

Chapter Web Site a Growing Success Story

Take a good look at the PMI Mid-Missouri Chapter web site at <http://www.pmi.org/chap/pmimidmo/>, and discover its increased utility to the membership.

What began as an idea last year has become a central source of chapter information, thanks to the untiring efforts of Chapter Website Committee members Carol Elliot of Shelter Insurance and Nathan Eatherton of the University of Missouri. Elliot and Eatherton have consistently improved the web site in support of members' needs, most recently by adding a menu bar to pop-up boxes in the Chapter Events page so visitors may quickly print information about events.

The home page contains links of interest to Project Management Professionals and to members who would like to use the resources in the Chapter Library. The page also contains a link to information about upcoming chapter meetings.

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In the News

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Just Facts, Ma'am – The PMI Project Management Fact Book - Second Edition recently went to press.

This enlarged and updated volume provides a comprehensive compilation of information and data for people interested in project management. Topics include history, size, explosive growth, and the future of the project management profession; parameters of the typical project; a statistical profile of the individuals working in project management; the organizational environment in which project management activities take place; and valuable information about the Institute itself. Orders can be placed at www.pmi bookstore.org

Corporate Welcome Wagon – The PMI Corporate Council recently welcomed its newest participant, the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Engineering and Construction Management. The Council also welcomed IBM to its ranks. 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.

Due Tell – The PMI 2002 Regular Individual Membership Dues will remain \$119.00. Also, beginning January 1, 2002, student dues will be 25% of regular dues and the retiree rate will be 50%. Additionally, a Hardship Provision will become part of PMI's Dues Policy. This provision recognizes the possibility that the circumstances of members could change at any time and PMI should provide an opportunity for them to continue to participate in the Institute.

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Linking from the home page to the chapter information page enables visitors to read about the chapter history and volunteer opportunities. Additionally the page contains a link to the PMI Headquarters web site membership page, where visitors may take action to join PMI and the Mid-Missouri Chapter. Another link on the page will take visitors to information about maintaining certification as a Project Management Professional.

Pointing from the home page to the Newsletter page enables visitors to view or download the current and archived issues of this newsletter in Adobe (.pdf) format.

From the home page, visitors may also point to the page containing board member contact information including email addresses. This is a good page to visit to find out who to contact about the various functional areas of the chapter board.

In addition to chapter resources and other information, chapter web site visitors may link directly from the "Areas of Interest" page to the two other PMI components in Missouri – the Metro St. Louis Chapter and the KC Mid-America Chapter.

Finally, the site contains an email link to the chapter point of contact. Please use the link any time you have comments, opinions, or would like to provide feedback. So, please use the web site and let the board know what else you would like to see included in it. Your input is always welcome. – *Frank Cox* ❖

Project Management Not Listed in Occupational Outlook Handbook

Information about many occupations is listed in the U.S. Department of Labor's "Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2000-01"; however, you won't find project management included. But that may change.

The field is growing according to PMI Headquarters. In an October 2001 fact sheet available from PMI at <http://www.pmi.org/membership/facts/>, the total

membership stood at 85,489 that month, up from 69,047 over the same month in 2000. That reflects an increase of almost 24% in one year. Individual membership during the same period rose a whopping 36%, to 82,879. More than 73% of the total membership is in the United States.

Regarding no listing in the Handbook, a PMI Mid-Missouri Chapter member recently contacted the Labor Department and asked "why not, given the number of named and de facto project managers in our nation and worldwide, and also given the growth of the profession as reported by PMI."

The comment above and the inquiry it was in garnered the interest of PMI Headquarters, where Marta Lafferty, manager of membership services, responded with interest and a willingness to provide the Labor Department with any statistics needed to justify a listing in the Handbook.

Doug Braddock of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics also responded to the inquiry. He provided the procedure necessary to consideration for inclusion of the profession in the Handbook. "For any occupation to be included in the Handbook, we must at a minimum have employment data on that occupation supplied by the bureau's Occupational Employment Statistics Survey," Braddock wrote. "All occupations covered in the survey must be defined in the Standard Occupational Classification (SOC).

"At present, project management is not enumerated separately in the SOC, so data cannot be collected on it. If a future revision of the SOC includes project management, it might be possible to collect data and do a Handbook statement on it."

The Mid-Missouri Chapter member making the inquiry stepped out of the picture after facilitating the connection between PMI Headquarters and the Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. Now that the fire is lit, perhaps it will burn long enough to warm the Department of Labor up to the need for inclusion of project management in the Handbook. ❖

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Feel a Draft? – On 1 October 2001, the Exposure Draft of the Project Manager Competency Development Framework was posted on the PMI Web site for viewing and downloading to facilitate review as well as solicit comments and recommendations. The Exposure Draft will be available until 1 December 2001 at www.pmi.org/standards/PMCDF/exposedraft.

