

PMI Mid-Mo Chapter News

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PMP Certification Exam Prep Class Dates Scheduled

The PMI Mid Missouri Chapter is planning to offer review workshops for the PMI Project Management Professional (PMP) Certification Examination. The first workshop is planned for four Saturdays this fall starting in October. The scheduled dates are:

October 19
October 26
November 16
November 23

Look for more information to come regarding location, times and cost. The classes are designed to prepare participants to take the PMP exam by providing a review of key exam topics and exam preparation methods. Attendees should already have a background in project management fundamentals. Cost will be kept as low as possible but is not finalized yet. The Chapter intends to arrange future workshops at different times in order to accommodate varying membership preferences.

We'd like to know....

If the Saturday scheduled classes don't work for your schedule, please let us know. Pending member feedback, we plan to have another offering of the PMP prep classes in the near future, during the weekday or evening.

Please help the Chapter provide useful programs to our membership by forwarding your comments to Karen Sanders, PMP, Mid Missouri Chapter Vice President of Programs and Professional Development at ksanders@mail.doc.state.mo.us.

In the News

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PMI Friday Facts and Leadership Links*

- *Are you interested in learning more about the topic of project management maturity? Then you won't want to miss PMI Global Assembly 2002 being held in conjunction with PMI 2002 in San Antonio, Texas USA! Slated for Sunday, 6 October, this year's Global Assembly has been streamlined into a half-day forum in order to provide a more focused, content-rich gathering that is interactive, informative and, above all, dynamic. Individuals do not have to register for the full Symposium to attend the Global Assembly. For more information or to register online, visit the PMI 2002 Web site at www.pmi.org/pmi2002. Remember...advance registration closes 30 August 2002, so register now to save money! (conventions@pmi.org)*
- *PMI 2002 attendees are invited to a special afternoon ceremony on Monday, 7 October, honoring the recipients of the 2002 PMI Professional Awards! Find out who will take home the coveted PMI Project of the Year Award, the Institute's most prestigious award whose past winners showcase the world's best projects. Also, show your support for your colleagues who have made significant contributions to PMI and the project management profession in the past year. To find out more about PMI's Professional Awards Program, visit www.pmi.org/awards. For more information or to register for PMI 2002, visit www.pmi.org/pmi2002. (conventions@pmi.org)*
- *The PMI Corporate Council would like to welcome its newest participant, General Motors North America. For the most up-to-date listing of Corporate Council participants, as well as links to their Web pages, please visit the Corporate Council Web page at www.pmi.org/corporatecouncil. (megan.mitchell@pmi.org)*

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Web Site on the Move!!!

Previously hosted at PMI Headquarters, the Mid-Missouri chapter Web site has moved to a commercial provider to offer more flexibility and enhanced features. The process began last summer when the Web site committee recommended the move. Both local and national service providers received our request for proposal. Hostway Corporation won our business by offering the most bang for the buck to meet current and future needs.

On August 6, the Web site was moved from PMI Headquarters to Hostway. While the site doesn't look any different, there are several proposed changes including:

- The ability to RSVP online for chapter meetings.
- An archive of previous chapter meetings and workshops.
- Online surveys and evaluations, and the ability to submit general comments and suggestions.

The new site will also ease administration by distributing responsibility across multiple parties. Additionally, Web site statistics will be available for gauging member interest and monitoring trends.

The Web site committee welcomes feedback and suggestions for improvements. Please send all suggestions to Frank Cox via e-mail (frankcox@hotmail.com).

Visit and bookmark the new site at www.pmimidmo.org

What is Your Specialty?

Have you considered volunteering to serve in our PMI Chapter? There are many opportunities to help with the operations of our PMI Chapter. Each Board officer has specific areas of responsibility that might appeal to your interests and where you could be of help. Volunteering is good for you and good for the Chapter! You are encouraged to contact a Board officer to volunteer for that area of your special interest. See the list of Chapter Board members on page 3 of this newsletter for contact information.

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- *Months of hard work by countless volunteers culminated during June in Cannes, France* with the successful deployment of the PMI Europe 2002 conference. Almost 500 attendees from across Europe and beyond were on hand for this valuable, rewarding professional development event, hosted by the PMI France SUD Chapter. Representing the PMI Board of Directors at the event were PMI Vice Chair Debbie O'Bray, CIM; PMI Secretary-Treasurer Louis Mercken, MBA, PMP; and Mark Mathieson, PMP, PE. PMI staff from the Global Markets, Professional Programs and Communications and Information Operating Groups was also in attendance.
- *PMI participated as an exhibitor during June at the 2002 Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) Conference* held 23-25 June 2002 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania USA. Staff members Darah Filidore, Member Relations Administrator; Richard Filler, Instructional Designer; and Regina Madonna, Marketing Coordinator represented PMI and were available to provide information and answer questions about the Institute and the profession to the over 10,000 registered attendees at the conference. (darah.filidore@pmi.org)
- *PMI is pleased to announce that Ms. Rebecca Moore has joined the Global Markets Integration operating group as the new Manager, Cooperative Relations.* Moore will assume all of the roles and responsibilities associated with initiating, implementing and maintaining cooperative relationships based on established criteria from the PMI Board of Directors, as well as focusing on building relationships with other project management related associations.

