

PMI Mid-Mo Chapter News

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Chapter Election Results

Results of Mid-MO Chapter elections were announced at the chapter meeting September 19, 2002.

Ron Parker of Hewlett Packard was elected new Chapter First Vice President and will officially assume his duties January 1, 2003.

Ron works as an Infrastructure Project Manager for Hewlett-Packard Company. His areas of responsibility include voice and data infrastructure for all field offices in the mid-west as well as production and field office facilities in Tennessee. He is serving as team lead of voice and data for Mergers, Acquisitions and Divestitures in North America. An additional assignment is the task of helping his fellow team members prepare for and obtain their PMP Certification. Prior to working at Hewlett-Packard, Ron worked as a Consultant-Project Manager for Sprint and American Century Investments in Kansas City.

Ron obtained his Bachelors and MBA degrees while working in the Data Networking and Telecommunications departments at the University of Missouri, Columbia. He also served as UM Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Staff Advisory Council.

Tom Stokes of Missouri Office of Information Technology was re-elected Vice President of Membership.

Frank Cox of Missouri Department of Corrections was re-elected Vice President of Communications.

Please see the Chapter web site for information on all our current board members

www.pmimidmo.org/board.shtml#board.

In the News

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PMI Friday Facts and Leadership Links*

- *Karen Alfonsi resigns as PMI's Associate Executive Director effective 1 November 2002.* Alfonsi has held a number of progressive management positions during the course of nearly 13 years of employment with the Project Management Institute. Associate Executive Director since 1998, Alfonsi has served as Interim Chief Executive Officer during the past four months. "I hold the greatest respect for the PMI organization and maintain very high expectations for its continued growth and success in the future. Supported by a strong management team, PMI's new CEO, Greg Balestrero, will partner with the leadership of the organization to create new chapters for PMI's ongoing success story," said Alfonsi. "Some of the greatest rewards in being employed by a professional association such as PMI are the special friendships and fond memories you share with various members over the years." Alfonsi said the choice to leave was a personal one made earlier this year. (<mailto:chair@pmi.org>)
- *Surveys and focus groups being conducted to explore new opportunities for service.* Beginning mid-September, PMI will conduct the Biennial Member, Customer, and Supplier Needs Assessment surveys to selected stakeholders from PMI's database. While the Supplier Needs Assessment survey is new this year, the other two surveys have, in the past, provided valuable insight on needs of the various markets that PMI serves. In addition to the information generated by these in-depth surveys, selected attendees to PMI 2002 will be asked to participate in two focus groups during the event. Findings from the surveys and focus groups will help us further identify new opportunities and areas for improvement in the delivery of our programs, products and services. Please be on the lookout for the potential receipt of the survey and advise your colleagues of the same.

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PMP Certification Exam Prep Workshops

Dates and Topics for the Saturday Workshops are:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Afternoon</u>
• October 19	Framework	Scope
• October 26	Cost	Quality
• November 16	Human Resources	Communications & Risk
• November 23	Procurement & Integration	Professional Responsibility & Review/Quiz

Schedule for each session:

8:00 – 8:30	Registration
8:30 – 11:45	Workshop
11:45 – 12:45	Lunch
1:00 – 1:30	Registration (for new attendees)
1:30 – 4:30	Workshop

Price per workshop: Member - \$50 Non-Member - \$70

Register for all 4 days by October 10th :

PMI Member - \$190 Non-Member - \$270

Receive additional savings by registering 5 or more attendees from your organization for all 4 days.

Must register by October 10th.

PMI Member - \$180 Non-Member - \$260

To register, please contact Ritchie Jenkins at Ritchie.Jenkins@mail.dor.state.mo.us or at 573-751-5687. Included in the registration fees are continental breakfast, lunch, afternoon snack, and workshop CD.

The chapter has acquired workshop materials that will be tailored to get the most benefit in a short amount of time. The workshop materials were created by Cyndi Snyder, President of the Orange County California Chapter, and are marketed by a Time-to-Profit company.

