to what effect must be driven by assumptions about the *'what will be'* state that will exist at the moment when your project outcomes are integrated into the operating fabric of the organization (future) and **not** by the *'what is now'* state that existed when the project was first conceived (past).

Let me explain this key fact further by way of example: Look again at the diagram; imagine you have an urgent business problem right now ('*what is now*') and you plan to launch a project to fix it. Draw a project line from '*what is now*' out to the point where the project will complete and the problem will be fixed (what will be), then draw a red vertical line of appropriate length and thickness that approximates the extent of change this project will bring to the organization.

Let's say that your project line crosses four red lines already on the diagram that indicate that other projects will complete before your project finishes its work. Each of these four other projects will effect change in some way on part(s) or all of the organization. These four projects have each been working to resolve a specific issue or exploit an opportunity and what they change in the organization may well impact what you intend to fix or use to advantage...

Unless you know and cater for the full extent of what each of these other projects will change and what the sum impact of these changes upon the organization will be, you cannot possibly envision and plan what your project will need to do, to whom, with what and with what intended outcome. *Your business improvement project will not meet expectations.*

When planning your project, the fourth red line is the organization as it will be when your project completes. This fourth view of the organization is the view that your project must focus on, accommodate and plan for. Clear?

In general terms, this extract touched upon four 'project failure' themes:

- 1). **Project Baseline:** Projects that use the incorrect baseline for planning purposes are doomed to fail before the project even commences.
- 2). **Project Assumptions:** Projects that remain fixated on assumptions made at project start up fail. This speaks to the linear, insular, singular mentality of project management methods and practices. Projects of all sizes in all realms suffer from an inability to adjust the assumption set as time passes, events unfold and other projects enter the fray.
- 3). **Receptivity/Saturation:** Projects are the result of imperatives, ideas, urges or impulses (vision) to improve or strengthen the enterprise. Vision rarely addresses or accommodates receptivity for change or the dangers of change saturation from too much change, too often. Receptivity and saturation issues cause projects to fail; overlooking the ability of the organization to accept, embrace and utilize change to advantage is fraught with peril.
- 4). **Reusability Potential:** Reusability is a curious anathema. Actual reuse across the research base was abysmally low whereas reusability potential was 'high / ultra high' which means that opportunities to save time and money and improve quality and satisfaction were ignored.

In summary, when one understands and manages the effects and impacts of Project Multiplicity upon Corporate Singularity... Good Things Happen!

If you would like to learn more about the seminar themes I speak to, types of consulting engagements and research that underpins my thinking, feel free to browse my web presence at <http://www.TLIRGroup.com>



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PMI's PDU Secrets

By Cornelius Fichtner, PMP

A project manager has to be many things. To name just a few, a PM has to be a great communicator, a leader, a visionary, and be able to both build and inspire the team. First and foremost, however, a project manager has to be proactive. We employ strategies to plan the future in order to proactively minimize risk on our projects so that we can deliver on time and on budget. Why then is it that when November comes around you can hear a collective groan rise from the worldwide community of PMPs as they ask, where they could quickly get 20, 30 or even 40 or more PDUs before the year is through? Is this simply a case of the cobbler's children having no shoes? No. I think that this is an acute case of the PMP community not even trying to proactively understand the PMI's recertification requirements. I am writing this in May of 2008, there are seven more months in the year, and I want to help you understand how you can very easily gain all the PDUs you need before the year is through.

The authoritative source when it comes to your PMP recertification is the PMI's *Continuing Certification Requirements Handbook*. This 10-page document can be found on www.pmi.org in the *Career Development* section. It contains everything you need to know about your recertification. Like so many PMI documents, it is (a) very well hidden on their website and (b) rather dry and needs some explaining. In a nutshell, you can gain PDUs in five categories and I will highlight them today to show you how easy it is.

