



# Pittsburgh Chapter of the PMI

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## Monthly Chapter Meeting Schedule

Date: September 14, 2006

### Agenda:

- 5:00 Healthcare 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, September 13, 2006. Without reservations, your meal will be the Chef's choice. Dinner cost is \$25.

## Want to add articles or important information to the Newsletter?

### Submission Deadlines:

Sept. Newsletter:	August 16
Oct. Newsletter:	Sept. 16
Nov. Newsletter:	Oct. 16

Submit by e-mail to:

[Newsletter@PittsburghPMI.org](mailto:Newsletter@PittsburghPMI.org)

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

The Nominations Committee, chaired by the Past-President of the Chapter, is responsible for preparing a slate that contains nominees for each Board position and determining the eligibility and willingness of each nominee to stand for election.

Any members of the PMI Pittsburgh Chapter 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](mailto: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](http://www.PittsburghPMI.org)

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## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### 2006-2007 CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

To ALL PMI Pittsburgh Members

We are looking for potential presentations for the 2006-07 program year. We are looking for presentations for the following:

**Chapter Meetings** – Speakers on general project management topics with application across multiple industries or areas of interest – please send to [Programs@pmipittsburgh.org](mailto:Programs@pmipittsburgh.org)

**IT LIG (Local Interest Group)** – Speakers on project management topics applicable to information technology or information technology projects – please send to Sandra Williams at [swilliams@msa.com](mailto:swilliams@msa.com) or Maureen James at [James\\_Maureen@emc.com](mailto:James_Maureen@emc.com)

**Healthcare LIG** – Speakers on project management topics applicable to Healthcare areas, including but not limited to facilities, insurance, medical professionals, regulations, and other topics – please send to Matt Craig at [matt@mattias.org](mailto:matt@mattias.org)

**Financial Services LIG** – Speakers on project management topics applicable to Financial Services areas, including but not limited to regulations, banking, investments, and other topics – please send to Vicky Haney at [vicky@vbhconsulting.com](mailto:vicky@vbhconsulting.com)

Thank you all for your ideas!

Mike Rapach  
VP Programs



### Wanted: Nominations for “Spotlight on Project Managers”

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Nominations for “Spotlight on Project Manager” are needed for the 2006-2007 issues of the newsletter. If you would like to see a fellow member recognized for their project management skills, for their successful completion of a difficult or complex project, for their commitment to mentoring new project managers, for their volunteer work to either PMI or their community, or just because they are interesting or fun, please go to the Chapter website, [www.PittsburghPMI.com](http://www.PittsburghPMI.com), and click on the Spotlight on Project Managers Nomination form hyperlink.

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## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### CARL PRITCHARD RETURNS TO THE PITTSBURGH CHAPTER

The Pittsburgh Chapter is pleased to announce that Carl Pritchard, renowned lecturer, researcher, and author 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. The cost for registrations received by August 31, 2006, with payment in full is \$200 for PMI members and \$300 for non-members. The cost for registrations received by September 30, 2006, with payment in full is \$225 for PMI members and \$325 for non-members. For registrations received after September 30, 2006, cost is \$250 for PMI members and \$350 for non-members. Register early for the greatest discount.

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](http://www.pittsburghpmi.org). All registrations, with payment in full, must be received by October 9, 2006. Contact [VP\\_Education@PittsburghPMI.org](mailto:VP_Education@PittsburghPMI.org) with any questions.

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### TRAINING OPPORTUNITY - PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERIES

The Pittsburgh Chapter will be offering a series of project management classes bi-monthly starting in September 2006. There are five classes in the series. Topics are Leadership, Change Management, Emotional Intelligence, Team Building, and Strategic Alignment.

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](mailto:VP_Education@PittsburghPMI.org) with any questions.

The courses include focused attention on leadership, change management, emotional intelligence, team building, and strategic alignment.

The course descriptions are listed on the following page:

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**Leadership – September 27, 2006**

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

**Strategic Alignment – May 16, 2007**

Today's business climate is changing continuously. Projects need to be able to meet the needs of the business and help them reach their goals by aligning with those goals. It is essential for project managers to think and act strategically. In this 3-hour work shop we'll discuss how projects can help a business achieve their strategic goals and the project manager's role in managing a strategic project.

What you will learn:

- Corporate strategy and gap analysis
- How to use that "nebulous" corporate strategy to define your project portfolio
- The project manager's role in executing strategic projects

## Event Schedule

Please contact Mike Rapach, VP of Programs, at [Programs@PittsburghPMI.org](mailto: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
9/14/2006	Healthcare SIG Presentation	TBD	TBD	ESWP
9/14/2006	Chapter Meeting & Keynote Presentation	TBD	TBD	ESWP
9/25/2006	IT SIG Presentation	Susan Kearney, PMP	TBD	ESWP
10/12/2006	Financial Services SIG Presentation	TBD	TBD	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
11/9/2006	Healthcare SIG Presentation	TBD	TBD	ESWP
11/9/2006	Chapter Meeting & Keynote Presentation	TBD	TBD	ESWP
11/27/2006	IT SIG Presentation	TBD	TBD	Pittsburgh Technology Council

## New Chapter Members

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

Kenneth J Asti , PMP	Stanley J Kieta
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Shantanu V. Bhide	Dean L Martin
Kathleen E Blair	Bethany Lynette Mazon
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Randy L. Graham Jr.	MMark R Sobota
Tanya Griffey	George J Starrett
Kevin R Hehman	David B Swisher
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## New Chapter PMPs

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

- Kenneth J Asti, PMP
- John M Bialon, PMP
- Mary Anne Buvens, PMP
- Edward J Dinnen, PMP
- Sara J Fielder, PMP
- Jeanne T Grazier, PMP
- Joshua P Hoyt, PMP
- Eileen S Kuzma, PMP
- Bradley P Miller P.E., PMP
- Alan Palguta, PMP
- Edward J. Schmidt, PMP
- Eric D Thomson, PMP
- Donald G Wilson, 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](http://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.