Several PMI chapters have used the workshop materials. The materials are revised and updated twice each year to reflect input from instructors in the chapters and feedback from students, particularly those who have taken and passed the PMP exam. Cyndi and other commercial instructors in both on-site and public classroom offerings also use the materials. To date, the materials have been used for approximately 300 students. The workshop materials strive to cover only topics that are on the certification examination.

Please forward comments, questions, and special dietary needs to Karen Sanders, PMP, Mid Missouri Chapter Vice President of Programs and Professional Development at ksanders@mail.doc.state.mo.us.

Please visit our Chapter Web Site www.pmimidmo.org for additional information about the workshops. **

**Please note, any changes or updates will be posted on the above mentioned website.

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- *PMI's second annual Career Connections event has been cancelled.* Both the morning job fair and afternoon presentation previously scheduled to take place on Sunday, 6 October 2002 have been cancelled. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this schedule change may cause. Registered Job Seekers, PMI will forward the resume you uploaded to various companies that post jobs on the Career Headquarters Web site beginning 21 October 2002. If you do not wish to have your resume sent to these companies, please be sure to visit <http://partner.brassring.com/cf2002/pmi.htm> to delete your account, including your resume. (<mailto:careerhq@pmi.org>)
- *PMI meets with Latin American Chapter leaders.* At the end of August, PMI's Director, Communications & Information Gary Boyler, Director, Global Markets Integration Steve Townsend, and Manager, Meetings & Conventions Liz Ely, CMP, met with some of PMI's Latin American Chapter leaders. The meetings focused on PMI's development in the region, including the possible alignment of future Ibero-American Congresses with the new PMI global congress model. Further discussion of these items is planned during the PMI 2002 Seminars & Symposium in San Antonio, Texas USA. The visiting members of PMI staff also had the opportunity to visit and opportunities facing both the Chapter and the project management profession. (<mailto:Stephen.townsend@pmi.org>)
- *Aquent becomes newest partner on the PMI Corporate Council.* We welcome them to our growing list of organizations. 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)
- *PMI surveys 5,000 members for feedback on licensure.* In June 2002, the PMI Board of Directors passed a resolution directing PMI staff to collect stakeholder views regarding the licensing of project management practitioners. In response to the initiative, PMI, through its vendor Surveyexpert.com planned to survey 5,000 randomly selected members on September 4, 2002. The goal of this survey is to gain an understanding of how PMI's general membership views licensure and its importance to themselves, the Institute and the profession. (Richard.steady@pmi.org)
- Congratulations to the PMI Islamabad, Pakistan Chapter and to the PMI Canberra, Australia Chapter on recently receiving their charters! (Marykate.webber@pmi.org)

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- *The latest issue of PM KnowledgeWire is now available.* The September issue of PM KnowledgeWire, the quarterly newsletter of the PMI James R. Snyder Center for Project Management Knowledge & Wisdom is available in the Members Only section of the PMI Web Site. This must-read issue includes information about quantifying project management's value; responses from questions posed to members on project management vs. technical skills; and valuable pointers to business case guidelines. For more information about PM KnowledgeWire, please contact nila.sathe@pmi.org. To learn more about the Knowledge & Wisdom Center, visit www.pmi.org/k&wc.
- *The Class of 2003 is off and running!* The PMI Leadership Institute Class of 2003 held their first meeting at the Babson Center for Executive Education in Wellesley, Massachusetts USA from August 8-11, 2002. The Class of 2003 consists of 23 selected leaders committed to furthering their leadership development for the betterment of PMI, their corporations and their individual growth. The Class adopted "Globalization and Future Leadership" as their theme in practice. The PMI Leadership Institute may be a great opportunity for you. For more information on how you can participate in the 2004 Leadership Institute Class, contact Linn Wheeling, Manager, Worldwide Component Affairs, at <mailto:linnwheeling@pmi.org>.
- *PMI Bookstore announces three new books on project management.* Avid readers of project management will want to check out the latest books now being offered through the PMI Bookstore. They are *PM 102 According to the Olde Curmudgeon* by Francis M. Webster, Ph.D., PMP, PMI Fellow (paperback, 337 pp.); *Quantifying the Value of Project Management* by William Ibbs, Ph.D., and Justin Reginato (paperback, 49 pp.); and a new PMI standard, *Project Manager Competency Development Framework*, published by PMI. Visit the PMI Bookstore at www.pmibookstore.org to get additional information about these new offerings and/or to make a purchase. (danielle.moore@pmi.org)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming Mid-MO Chapter Meeting...