Category 1 is called Formal Academic Education. If you are currently enrolled in an academic course that includes classes on project and/or program management then you can claim 15 PDUs for a typical 15-week semester. To calculate Category 1 PDUs I recommend that you speak with your university as well as the PMI to ensure that you claim the correct amount.

Category 2 offers a number of opportunities to claim PDUs based on your Professional Activities and Self-Directed Learning. There are many sub-categories that make collecting PDUs easy. Here are four examples:

- Claim up to 40 PDUs for authoring a book.
- If you work 1,500 hours per year as a project manager, you can claim up to 15 PDUs. Yes, you get PDUs just for *being* a PM.
- Teaching a project management course gives up to 10 PDUs
- Be a speaker at your local PMI chapter dinner meeting and claim 5 PDUs.

The absolute easiest way to claim PDUs in this category, however, is the sub-category for Self Directed Learning. Here you can claim another 15 PDUs for a number of simple, self-study activities. The ones that I recommend are to read a project management book or - even better - listen to a project management Podcast. You can find free Podcasts at www.thepmpodcast.com or www.controllingchaos.com.

This brings us to Category 3, which refers to attending educational programs offered by one of PMI's many Registered Education Providers (REP). A cost effective way is to talk to your local PMI chapter. Most offer a monthly dinner meeting (1 PDU) or monthly seminars (1 PDU per seminar hour) at a very low cost to you. Some PMI Chapters and PMI Specific Interest Groups (SIGs) even offer online webinars with PDUs. And then, there are of course hundreds of training companies that have the REP status and offer qualifying in-person and online classes.

You also receive 1 PDU for each hour attending project management related trainings by non PMI REPs. This is part of Category 4: Other Providers. For example: if your employer offers internal project management training then you can claim 1 PDU for each hour. This is true for almost any PM related seminar. Keep all your receipts and documentation on the topics discussed in the class just in case the PMI audits you.

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PMI's PDU Secrets continued....

And finally, there is Category 5: Volunteer Service for your PMI Chapter. Granted, this category will not make you "PDU rich" but volunteering is extremely rewarding. The maximum number of PDUs in this category is 10 PDUs for elected officials and 5 PDUs for regular volunteer. So the main goal of volunteering for the chapter is clearly not gaining PDUs. The more important reasons are networking with your peers, being involved in local PM community and learning about all the PDU offerings that your chapter has. For me personally, the PDUs that I receive for volunteering in my chapter are the most gratifying and the most satisfying PDUs of them all. So contact your membership director and ask about the available opportunities.

By following the ideas outlined in this article you can gain all the PDUs you need in just a few months. It really is that easy. The trick is to know that you have a multitude of ways available to you. So be proactive and start earning your PDUs today!



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From left, PMI President and CEO Gregory Balestrero; PMI Vice Chair Yanping Chen, MD, PhD, PMP; Forbes CEO Steve Forbes; and Martin VanDerSchouw, PMP, Chair of the External Relations and Volunteer Involvement Committee, PMI Board of Directors.

Innovation and the new rules of global market growth were topics of the Forbes Leadership Network Forum held in Boston on 19 June.

PMI was the presenting sponsor for the all-day forum, which was attended by more than 130 business leaders from the United States and Canada.

PMI Vice Chair Yanping Chen, MD, PhD, PMP and Martin C. VanDerSchouw, PMP, were in attendance to represent PMI's Board of Directors.

"Innovation is constantly evolving," stated *Forbes* publisher Rich Karlgaard during welcoming remarks.

Steve Forbes, chair and chief executive officer of *Forbes* and editor-in-chief of *Forbes* magazine, provided keynote remarks at a private, pre-event breakfast hosted by PMI and attended by, among others, executives from Shell Gas and Power, SAS Institute, Boston Consulting Group and Infosys, and a Canadian assistant deputy minister for the investment and innovation sectors.

PMI President and CEO Gregory Balestrero and Don Lowman, managing director for Towers Perrin, appeared on an Innovation and Talent panel.

