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PMI Pittsburgh News Announcement: The Leadership Session of the Project Management Series Scheduled for 9/27 has been postponed until December. More details inside.

Monthly Chapter Meeting Schedule

Date: October 12, 2006

Agenda:

- 5:00 Financial Services LIG
- 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, October 11, 2006. Without reservations, your meal will be the Chef's choice. Dinner cost is \$25.

Chapter Meeting

October 12, 2006
7:00 PM

Title: The Next Big Thing in Project Management: Earned Value and the new Earned Value Professional Certification

Description: Carl Pritchard, PMP, EVP, looks at how everything old is new again as Earned Value gets a new lease on life thanks to Sarbanes-Oxley and OMB Circular A-11. As PMI works toward new levels of certification, partner organization AACE (The Association for the Advancement of Cost Engineering) unleashes the Earned Value Professional (EVP) certification to create the first certified earned value management systems. Carl provides insight on the EVP exam process, the rationale and drivers behind the certification and the public policy reasons that make earned value the next big thing in project management...AGAIN! Carl discusses the implications for businesses that have no EV practices and how they may have the best opportunities of all!

Speaker: Carl Pritchard, PMP, EVP

Want to add articles or important information to the Newsletter?

Submission Deadlines:

Nov. Newsletter:	Oct. 16
Dec. Newsletter:	Nov. 16
Jan. Newsletter	Dec. 16

Submit by e-mail to:

Newsletter@PittsburghPMI.org

October Financial Services LIG

October 12, 2006
5:00 PM

Title: Panel Discussion

Description: Subject: Panel Discussion

Join us for an interactive panel discussion on the latest in Financial Services. Bring your questions for our esteemed panel, and share in the knowledge of Pittsburgh's community of practice for your industry.

**October Chapter Meeting
Speaker Bio
Carl Pritchard, PMP, EVP**

Carl Pritchard, PMP, EVP, is the principal of Pritchard Management Associates and a recognized author and lecturer in project management. He is the author of "The Project Management Communications Toolkit" (Artech House, 2004, Norwood, MA), "Risk Management: Concepts & Guidance 3rd Edition" (ESI International, 2005, Arlington, VA), and co-produced "The Portable PMP Prep: Conversations on Passing the PMP Exam." He is the U.S. Correspondent for the British project management publication "Project Manager Today". A regular speaker on the project management circuit, he has presented workshops and/or papers at each of the last twelve national Project Management Institute® National Symposia/Congresses in the U.S. He has written over 100 articles for newsletters, magazines, journals and e-zines around the world. He consults to clients ranging from heavy construction industries to information technologies. He is a certified Project Management Professional as certified by the Project Management Institute. He is a certified Earned Value Professional as certified by the Association for the Advancement of Cost Engineering.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chapter Board of Directors – Elections in November

Elections for the following Chapter Board of Directors positions will occur at the annual Chapter Business Meeting held on Thursday, November 9, 2006:

- Vice-President of Programs
- Vice-President of Communications & Publicity
- Vice-President of Membership

The Nominations Committee is pleased to announce the following slate of candidates:

- Michael Rapach, PMP for Vice-President of Programs
- Melanie Connell, PMP for Vice-President of Communications & Publicity
- Victoria Haney, PMP for Vice-President of Membership

Mike is currently serving his first term as VP-Programs for the chapter.

Melanie is currently serving as the VP-Communications & Publicity for the chapter.

Vicky has been responsible for the organization and delivery of various volunteer and education activities for the Chapter, and was instrumental in the Chapter's successful 25th Anniversary celebration.

Candidate profiles will be provided with the 2007 Election Ballot in next month's newsletter.

Any additional members of the PMI Pittsburgh Chapter that may be interested in being nominated for one of the Chapter Board of Directors positions listed above should contact Ed Rosenstein, PMP – Past President – PMI Pittsburgh Chapter by e-mail at: ExOfficio@PittsburghPMI.org

Further details of the responsibilities of the above positions can be found in the Chapter Bylaws and the Chapter Officers' Handbook, and links to both documents can be found near the bottom of the Board of Directors page of the chapter website, www.PittsburghPMI.org

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO REGISTER FOR THE CARL PRITCHARD SEMINAR

Carl Pritchard is making a return visit to the PMI Pittsburgh Chapter. He will be presenting an all-day seminar on Friday, October 13, 2006, entitled "Selling the Project Management Message". Planning and presenting project reports is a challenge. It's one issue to try to work toward sharing information with reports, PowerPoint, organizational templates and meetings. It's another issue to share information in all of those environments and make the message stick. This one-day workshop works through the sound, tone, attitude, and approaches that individuals use to present their messages. It drives home ways to make the message stick and ways to ensure that there is a clear decision-making opportunity for the message recipients.

The seminar will be held at the Engineers' Society of Western Pennsylvania in Downtown Pittsburgh. Cost is \$250 for PMI members and \$350 for non-members.

For those who are PMP-certified, this seminar will provide 7 PDUs toward re-certification.

