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Survey Response Requested

The PMI Mid Missouri Chapter is planning to offer review workshops for the PMI Project Management Professional (PMP) Certification Examination. The review session, consisting of five separate classes over a three week period, (Three Saturdays, first 2 Saturdays - morning 8 to 11:50 a.m. and afternoon, 1 to 4:30 p.m. and third Saturday - morning only) is designed to provide participants with a review of key exam topics and exam preparation methods. Those attending the classes should already have a background in project management fundamentals; the classes are not geared toward teaching project management, but are solely intended to prepare students for the PMP exam. Cost is still unknown but would be kept as low as possible, as other workshops have been in the past. Would you be interested in classes like this if the Chapter had the review session? Let me know by forwarding your comments to PMI Mid Missouri, via an email to me at ksanders@tier.com. Your timely response is appreciated! ☺

In the News

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It's Time Again – Registration opened June 3 for PMI's Annual Seminars & Symposium, "PMI 2002". Slated for October 3-10 in San Antonio, Texas, this year's Symposium has been shortened by a half day, allowing PMI to reduce registration fees by \$200. Attendees can choose from more than 175 papers being presented in 21 technical tracks, ranging from industry related – Automotive and Manufacturing, Design-Procurement-Construction, Information Technology and Telecommunications – to special areas of focus including Future of Project Management, Global Project Management, and Women in Project Management. Visit www.pmi.org/pmi2002 for all the event details and to register. For questions, contact PMI's Registration and Housing Bureau at 800-713-0774. Or send an e-mail to pmi2002@cteusa.com.

Get a Job – PMI Career Connections at PMI 2002 is currently accepting registrations. This year's event provides a forum for job seekers and employers to meet and discuss employment opportunities. Representatives from participating companies will share their experience and expertise with attendees. PMI Career Connections is being held in conjunction with PMI 2002 on Sunday, October 6 in San Antonio, Texas. For more information or to register, visit www.pmi.org/pmi2002.

Got the Gold – PM Network® won the Gold award in June from the American Society of Business Publication Editors (ASBPE) for Best Publication Redesign in the Midwest Regional Competition. The Mid Missouri Chapter, Inc., adds its congratulations to PM Network.

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Currents For Consumption

Elections are coming in September, and members may expect to receive opportunity to cast votes for two positions: Vice President of Membership and Vice President of Communications. The position of First Vice President is also scheduled to be filled.

The Chapter Board requests volunteers to serve on a nominating committee to support the elections. If interested, please contact one of the Board members listed on page three of this newsletter.

Board officers have respective duties and areas of responsibility – and each needs help meeting obligations. Please consider contacting the officer of your choice to discuss current needs, especially on committees. Volunteerism will be appreciated. ☺

New Board Officer Welcomed

The Chapter Board welcomes Natasha Conley, PMP, of Professional Services and Resources, Inc., (PSRI, at www.psritech.com) as she assumes the position of Chapter Vice President of Administration.

As VP of Administration, Natasha will manage the Chapter Bylaws, maintain the Chapter history file, help coordinate balloting and voting, serve as Chapter liaison with PMI for administrative purposes, and work closely the Chapter President to manage other Chapter administrative functions.

At PSRI, Natasha works as Vice President, Information Technology. She started at PSRI while attending graduate school in 1991. After graduation she proposed expansion of PSRI's business areas and was given responsibility for development and implementation of an Information Technology division. Her business responsibilities include marketing, project management of all of the firm's IT projects, IT training, corporate hardware/software acquisitions, in-house systems application

development, strategic partnerships and other activities pertaining to the IT arm of PSRI.

Natasha has a master of science degree in management information systems from the University of Illinois at Springfield, and a bachelor of science degree in computer information systems from Central Missouri State University Warrensburg, Missouri. ☺

Farewell to Virgil Carter, PMI Executive Director

By Becky Winston
Chair, PMI Board of Directors

I am writing to inform you that Virgil Carter, current Executive Director for PMI, Inc., has recently accepted a career advancing opportunity as Executive Director for the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, ASME, in New York City, New York, USA. Joining PMI in 1997, Carter's vision and executive leadership have resulted in significant progress and success for the Institute. Under his leadership PMI experienced significant membership growth, year-after-year, and expanded its global component organizations in 120 countries. He spearheaded the strengthening of PMI's financial performance to posture the organization for the stability and the capacity to effectively pursue the long-term strategic ends of the Institute, while increasing the portfolio of PMI product and service offerings in support of the growing needs of a growing profession. The Institute has greatly benefited from his leadership on our behalf.

