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Monthly Chapter Meeting Schedule

Date: March 9, 2006

Agenda:

- 5:00 Healthcare SIG
- 6:00 Dinner
- 7:00 Chapter Meeting and Presentation

Location:

Engineering Society of Western Pennsylvania (ESWP)
337 4th Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

To make meal selection and reservations, please call 412-261-4300 before noon on Wednesday March 8' 2006. Without reservations, your meal will be the Chef's choice. Dinner cost is \$25.

Chapter Meeting

March 9, 2006
7:00 PM

Title: Outsourcing Best Practices – An overview of the eSourcing Capability Model

Speaker: Ravi Ramamoorthy

Want to add articles or important information to the Newsletter?

Submission Deadlines:

April Newsletter: March 16

May Newsletter: April 16

June Newsletter: May 16

Submit by e-mail to:

Newsletter@PittsburghPMI.org

March Healthcare SIG

March 9, 2006
5:00 PM

Title: Managing Health Studies: Why do we need them and how do they work?

“Healthy/Successful Aging” is a new term being used to describe the process of delaying disability and disease for as long as possible. Current research, being undertaken at the University of Pittsburgh’s Dept of Epidemiology Health Studies Office, is trying to explore ways to achieve this goal. Managing a study is a “balancing act” between study participant needs and scientific goals. I will attempt to explore the ways to accomplish this.

Speaker: Piera Kost

<p align="center">March Healthcare SIG Speaker Bio Piera Kost</p>	<p align="center">March Chapter Meeting Speaker Bio Ravi Ramamoorthy</p>
<p>Piera Kost obtained her BA from Allegheny College Meadville, PA. She has worked at the University of Pittsburgh Department of Epidemiology for over 20 years. She began as a recruiter in the SHEP (Systolic Hypertension in the Elderly) study then continued to work on various studies as an examiner in the clinic.</p> <p>In 1995 she became the study coordinator for the HABC (Health and Body Changes) study, a study of 1527 men and women in the Pittsburgh area between the ages of 70 and 80 years old. They have been followed for 9 years and the study continues to this day. In 2005 she was named the clinic coordinator of the Health Studies Office, overseeing 20 studies and approximately 10,000 study participants.</p>	<p>Ravi has over eleven years of Global IT and Business Process Outsourcing, Offshore Project Delivery Management and Business Consulting experience in high technology (services, software, and hardware) areas with several large global organizations including Compaq, Digital, Wipro, iGATE and HCL. Ravi has been instrumental in delivering and managing large, turn-key offshore outsourcing engagements across geographies and in establishing strategic level relationships with clients in the US.</p> <p>In various projects, Ravi has developed Detailed Transition Plans, Processes Transition Maps, Governance models (including performance metrics and standards), Change management Plans and Risk Mitigation Plans for outsourced IT Processes. Ravi was also instrumental in developing the Strategic Business Plan for Compaq to expand into providing Offshore IT & Professional services Outsourcing (now HP Globalsoft).</p> <p>Ravi holds an MBA in Information Systems and a BS in Electrical & Electronics Engineering. He is an trained and certified as an Authorized Evaluator in eSourcing Capability Model (eSCM-SP) - the industry-first outsourcing quality best practices standard by Carnegie Mellon University.</p>

Also In March – IT SIG on March 27, 2006 at Pittsburgh Tech Council

The Value of Scope Development for IT Projects, Part 2

Victoria B. Haney, PMP, VBH Consulting, Inc

It doesn't matter if your project is an application for the marketing department, an e-commerce site or a major ERP implementation, finding out what the customer really needs is essential. During this session we will discuss the importance of:

- Defining what the customer really wants
- Developing a scope statement in a manner that doesn't hinder the project
- Then using the scope statement to build a work breakdown structure.

Vicky is a certified project management professional (PMP) with the Project Management Institute, a member of the Pittsburgh Technology Council, Pittsburgh Regional Alliance INDEX program and president of VBH Consulting, Inc. VBH Consulting is a firm specializing in project management and project management training.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER FOR THE MARCH 17 SEMINAR

If you would like to learn how to make your projects more successful, time is running out to register for the seminar on March 17, 2006, entitled "Neal Whitten's No-Nonsense Advice for Successful Projects". Registration with full payment must be received by **March 9**.