- November 21, 2002 6:15 – 8:45 p.m.

Watch the Chapter web site for further announcements and meeting presenters – www.pmidmo.org

DID YOU MISS IT?

TEST YOUR PROJECT MANAGEMENT KNOWLEDGE ON LINE

Would you like to test your understanding of project management? Would you like to determine your strengths and weaknesses? Would you like to do so from the comfort of your own home or office? The Project Management Institute's (PMI®) Basic Knowledge Assessment (BKA) is available on the Internet.

The BKA consists of 100 multiple-choice questions and measures basic but essential project management knowledge. The BKA is based on the 1996 edition of *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge*. The online BKA is available for \$35.00 US per individual. Those wishing to take the assessment should visit the web site of CASTLE™ Worldwide, Inc. at www.castlelearning.com and select New User to register. Then, select the following items to take the assessment: Tests Available, Online Practice Tests, and Project Management Institute (PMI) Basic Knowledge Assessment. Once registered, the BKA may be taken immediately or at a later date. Results will be provided at the conclusion of the assessment. Please note that the results include a final score and a score for each performance domain, but not the answers to each question, which may compromise the integrity of the assessment. The BKA is designed to assist individuals in determining their areas of strength and weakness. Please also note that success on the BKA is not indicative of success on the PMP® Certification Examination.

If you have specific questions about the online BKA, please contact the PMI Certification Department.

www.pmi.org/certification/new/whatsnew.htm

PMI – Information Systems Special Interest Group (ISSIG) hosts on line seminars for ISSIG members on the Web. These Webinars qualify for Professional Development Units (PDU) for PMP continuing certification requirements. If you missed a scheduled Webinar, you can view the presentation by accessing the Webinar Archives. You may still earn PDUs by viewing the archived sessions and reporting your PDU request directly to PMI as a Category 3 activity – PMI Registered Education Providers.

Upcoming ISSIG Webinars are:

October 24, 2002 Radical IS/IT PM

December 5, 2002 Quantitative Schedule Risk
Analysis

Prior ISSIG Webinars include:

September 19, 2002 Critical Chain – Dramatic New
Approach or Same Old Stuff?

August 8, 2002 Leadership Alchemy: 1- Proven
Competencies

June 20, 2002 Software Requirements: Eight
Traps to Avoid

April 25, 2002 Extreme project Management

March 14, 2002 10 Myths of Rapid Development

February 7, 2002 Estimating Techniques for IS/IT
Projects

Visit the ISSIG web site at www.pmi-issig.org for more information.

FROM PMI NEW YORK CITY CHAPTER

Our Chapter received the following note from PMI New York City...

Dear PMI Component Leaders:

Thank you. Over the past year, as President of the Project Management Institute - New York City Chapter, I have received communications from many of you expressing your thoughts, concerns and condolences concerning the tragic events of September 11th, 2001. Now that the first anniversary has passed, our hearts have again been opened to those who suffered. As a component of PMI, PMINYC provided comfort to families who lost loved ones, made contributions to two charities and continues to focus on community involvement including strengthening our Career Development Network.

Please visit our web site at <http://www.pminyc.org> and visit the September 11th tribute to our fallen members. As always, we remain strong and determined as a PMI component and as a nation. Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Andrew Gerson, PMP
PMINYC Chapter President*