To register for the seminar or for more information, see the insert in this newsletter or go to the PMI Pittsburgh Chapter website at www.pittsburghpmi.org. All registrations, with payment in full, must be received by October 9, 2006. Contact VP_Education@PittsburghPMI.org with any questions.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERIES

The Pittsburgh Chapter is offering a series of bi-monthly project management classes. Topics are Leadership, Change Management, Emotional Intelligence, Team Building, and Strategic Alignment.

The Leadership session originally scheduled for 9/27 is being rescheduled to December. More information on the exact date will be available shortly.

Students may register for whichever classes they choose; however, due to limited seating, preference will be given to those who register for multiple classes. There will also be discounts offered for registering for multiple sessions as well as for early registration. Register early and save.

To register, please use the registration form attached to the newsletter email.

Please contact VP_Education@PittsburghPMI.org with any questions.

Following are the course descriptions.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERIES TOPICS

Leadership – Date TBD

True leadership on the part of the project manager is one of the most important characteristics in successfully executing projects. We will discuss how to build on your project management expertise to enhance your success as a leader. This 3-hour work shop explores the unique skills necessary for leading people in a project environment.

What you'll learn:

- Why both management and leadership matter to you
- Your personal leadership style and when to adopt a new style
- What you can do to improve your leadership capabilities

Change Management – November 15, 2006

Project managers are the original change agents! Projects are usually a result of some change either in the business environment, technology or government. In this 3-hour work shop we'll discuss business changes and their impact on projects and the project manager's role in managing changes.

What you'll learn:

- The external and internal change factors that impact projects
- Identifying change and knowing when to react to the change
- Planning for resistance to change

Emotional Intelligence – January 17, 2007

Emotional Intelligence (EI) is a "Different Kind of Smart". As stated in the February 2006 PMI Network Magazine: "Project leaders with high emotional intelligence inspire their team, connect with their peers and get the job done." During this three-hour seminar we'll discuss specific ways leaders can improve their performance through the emotional intelligence.

What you'll learn:

- What is emotional intelligence and why should technical project managers care about EI?
- The link between emotional intelligence and crisis management
- How do emotions play a role in project and risk planning?

Team Building – March 21, 2007

What is the difference between a group and a team and why does that matter? In this 3-hour work shop you will challenge your assumptions about the formation and operation of teams so that you can be more effective in your role as a project leader.

What you will learn:

- The characteristics of effective teams
 - How to create a culture that taps into the full potential of the team
 - What to do with teams that have become dysfunctional
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Project Manager Spotlight – Mark Sobota

Although Mark lives in Greensburg, he makes the commute each day to downtown Pittsburgh to utilize his project management skills at Alcoa. He is also currently obtaining his Masters In Project Management from George Washington University.

Employer:

Alcoa

Current Role:

Assistant Global Commodity Manager, Environmental, Health, and Safety

Project Management Experience:

8 Years including Construction Project Management and Sourcing Project Management

Most Challenging Project:

My most challenging project was the construction of the Somerset County Airport Terminal. It was my first real project as PM, so I obviously knew nothing. Throw in a few volumes of FAA regulations, some public funds, and contractors who knew way more than I did and you can see why I was challenged. The project was successful in the end, but it was certainly an eye opening experience.

Best Advice for New Project Managers:

“Most of the successful people I've known are the ones who do more listening than talking.” - Bernard M. Baruch

Hobbies:

Hunting, Fishing, Home Renovation

Person You Admire Most:

Professor Tevfik Aktekin – Because he's my current Statistics professor, and I hope that he reads that answer and gives me some extra credit!

If you could have dinner with anyone, living or dead, who would it be and why?

I would have dinner with my grandfather on my dad's side. Because I never got to meet him and have always wondered what he was really like...and I hear he was a good cook.

A Book you are Recommending to Others:

Freakonomics

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
10/12/2006	Financial Services SIG Presentation		Panel Discussion	ESWP
10/12/2006	Chapter Meeting & Keynote Presentation	Carl Pritchard	The Next Big Thing in Project Management: Earned Value and the new Earned Value Professional Certification.	ESWP
10/13/2006	Full Day Seminar	Carl Pritchard	Sharing the Project Management Message (Project Reporting and Reporting Approaches)	ESWP
11/9/2006	Healthcare SIG Presentation	TBD	TBD	ESWP
11/9/2006	Chapter Meeting & Keynote Presentation	Andy Crowe	Alpha Project Managers – What the Top 2% Know that You Don't	ESWP
11/15/2006	Advanced Project Management Series	Donna Brighton, PMP and Vicky Haney, PMP	Change Management	Urban Mountain Gathering Place
11/27/2006	IT SIG Presentation	Ian Rudy, COO, Plus Consulting	Utilizing Technology to ease the pains of Project Management	Pittsburgh Technology Council
12/14/2006	Financial Services SIG Presentation	TBD	TBD	ESWP
12/14/2006	Chapter Meeting & Keynote Presentation		Panel Discussion on Project Management	ESWP

New Chapter Members

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

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New Chapter PMPs

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

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Lyn A Mears, PMP

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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.