This seminar will reveal leading-edge best practices that make all the difference between leading successful projects or troubled projects.

Neal Whitten, PMP, is a popular speaker, trainer, consultant, mentor, and author in the areas of both project management and employee development. He is the author of five books.

Seminar topics include: leadership styles, being too soft, managing priorities, fostering interpersonal communications, boldness, escalations, integrity, accountability, professional behavior and recognizing professional immaturity, dealing with criticism, how to make long-term project commitments, running an effective meeting, duties of the effective project manager, the need to fail, dealing with difficult people, three critical actions that are overlooked on most projects, and many more specific leadership tips for promoting project success. No theories here! This stuff works! Come prepared to rethink what constitutes effective leadership and project management. You won't want to miss this!

Course materials include Neal's book "Neal Whitten's No-Nonsense Advice for Successful Projects".

The seminar will be held at the Regional Learning Alliance in Cranberry Township from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Seminar cost is \$225 for PMI members and \$300 for non-members. For certified PMPs, the course will provide 7 PDUs toward re-certification.

To register, print the registration form on the Pittsburgh PMI website at http://www.pittsburghpmi.org/documents/Neal_Whitten_Registration.doc.

For more information, contact vp_education@pittsburghpmi.org.

30 % Discount Available on Project Management Publication

Discounts are available on a new publication by Dan Brandon, PhD, PMP, a member of the Memphis, Tennessee chapter. His book is called "Project Management for Modern Information Systems". You can obtain the discount using the order form located at http://www.pittsburghpmi.org/documents/newsletter_includes/Brandon_discount_order_form2.pdf.

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Event Schedule

Please contact Mike Rapach, VP of Programs, at Programs@PittsburghPMI.org if you have a topic you would like to see addressed in a future meeting, if you or someone you know would be interested in presenting, or if you have an advance question for any of our presenters.

Date	Program Type	Presenter	Title	Location
3/9/2006	Healthcare SIG Presentation	Piera Kost	Managing Health Studies	ESWP
3/9/2006	Chapter Meeting & Keynote Presentation	Ravi Ramamoorthy	Outsourcing Best Practices – An overview of the eSourcing Capability Model	ESWP
3/27/2006	IT SIG Presentation	Vicky Haney, PMP	Scope Management, Part 2	Pittsburgh Technology Council
4/13/2006	Financial Services SIG Presentation	TBD	TBD	ESWP
4/13/2006	Chapter Meeting & Keynote Presentation	Everett Rodriguez	TBD	ESWP
5/11/2006	Healthcare SIG Presentation	TBD	TBD	ESWP
5/11/2006	Chapter Meeting & Keynote Presentation	Lee Lambert	Things Your Mother Never Taught You about Project Management	ESWP
5/23/2006	IT SIG Presentation	TBD	TBD	Pittsburgh Technology Council
6/8/2006	Financial Services SIG Presentation	TBD	TBD	ESWP
6/8/2006	Chapter Meeting & Keynote Presentation	Jill Lublin	The Art of Personal Marketing - Successful Strategies for Life Management	ESWP

New Chapter Members

Please join us in welcoming the following new members to the chapter:

- Kim E. Beaver
- Jan A. Blair, PMP
- Brian S. Buddemeyer
- Linda Cale
- Ronald S. Davis
- Laurence W. Gage
- Aliza D. Gelb
- Jeffrey S. Guthrie
- James K. Hamel
- Leo L. Hokaj III
- David A. Hunt
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- Michael D. Kania
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- Walter C. Magno
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New Chapter PMPs

Please join us in congratulating the newest chapter PMP's!

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- Jeffrey L Farbacher, PMP
- Mirrell M Knabe III, PMP
- Lynette A Zanotti, PMP

E-Mail Address

Just a reminder to keep your contact information up-to-date in the Members section of the national website, www.pmi.org.

Your monthly newsletter and all other Chapter communications will be sent to your primary e-mail address listed under your Contact Information.