Portal to Learning – PMI recently announced its new portal to e-learning events — the e-Learning Connection — offered by the PMI Education Department, PMI Components and PMI Registered Education Providers (R.E.P.s). PMI e-Learning offerings are designed to meet the needs of PMI members and respond to globalization, technology, and demographic trends. These offerings will provide participants the flexibility to attend seminars just in time and just-when-needed without traveling to a central location. Please visit <http://www.pmi.org/education/e-learning/index.html> for more information.

Communication Opportunity – The new editor of PMI Today, Dan Goldfischer, said he and his staff plan to enhance the official PMI newsletter with new content and a new look to make it a must-read publication for members. If you have thoughts about what you would like to see in PMI Today, please inform Goldfischer. He invites members to send news, event, and activity items that are important for the PMI-wide membership to know about. If you have an event coming up that warrants attention, feel free to send an extended write-up. Doing so will make the news sections of the newsletter more of a place where people can see what is coming rather than what has passed. Goldfischer and his staff plan to eliminate the monthly listing of components, substituting an attractive promotional "house ad" directing people to the PMI Web site for that information. "We may also add an informational sidebar similar to PMI at a Glance which will give statistics on how many components are in PMI, where they are located, and other pertinent facts," he said. "I am looking forward to hearing from you. Please let me know if there is any way we can help get the word out about component news. Thanks for your assistance and understanding." Email input to DGoldfischer@pmi.org, or send postal mail to Dan Goldfischer, Writer/Editor, Project Management Institute, Four Campus Blvd. - Newtown Square, PA 19073. His phone number is (610) 356-4600,

Evolution of a Guide

PMBOK Update – As previously announced, PMI will continue to make the PMBOK® Guide -1996 Edition available for viewing and downloading on the PMI Web site until 31 December 2001. Thereafter, the PMBOK® Guide -1996 Edition will no longer be available as it has been superceded by the PMBOK® Guide - 2000 Edition. However, starting January 2002, copies of the PMBOK® Guide - 1996 Edition may be purchased through the PMI for research or historical purposes. Please note that, starting 1 January 2002, the examination for the PMP® Certification Program will use the new PMBOK® Guide - 2000 Edition as one of its references. Excerpts of the new edition will remain available for viewing and downloading on the PMI Web site. The 2000 Edition is also available on CD-ROM. PMI Mid-Missouri Chapter board members consider the Guide an essential desktop reference and encourage members to obtain a copy. ❖

A Follow-up Reminder to PMPs

Project Management Professionals have three years from the January 1 following their certification date to earn 60 Professional Development Units necessary to recertification. Only those PMPs whose certification expires December 31 must report all 60 PDUs to recertify. PMPs must also comply with the PMP Code of Professional Conduct to maintain certification status.

The next certification cycle begins January 1, 2002. PMPs who do not meet re-certification requirements will have their certification status changed from "active" to "suspended", and will have 12 months to regain active status. After 12 months, PMPs who do not re-certify will be placed in a "revoked" status. Put questions to Barbara Pattinson, PMI Certification Administrative Manager, at certmgr@pmi.org. ❖

STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART OF PMI HEADQUARTERS

September 11 in Focus – A special message for PMI's Elected Leadership... *In the light of the recent tragic events that have transpired in the United States*, the Project Management Institute wishes to acknowledge and thank everyone who has expressed their concerns, condolences and support to America, its citizenry and the PMI family. We join hands with all of you in sorrow and sympathy on behalf of all those that lost their lives and loved ones as result of the terrorist attacks on the U.S. Pentagon in Washington, D.C. and the World Trade Center in New York City as well as the hijacking of the four U.S. commercial planes, one of which crashed in Western Pennsylvania. It is truly comforting to receive these notes of prayer, support, and solidarity from our worldwide community. According to a message PMI Headquarters received on September 13 from Debra Miersma, President, PMI Assembly of Chapter Presidents, "Confirmation has just been received from Frank Saladis, PMP, of the PMI New York City Chapter; Michael Walker, PMP, of the PMI Long Island New York Chapter; and C.J. Walker, PMP, of the PMI Washington, D.C. Chapter, that our (Chapter) presidents and their families are safe. With heavy hearts, they do expect to hear in the coming days and weeks that friends and chapter members were among those who have been injured or lost." (execdir@pmi.org)