Mr. Balestrero cited the global talent challenges faced by business, governments and organizations today. These include rapid growth centered from the Persian Gulf to the China Sea and the shortage of skilled laborers.

Mr. Lowman noted that innovation is impeded when individuals are not rewarded for taking risks.

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During workshops, participants looked more deeply into innovation concerns. Mr. Balestrero, aided by Harry Stefanou, PhD, PMI vice president of market and business development, moderated a workshop focused on sustainability, energy and corporate responsibility.

Other workshops focused on the healthcare crisis and on innovating across the “three-generational divide” that is becoming increasingly prevalent.

PMI will sponsor and participate in the next Forbes Leadership Networks Forum on 2 October in Palo Alto, California, USA.

Announcing the Launch of PMI’s New Credential: The PMI Risk Management Professional (PMI-RMP)SM

In October 2007, the Project Management Institute announced the development of a new credential within the specialty area of project risk management, now formally introduced as the PMI Risk Management Professional (PMI-RMP)SM. PMI is excited to announce the global launch of this new credential.

PMI is offering an inaugural incentive for eligible candidates to become one of the first PMI-RMP credential holders. The first 100 candidates who sit for the examination between 29 August and 31 October 2008 will receive 50% off the price of the examination as well as be entered into one of four regional drawings for US\$1,000. Candidates can begin applying and scheduling now.

To qualify for the PMI-RMP examination:

- applicants must have a bachelor’s degree or global equivalent
- have 3,000 hours of project risk management experience within the last three to five years
- 30 hours of formal education in project risk management (including seminars, conferences, classes and more)

Those with a high school diploma or global equivalent need 4,500 hours of project risk management experience and 40 contact hours of education in project risk management.

To maintain the credential, PMI-RMPs must acquire 30 Professional Development Units (PDUs) per 3-year cycle in the specialty area of project risk management.

Please visit www.pmi.org for more information.

PMP® Expiration Date Change:

Important information for all active PMP credential holders

What is happening to PMP expiration dates and why is PMI making this change?

PMI is dedicated to maintaining and administering world class credentials on behalf of the global project management profession. As the number of PMP credential holders grows every year, we are assessing our processes and systems so we can better serve our customers.

Many PMP credential holders are aware of the large volume of PMP renewals that PMI processes at the end of each year. To better meet customer needs, PMI will change all PMP credential holders’ expiration dates. Currently, all PMP credential holders expire on 31 December of the third year after they earn the credential. PMP credential holders will be assigned new PMP expiration dates that correspond with the anniversary date of the bestowal of their credential. The result is a simplification of the PMP certification cycle.

The transition to the new system will begin taking place in late August 2008. Current PMP credential holders will have months added to their renewal cycle based on the anniversary of earning their credential—*no one will have time taken away.*

How does this affect PMPs who have earned their credential prior to 2005?

If you have earned your PMP prior to 1 January, 2005, you will need to know your current credential expiration date and the initial date in which you earned your PMP in order to determine your new PMP expiration date. Once this change takes place, your PMP credential will expire on the anniversary of the month and day in which you initially earned it, in the calendar year following the expiration of your final active credential cycle. For example, if you earned your credential on 14 June, 2003, your initial expiration date was 31 December, 2006. You have renewed your credential and your current PMP credential cycle currently ends on 31 December, 2009. When this change made in the PMP cycle, your new expiration date will be 14 June, 2010.

To whom does this change apply?

It applies to all active PMP credential holders.

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Does this change in my PMP expiration date shorten my PMP cycle?

No. This change includes a transition period that provides all PMPs with a partial year that extends beyond their current 3-year cycle. Thereafter, all PMPs will be on a standard 3-year cycle.

If I have aligned my PgMP expiration date and certification cycle with my PMP®, does this change my PgMP expiration date?

Yes. Your new expiration date will be the aligned with the anniversary of the bestowal of your PMP® credential.