The PMI Board of Directors will be initiating an executive recruitment and selection process immediately and will make every effort to progress the process in a timely manner.

On behalf of the PMI Board of Directors and PMI HQ staff, allow me to offer our sincere appreciation to Virgil for his many valuable contributions to this organization. We are extremely appreciative of all his efforts. ☺

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Biz Relations Update – Richard Steady joined PMI as manager of business and government relations. Steady has 16 years of management experience in private businesses and trade associations. The new Business and Government Relations Department is responsible for developing, implementing and monitoring the establishment of a PMI business and government relations program to increase PMI's influence within the business and government sectors. The PMI Corporate Council, which is currently within the Membership Services Department, has shifted to the new Business and Government Relations Department and serves as PMI's premier partnership program with business and governmental entities (stephen.townsend@pmi.org)

New Log on the Fire – The PMI Corporate Council recently welcomed its newest participant, Sun Microsystems. For a current listing of Council participants, as well as links to their Web pages, visit the Corporate Council Web page at www.pmi.org/corporatecouncil. (corporatecouncil@pmi.org)

More Global Growth – PMI has congratulated the Athens, Greece, Chapter on recently receiving its charter! Any members of the Mid Missouri Chapter traveling to Athens should think about making contact with members of the Athens Chapter to share in PMI's growing global presence. (marykate.webber@pmi.org)

All Winners – The Top Three projects now vie as finalists for the 2002 PMI Project of the Year Award! They are Merck-Medco Omega Automated Pharmacy Project owned by Merck-Medco Managed Care, L.L.C. and sponsored by the PMI New Jersey Chapter; the Hawiyah Gas Plant Project by Saudi Aramco and sponsored by the PMI Arabian Gulf Chapter; and the Special Dexterous Manipulator Project by MD Robotics and sponsored by the PMI Southern Ontario Chapter. The winner of the 2002 PMI Project of the Year will be announced at a special awards presentation at PMI 2002 in San Antonio, Texas in October. (regina.madonna@pmi.org)

New e-Learning Offerings –The e-Learning Connection now offers eSeminarsWorldsm, "An Applied Framework for Project Management". PDUs are awarded upon course completion. Log on to www.pmi.org/education/elearning for more information. (john.roecker@pmi.org) ☞

Choose Reading Wisely

PM KnowledgeWire, the quarterly newsletter of the PMI® James R. Snyder Center for Project Management Knowledge and Wisdom, is available in the Members Only section of the PMI Web site. The June issue is available in Adobe Portable Document Format (as a 42KB .pdf file). In it members may read about developing project management career ladders, and may also find links to information about project manager competencies and project management guidelines. To learn more about the Knowledge and Wisdom Center and to access the PM KnowledgeWire, visit www.pmi.org/k&wc. ☞

Global Benefits Available to Members

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PMI member benefits can be classified into several categories including the following: access to information, training and professional development, networking, and career advancement. Let's briefly examine each.

Access to Information

Members receive access through the periodical publications PMI Today®, PM Network®, and Project Management Journal®, which they receive as members. Members also benefit from convenience and reduced prices when they purchase publications through PMI's online bookstore. Discounts for members are offered on services from the PMI® James R. Snyder Center for Project Management Knowledge and Wisdom. These services include reference and research services that provide answers to project management-related questions, document delivery of articles from PMI-published journals and conference proceedings, and customized alerting services to notify recipients of new publications of interest. Members also receive a free CD

containing *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide)*, the globally recognized standard for managing projects. All members can view the most current version of the *PMBOK® Guide* online and PMI Standards documents, both draft and final versions, online. Coming soon, members will have access to an online community area of the PMI Web site to interact with and share project management information with peers.

Training and Professional Development

Opportunities include discounts on the popular SeminarsWorldSM series, which offers project management seminars in diverse locations. Through the convenience of online learning, PMI's e-Learning Connection provides reduced rates on educational opportunities for members.

Networking

Current members are eligible to join PMI Component organizations. PMI's Annual Seminars & Symposium provides access to individuals in project management from all over the world, in a variety of industries, all in one location. The biennial Research Conference provides opportunities to review project management research, discuss the challenges facing project management, and to collaborate with other practitioners. Members receive significant discounts when registering for these PMI-sponsored events.

Career Advancement

Opportunities include the Project Management Professional (PMP®) certification, the most globally recognized and respected project management certification credential. Members benefit from reduced rates on test fees and as component members they benefit from reduced rates on component-sponsored test preparation courses and workshops. Members may also post resumes in the CareerLink Directory where employers can search to fill their project management positions. Members who have hiring responsibility also benefit from significantly discounted prices when posting jobs on the PMI Web site. ☞