Moore has over fourteen years experience of building and maintaining strong business alliances. While at the American Association for Retired People (AARP), she was responsible for working cooperatively with five business partners to develop programs and services that benefited three million insureds and 30 million association members. As the main liaison between the association and its health program business partners, Moore had oversight of strategic planning, contract compliance, product and service development, marketing and operations. Reporting to the AARP Insurance Board, Moore led cross-organizational product, marketing and operations teams to implement mutually beneficial projects.

Please welcome Rebecca Moore to this vital role in our organization. (stephen.townsend@pmi.org)

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A Special PM Knowledge Offer

Looking for timely project management information resources? Access the PMI® James R. Snyder Center for Project Management Knowledge and Wisdom at www.pmi.org/k&wc for free introductory research services and \$10 off extended service.

While you're there, check out the latest issue of PM KnowledgeWire, the quarterly newsletter published by the Knowledge and Wisdom Center. The latest issue, located in the Members Area www.pmi.org/members, contains information on creating project management job families, competency development, and pointers to metrics and other guidelines.

PM KnowledgeWire is just one of the services offered by the Knowledge and Wisdom Center--your one stop source for relevant, reliable, and timely information for the practice and profession of project management. Other services include targeted research and current awareness offerings, document delivery, and the Center's Knowledgebase, a rich database of citations to project management information, including abstracts of articles published in PMI journals, pointers to books and other materials, and links to relevant Web sites.

Log on and receive \$10.00 off extended research services! Submit your requests at www.pmi.org/k&wc/services/index.htm#Targeted and include the coupon code K&WC2002#1 to take advantage of this offer.

New E-Learning at PMI

PMI e-learning announces e-Seminars World. These are the virtual counter part of PMI's traditional Seminars World courses that offer Continuing Education Units (CEU) and Professional Development Units (PDU) upon completion. Participants interact with an expert instructor and students from around the world. Courses vary in length from one to five weeks. For information visit PMI web site www.PMI.org/education/e-learning/eseminars.htm.

PMI Annual Seminar & Symposium

PMI 2002

October 3 – 10, 2002

San Antonio, Texas

For all the details, visit www.pmi.org/pmi2002

CLOSE TO HOME...

The Kansas City Mid America Chapter of PMI
presents

The 2002 Project Management Symposium

September 9, 2002

The Doubletree Hotel

10100 College Blvd.

Overland Park, Kansas

The symposium offers three tracks for the day:

- PMP Preparation
- Soft Skills for Project Managers
- Cutting Edge of Project Management

Early Registration through August 15, 2002

- PMI Member \$150
- Non PMI Member \$175

Registration after August 15, 2002

- PMI Member \$175
- Non PMI Member \$200

For more information see the Kansas City Mid America
PMI Chapter web site www.pmi.org/chapters/kc.

Europe 2003

Stay tuned for the announcement of the date and location of the PMI Congress 2003 - Europe, an event sure to build on the proud tradition of past European conferences.
(gary.boylar@pmi.org)

PMI - Metrics Specific Interest Group Announces New MetSIG Knowledge Base On the Way

Dr. Melvin Schnapper, Chair and Founder of the PMI Metrics Specific Interest Group (MetSIG) announced August 1, 2002 the award of the Web Site Phase 2 contract to build the new MetSIG Knowledge Base. The new MetSIG Knowledge Base is expected to be operational in early September 2002 through the MetSIG new website (<http://www.metsig.org/>) for membership reference and sharing.

As the new Knowledge Base becomes operational, here are some of the features that MetSIG members will be able to enjoy:

- Upload high value metrics that members have developed and utilized to share with others
- Search for key words to find desired metrics
- Access metric related newsletters and articles
- Discounted metric related Webinars
- Featured books on metric areas of interest
- Networking and promotional opportunities

Visit the MetSIG website to see what it has to offer or contact Steve Rollins at Knowledge@MetSIG.Org for further information.

Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming Mid-MO Chapter Meetings...

- September 19, 2002 6:15 – 8:45 p.m.
- November 21, 2002 6:15 – 8:45 p.m.

Watch the Chapter web site for further announcements on meeting presenters

<http://www.pmi.org/chap/pmimidmo/board.html>

Chapter Elections Coming in September

Plan to cast your votes on three positions in September: First Vice President, Vice President of Membership and Vice President of Communications. The Chapter Board needs members to serve on a nominating committee to support the elections. Please contact Natasha Conley, PMP, Vice President of Administration, to serve on this committee. (natashaconley@psritech.com)