When will my NEW expiration date be effective?

The change to your expiration date becomes effective **late August 2008**.

Do I still need to renew my credential?

Yes. The renewal process remains the same. To maintain your PMP credential within your certification/CCR cycle, you are required to:

- Earn a minimum of 60 professional development units (PDUs).
- Report a minimum of 60 PDUs online at PMI.org.
- Fill in your renewal form and submit renewal fee using the online certification system.

May I still carry over 20 PDUs to my next Certification/CCR cycle once I renew my PMP® credential?

Yes, you may still carry over 20 PDUs into your new cycle, even though your current cycle has been extended.

When will I know my new expiration date?

You will receive a series of notices on PMI.org, articles in PMI publications and direct communications from PMI over the next several months that will provide information and guidance on your new expiration date.

By late August 2008, you will be able to view your new expiration date using the online certification system and on PMI.org when you log in as a user.

You also will receive a series of communications from PMI over the next several months that provides information and guidance on your new expiration date.

- By July 2008 – you will receive an e-mail with information about the date change
- By September 2008 – you will receive an e-mail with your new expiration date
- By October 2008 – you will receive by postal mail a new PMP certificate printed with your new expiration date.

Who can help me better understand how this change affects me?

We understand that you may have questions and are happy to provide the support you need. E-mail questions to customer care@pmi.org. Because this change affects all active PMP credential holders, please allow adequate response time.

Chapter News

2008 Election for PMI Mid Missouri Chapter Board Officers

By Arthur Despina, PMP
Vice President of Administration

This year the PMI Mid-Missouri Chapter will be holding the Board Officer Elections. The Board is comprised of nine officers, each serving a two- year term.

For 2008, the following Board positions are open for election:

- Vice President of Communication
Directs and coordinates internal and external communication functions including publishing and distributing the chapter newsletter and maintaining the chapter website.
- Vice President of Membership
Directs and coordinates membership.
- Vice President of Financial Affairs
Oversees the management of funds for duly authorized purposes of the Mid- Missouri Chapter.
- Vice President of Professional Development
Implements the Chapter's professional development events and workshops, including Project Management Professional (PMP) certification, preparation and maintenance.

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Nominees for the PMI Mid-Missouri Chapter board must be:

- Members in good standing
- Willing to serve a two-year term beginning January 1, 2009.
- Willing to attend monthly PMI Mid-Missouri Chapter board meetings prior to January 1, 2009 as an internship phase.

The election process will be conducted via electronic voting in accordance with the terms specified in Article VI, Section 3 and Article IV and Article V (Chapter Bylaws). A link will provide the user with access to the nomination form.

Chapter members may nominate themselves or others for board positions. Voting will close at 11:59 P.M. September 16, 2008.

The opportunity to volunteer as a Board member is an enriching and rewarding experience. As an active volunteer in the Chapter you are instrumental in the development and growth of your Chapter in addition to establishing networking opportunities and enhancing your development as a professional. For your dedicated service and commitment, Professional Development Units (PDU) are awarded toward maintaining your PMP credential.

Throughout the summer the Chapter will publish additional information to the website regarding the upcoming elections. Please visit the website regularly and consider volunteering for this great opportunity!

PMI Mid Missouri Chapter Plans 2009 Professional Development Day

Board members of the Mid-Missouri Chapter PMI have endorsed the concept of a Professional Development ("PDD") day to be held second quarter 2009.

Envisioned benefits of the Professional Development Day include:

- Focus on project management topics of special interest to mid-Missouri organizations, possibly including health care, insurance, and government
- Keynote speakers
- Vendor exhibition space
- Ability for PMP@s and Missouri Project Managers to earn multiple continuing certification credits the day of the event

The Mid-Missouri's Chapter's PDD 2009 will be the most ambitious effort by the Chapter to date.

Many people's efforts are required to make this event a success, and you have the opportunity to be a key player by being a member of the PDD 2009 planning committee.

