

# PMI Mid-Mo Chapter News

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## PMP Exam and Application Process to Change

During the week of May 16th the Project Management Institute (PMI) sent a letter to all of its Registered Education Providers (REPs), announcing some **VERY** significant changes that will be implemented for the PMP exam and the application process when the exam based on the new PMBOK Guide is officially rolled out on September 30, 2005. There are three changes in particular that you should be aware of immediately:

**Change #1:** The passing score on the PMP Exam will be increased to 81.7%. The passing score on the current exam - effective thru September 24th of 2005 - is 68.5%. This change represents an increase of 13.2% in the passing score for the PMP exam.

**Change #2:** The bar for exam eligibility will be raised significantly. New eligibility requirements will mandate that applicants document not only that they have performed certain tasks, but that they have led and directed those specific tasks. This is currently not a requirement to take the existing PMP exam, but any application submitted on or after August 30th must meet these new criteria.

**Change #3:** Project contact information will be collected to verify your experience. Applicants will be required to provide contact information for each project that is submitted as part of the application to take the exam. Therefore, if applicants are citing project experience from multiple positions or over an extended period, there could be challenges in accurately gathering this information.

## Webinars to cover updated PMP® credential exam

The updated PMP credential examination will be released on September 30, 2005. There will also be changes to the credentialing process. In July and August, PMI will hold Webinars that will feature a presentation about the updated exam and a Q&A session. More information about the updates is available in the news section of the [Component Online Community](http://componentleadership.pmi.bluestep.net). (<http://componentleadership.pmi.bluestep.net>)

## Government PMs – help guide the Government Extension update to the PMBOK® Guide

The exposure draft for the update to the *Government Extension to A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide)* is now posted on PMI's Web site. Thorough review of the [Exposure Draft](#) document and submission of any recommended additions, deletions, or corrections are needed and appreciated, especially by those who know it best: PMI volunteer leaders and members. PMI's Core Standard, *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide)*, focuses successfully on project management; the application area Extension is in development to meet the needs of those managing projects within the government arena. Log on now to add your input. PMI will publish the new standard in the second quarter of 2006.

## Registration open for PMI Global Congress 2005–North America

The congress will be held in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, 10-13 September at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Save the dates and be sure to attend PMI's biggest annual event. To register or for more information go to the PMI Global Congress website at <http://congresses.pmi.org/NorthAmerica2005/>

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# PROjections

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## Tribe of PMPs Gains Ranks

The Mid-Missouri Chapter PMI's Fall 2004 PMP Prep Workshop currently reports a 66.7% success rate: two thirds of attendees have attained PMP Certification!

The success rate is calculated as follows: Fourteen people signed up for and attended at least part of the workshop. Of the 14, a total of 12 completed the workshop. Of the 12 that completed, a current total of eight (as of July 2005) have taken and passed the PMP exam.

At present the following attendees completed the workshop and passed the exam: Alexis Nixon, Alicia Weaver, Bob Roark, Jack Morris, Lori Kleckner, Nathan Eatherton, Rodney Britt, and Rod Koelker. In addition, Frank Cox, Chapter First Vice-President, has also passed the PMP exam.

PMI is deploying the PMP 2005 Examination on September 30. Qualified candidates should try to complete their application, get scheduled, and take the current exam, the PMP 2004 Examination. Applications to take the current exam will be accepted by PMI until August 29, 2005.

## Chapter Board Conducts Strategic Planning Session

PMI Mid-Missouri Board members, led by First Vice-President Frank Cox, conducted the Chapter's first strategic planning session at the Daniel Boone Regional Library in Columbia on June 13.

Strategic planning session topics included:

- Updating the Chapter's original vision and mission statements.
- Identifying and updating the Chapter's supporting goals and objectives
- Identifying and prioritizing the Chapter's top goals for the next 18 months

The goal of the strategic planning session was to develop a formal strategic plan under which the Chapter operates for the next 12-18 months. Look for a full report of the strategic planning session by September 2005.

## Chapter Meeting Fees Raised for Non-Members

Beginning with the September 2005 Chapter meeting, meeting fees will rise to \$20 for meeting attendees who are not members of the PMI Mid-Missouri Chapter. Meeting fees will remain \$16 for Chapter members.

## Call for Volunteers

Attention new PMPs and Missouri certified project managers:

You can earn professional development credits required to maintain your certification by assisting with Chapter volunteer activities. Here are some ways you can help out today and start feathering your nest with valuable professional development credits! Don't delay – the three years until your re-certification are closer than you think!

The Programs and Professional Development area needs people to help with developing topics for Chapter programs, recruiting speakers, and assisting with speaker logistics for upcoming Chapter meetings. We also need help publicizing the September Neal Whitten seminar. Contact Karen Alexander (<mailto:pmivpprograms@pmimidmo.org>) to help.

The Communications area needs contributors to the Newsletter, volunteers to help with a Chapter sponsorship drive, and people to help with the Chapter's Web site. Think about using your creative talents as a project management journalist to contribute articles to our Newsletter or branch out into Web site design. Contact Carol Elliott (<mailto:pmivpcomm@pmimidmo.org>) to help.

## Board Elections Upcoming in September

Exercise your voice of choice or step out to become a leader! Chapter members in good standing are eligible both to run for office and to vote in Chapter elections. "In good standing" means you have paid your annual dues to both PMI® and the Mid-Missouri Chapter.

Board Elections will be conducted for the following positions at the September Chapter meeting on Thursday, September 22

First Vice-President

Vice-President of Administration

Vice-President of Programs

Vice-President of Professional Development

Each officer listed above serves a two-year term beginning January 1, 2006. Chapter Board meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month (except for June, July, and August). Serving as a PMI component officer earns 10 PDUs per year for PMPs.

