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Nomination and Voting Process for Mid-Missouri Chapter - 2006

(Information provided by: Rodney Britt)

The process used to nominate and select officers this year follows the effective procedures that were established by this organization in the past. Expect more information in the next newsletter as all the information was not available at the time of this publishing.

Our process this year is as follows:

1. Gathering Nominations

The nomination form and membership listing were mailed to all the members of our chapter asking for nominations for these offices. This notice was also posted on the chapter's web site. A follow-up reminder was sent to everyone closer to the nomination deadline.

The nomination form encourages members to put forward colleagues for these offices or to nominate themselves. The deadline for nominations was August 23, 2006.

2. Getting the nominees on the ballot

After the deadline of August 23 passed, all the nominees were contacted and asked to confirm their desire to be placed on the ballot and asked to submit a bio of 100 words or less to share with the membership. The nominees have been asked to make their intentions clear by August 31, 2006.

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Welcome to the Team!

Please join us in welcoming Ragan Sappington as the new VP of Professional Development. Ragan is working on her goals for the Professional Development area and hopes to have those ready for the next issue of the newsletter. Following is a little bit about Ragan. Ragan is employed as a Computer Project Manager for University of Missouri HealthCare – Integrated Technology Services (ITS). She has worked in the information services field for 16 years and has worked with the ITS for the last 7 years. She began her career as a Programmer Analyst and is now a Project Manager working with financial and clinical systems. She is an active member of the UHC Service Excellence Measurement and UHC ITS Service Excellence teams.

Before joining University of Missouri HealthCare, she held positions as Supervisor Distribution and Data Processing, Programmer Analyst, System Support Analyst and Software Support Analyst.

Ragan is married with two children. She and her family built their home which overlooks the Missouri River in the Hartsburg, Missouri area. She enjoys spending time with her family and friends.

New PMI Credential Announced

(Information provided by Carol Elliott)

PMI is proud to announce that a new credential for individuals managing programs is coming in 2006. With project management's growing implementation around the world and across industries, PMI continues its leadership in certifications by creating a new credential for the community of program managers.

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As generally defined by PMI's recently performed global role delineation study, program managers are responsible for determining and coordinating the sharing of resources among constituent projects to the overall benefit of the program. The credential for individuals managing programs will become a market-recognized professional credential from the world's largest project management organization through which candidates can demonstrate their competence as a program manager.

Candidates' competence will be evaluated through a sequence of assessments:

- The initial assessment of competence occurs through the application process. Prior to a candidate becoming eligible to pursue this credential they will be evaluated through an extensive application process including reviews of education and a review of their professional work experience by a panel of program managers.
- The second level of competence assessment occurs with the multiple-choice exam in which candidates will be called upon to demonstrate their ability to apply their knowledge to a variety of situational or scenario-based questions.
- The third competence assessment occurs through a multi-rater assessment (similar to a 360 degree process) in which a team of raters that the candidate selects will be evaluating their competence in a work environment to perform germane tasks of a program manager as defined through the examination specification.

A Project Management Professional (PMP®) credential is not required to apply for this new credential.

PMI's vast network of Registered Education Providers (R.E.P.s) and Components will have the opportunity to offer candidates of this new credential comprehensive examination preparation courses around the globe. To maintain an active credential, individuals will be asked to show their commitment to project management as well as to their organization by expanding their professional knowledge through a Continuing Certification Program (CCR) similar to the PMP CCR Program. Classes for those with this new credential in which a credential holder can earn PDUs may also be offered by many of the same R.E.P.s who offer examination preparation for the new credential.

PMI is excited about the possibilities of credentialed project team members, project managers and program managers working together utilizing knowledge and techniques from the project management body of knowledge to achieve

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At the time this article is being written we are waiting for the August 31 deadline and confirmation of who will accept their nominations.

3. Getting ballot information to the membership and VOTING!!!!

Once confirmation and bios have been received from all the nominees, a sample ballot will be sent to all the membership.

The election will be held at our chapter meeting on September 14, 2006. At that time we will request volunteers to count the votes for us. In addition, members will be able to vote absentee if unable to attend the meeting.

Absentee ballots may be submitted any time before the election, however September 13, 2006 at 7:00 pm, will be the cut-off to submit these by email to ensure we have adequate time to process the ballots. Instructions for submitting absentee ballots will be given when the ballots are sent out.

Call for Articles!

Do you have something concerning Project Management that you would like to share? Have you read an interesting article lately that can be reprinted and shared with others in the newsletter? If so, please forward those items to the newsletter Content Editor and be sure to include your name at news@pmimidmo.org. Articles should be submitted by the 15th of the month preceding the publishing time. For the November-December newsletter, that would be October 15th.

Upcoming Chapter Events

Chapter Meeting

September 14, 2006, 5:00 – 7:15 p.m.

Tips, Tricks, Traps – Practical Application of Your PMI Toolkit

Speaker: Mike Saxton and Patrick Shore

Sponsored by: [Tier Technologies, Inc.](#)

Chapter Meeting

November 16, 2006, 5:00 – 7:15 p.m.

Help! I'm a Project Manager in a World without Project Management

Speaker: Carol Elliott

Sponsored by: [Tier Technologies, Inc.](#)

PMI Mid-Missouri Chapter Board Meeting Minutes

Not available at this time.

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organizational success. More information will be available in the coming months including specific eligibility requirements, application process and information to assist trainers in the development of their exam preparatory courses. Please contact customercare@pmi.org with questions or inquiries.

Missouri State Digital Technology Summit

(Information provided by Diana James)

The 4th annual Missouri State Digital Technology Summit was held at the Capitol Plaza Hotel on June 15, 2006. Keynote speakers included: Teri Takai, CIO for the State of Michigan; and Astronaut Rick Searfoss. There also were topic specific sessions offered for attendance, including one on Project Management. This session was standing room only, with over 118 people in attendance.

This conference is sponsored by several vendors who provide services to the State of Missouri and they were on hand at booths to provide additional information. The Technology Summit was well attended and work is underway for next year's session as well.

Education Updates



Kansas City PMI 5th Annual Professional Development Days

The Kansas City Missouri Chapter is sponsoring their 5th Professional Development Days event on September 12th and 13th. Registration is required by September 2nd. Dr. Buzz Aldrin will be their keynote speaker. For additional information or to register for the event, follow this link: <http://kcpmichapter.org/pdd06.html>

For State Certified Project Managers Only

Dr. Keith Mathis will be giving an overview of the new Missouri Best Practices on Wednesday, September 13th in room 492 at the Truman Building. There will be a morning session (8-12) and an afternoon session (1-5). Please plan on attending one of these sessions!

Fall Conference on Project Management

The Mathis Group is sponsoring a conference on Project Management in St. Louis, September 18-22. Topics include: Project Communication Management, Project Cost Management, and Project Time Management. Follow this link for additional information or registration: <http://www.themathisgroup.com/>