We are currently forming a planning committee for the event. Ragan Sappington, PMP® and the Chapter's Vice-President of Professional Development, will chair the planning committee. Membership in Chapter committees offers up to 5 PDUs per year. It's a great skill-builder, and a way to explore how you can help the Mid-Missouri Chapter PMI provide the highest quality offerings to its membership.

To volunteer for the planning committee, ask questions, or provide suggestions for the event, please contact Ragan at pmivppd@pmimimo.org or Carol Elliott at pmipres@pmimidmo.org. We strive to establish the members of our PDD planning committee by our September Chapter meeting on September 18, 2008.

Summer Volunteer Activity

The Mid-Missouri Chapter PMI plans to provide volunteers for the Show-Me State Games Triathlon/Duathlon on Sunday, July 20 between 7:30 AM and 12 noon. The Triathlon/Duathlon event will be held at the Twin Lakes Recreation Area in Columbia. Volunteer duties include course monitoring, distributing numbers at the start of the race, and recording times. Volunteers should arrive the day of the race no later than 7:15 AM.

Our goal is to recruit at least 12 volunteers by Friday June 20. With a minimum of 12 volunteers confirmed by this date, the Mid-Missouri Chapter PMI's logo will be printed on Show-Me State Games volunteer T-shirts.

Following the race, we plan to gather at an air-conditioned location in Columbia for refreshment and socializing.

The Mid-Missouri Chapter PMI's volunteer coordinator for this event is Ron Parker, PMP, of Hewlett-Packard. Please return your completed volunteer release, found at <https://www.smsg.org/pdfs/volform.pdf>

one of the following ways:

1. Complete the form, scan it, and send it to Ron by e-mail at ronnie.parker@hp.com.
2. Complete the form and mail to Ron Parker, 5840 E. Sing Drive, Columbia, MO 65202.

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When you complete the form, please answer the question "If you are volunteering as an organization/business, what is the name of the group?" as **Mid-Missouri Chapter PMI**.

Once you've volunteered, we'll follow up with e-mail communications with more details one to two weeks prior to the event.

Please join us!

Best regards,

Carol Elliott, PMP, President, Mid-Missouri Chapter PMI

e-mail: pmipres@pmimidmo.org

Ron Parker, PMP, Summer Volunteer Activity Chair

e-mail: ronnie.parker@hp.com.

PMP® Prep Boot Camp Success Stories

Sixteen students participated in the Mid-Missouri Chapter's PMP® Prep Boot Camp taught by Dr. Keith Mathis, PMP®, from April 28-May 1, 2008, in Columbia. The reported response indicates a 38% success rate as of June 15, 2008, with 6 of 16 students having passed the PMP® exam.

Congratulations to those who have earned their PMP® designation since completing the class:

Christine Babel, PMP
Division of Information Technology
University of Missouri
Columbia, MO

Cecile Bentley, MA, CRC, PMP
Lead Project Manager
Alliance Enterprises

Luci Fichter, PMP
Division of Information Technology
University of Missouri
Columbia, MO

Jennifer Harper, PE, PMP
Organizational Performance Engineer
Missouri Department of Transportation
Jefferson City, MO

Dr. Christine Mayer, PMP
University of Missouri System
Division of Information Technology
Columbia, MO

Mike Nichols, PMP
University of Missouri
Columbia, MO

Boot Camp participants, please continue to keep the Mid-Missouri Chapter PMI informed of your success by e-mailing Carol Elliott at pmipres@pmimid.org when you have passed the PMP® exam.

Upcoming Chapter Events

09/18/2008: WorkShop
Topic: Integration Change Management

09/18/2008: Seminar/Chapter Meeting
Topic: Integration Change Management
Sponsor: [Tier, Inc](#)

11/20/2008: WorkShop
Topic: Project Life Cycle

11/20/2008: Seminar/Chapter Meeting
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