To nominate yourself or another person for one of these offices, contact Ron Parker (<mailto:pmipres@pmimidmo.org>). For more information on the duties of each office, see [PMI Mid-Missouri Chapter Bylaws](#).

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## Chapter Advertising Policy

The PMI Mid-Missouri Chapter PMI accepts print advertising for publication in our bimonthly newsletter published in January, March, May, July, September, and November.

Submissions may be made in color or black and white. Any graphics must be in a file format that may be inserted into a PC-compatible Microsoft Word document. In submitting, specify the issue(s) in which the ad is to be placed. Include full contact information along with your submission. Please submit by e-mail to Gwen Billinger, Advertising Manager, at [ads@pmimidmo.org](mailto:ads@pmimidmo.org). The Advertising Manager will send an invoice to your return address upon receipt of your ad. Important: Payment must be received no later than two weeks before the lead month of the first issue in which you would like your ad placed.

Rates are based on fitting your ad to a standard 8.5" X 11" newsletter page, and are as follows:

Ad Size	One Issue	Three Issues <i>15% Discount</i>	Six Issues <i>20% Discount</i>
Full Page	<b>\$150.00</b>	<b>\$382.50</b>	<b>\$720.00</b>
Half Page	\$75.00	\$191.25	\$360.00
Quarter Page	\$37.50	\$95.62	\$180.00
Business Card	\$25.00	\$63.75	\$120.00
Classifieds (size and length vary). Flat price per word is .25¢, 20-word minimum.			

Make your company check payable in the proper amount to **PMI Mid-Missouri Chapter, Inc.** Mail your check to:

PMI Mid-Missouri Chapter, Inc.  
 P.O. Box 105137  
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Ads must be for a service or product related to project management. The Chapter Board reserves the right to refuse publication of any ad that would appear offensive to the Chapter Membership. Any ad that discriminates based on federally protected classes of persons will be refused. Limited space is available for advertising so ads will be published on a first-come-first-served basis. The newsletter editor will determine placement of advertising.

### Bylaws Revision Proposed

At the recommendation of the incumbent Vice-President of Programs and Professional Development, the Board plans to revise the Chapter Bylaws to split this office into two separate positions, Vice-President of Programs and Vice-President of Professional Development. Chapter members will vote on the Bylaws revision at the September Chapter meeting on Thursday, September 22.

## Chapter Events

### Neal Whitten to speak at Chapter meeting & all-day seminar Thursday, September 22, 2005

The PMI Mid-Missouri Chapter is pleased to present Neal Whitten, PMP, in an all-day seminar, "The Best of Neal Whitten." Then, stay on and join us that same evening at the September Chapter meeting for Neal's presentation, "Behaviors to Master When Dealing With Your Leaders."

Neal is a popular speaker, trainer, consultant, mentor, and author in the areas of both project management and employee development. Neal is a member of PMI, is a certified Project Management Professional (PMP), and is a contributing editor of PMI's PM Network magazine. Neal can be reached through his website at [www.nealwhittengroup.com](http://www.nealwhittengroup.com).

For information and registration information on the Seminar and Chapter meeting, visit the Chapter's web site: <http://www.pmidmo.org/>

### Not a PMP yet? The CAPM may be "just right"!

The Certified Associate in Project Management certification (CAPM®) is ideal for individuals who are not PMPs, but who wish to deepen their knowledge in project management and convey their commitment to excellence. Through the CAPM, team members demonstrate knowledge of project management processes, concepts, techniques and terminology that would otherwise take years to acquire.

The CAPM may improve career prospects and lead to greater project assignment responsibilities. It could serve as a stepping-stone to the PMP®. Qualified undergraduate or graduate students and individuals new to project management are also great candidates for the CAPM. It may be *just right* for some of your members, colleagues and associates.

For more information, check the PMI website at [www.pmi.org/info/PDC\\_CAPM.asp](http://www.pmi.org/info/PDC_CAPM.asp)

### Errata for PMBOK® Guide—Third Edition posted to [www.pmi.org](http://www.pmi.org).

As part of our continued commitment to the project management community, PMI has posted the [full errata on \*A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge \(PMBOK® Guide\)\*—Third Edition](#) to its Web site. PMI always strives to produce quality materials and appreciates your patience and understanding.

Errata for PMBOK® Guide—Third Edition posted to [www.pmi.org](http://www.pmi.org) continued

Any additional corrections will be posted to this location.

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### Volunteer Opportunity—Construction Extension to the PMBOK® Guide.

If you are a construction industry professional, consider taking part in a Construction Extension to the third edition of *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide)*.

Project Manager Jim Walker and PMI invite you to be a part of this effort, which will include input from all sectors of the construction industry.

Opportunities are currently available for both key core team members, who will manage the update of the Construction Extension, and for Subject Matter Experts (SMEs), who will provide specific discipline review and input to the Construction Extension.

The following are just a few of the areas of construction industry expertise we are seeking:

- The Role of Project Management in Construction
- Project Management of Design-Bid-Build; Design-Build, and Design-Build-Operate Projects
- Project Organizations and Structure in Construction
- Control and Management of Construction Planning and Execution
- Quality Control and Risk Management in Construction
- Procurement and Subcontract Management in Construction
- Standardization of Construction Terminology and Process Methods

A full listing of the areas of expertise we are seeking can be found on the [Construction Extension Web Page](#) on the PMI website, <http://www.pmi.org/info/>

Volunteers can fill out the [online volunteer application form](#). Please contact [Jim Walker](#) or [Nan Wolfslayer](#) for additional information or questions.