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## Michigan Capital Area Chapter Newsletter

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### ***Program Meeting Announcement***

**Tuesday, February 17, 2009**

**Bonus Program at 5:30 PM to 6:15 PM**

***Speaker: Amy Piper***

***Topic: LinkedIn Demonstration***

**Registration: 6:15 PM to 6:45 PM**

**Dinner served at 6:45 PM**

**Program begins at 7:15 PM to 8:15 PM**

Waterford Lodge  
(Formerly the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center)  
3600 Dunckel Drive, Lansing, MI

**Dinner Speaker:**  
**Dr. Loran W. Walker, MA, MS, DM**

**Topic:**  
**Learning Lessons On Lessons Learned**

To Register go to : <http://www.pmi-mcac.org/>  
And use the Monthly Program Meeting Link

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**Message from the President**

**Amy J. Piper, Ph.D, PMP**

Our February meeting presenter is Dr. Loran Walker and his topic is on “Learning Lessons on Lessons Learned”. He presented this topic at the 2008 PMI Global Congress in Denver. It has been said that lessons learned is one of the most important and "value added" aspects of the PM Lifecycle; however, it is often the most ignored part of finishing a project. Dr. Walker will show the results of a survey on the use of lessons learned, as well as outcomes from questions asked of seasoned PMs concerning what their organization is doing around lessons learned. There will also be a Bonus Program discussing the use of **LinkedIn** and how it can help you in a variety of ways.

It's that time of year again when we remind our members that the Board elections are coming in May. Each year the office of President is elected. In 2009 the following positions are open in addition to the President: Vice President of Membership, Vice President of Finance, Vice President of Publicity, Vice President of Special Projects and Vice President of Outreach. Take a look at the MCAC website under Bylaws to review the responsibilities of each of the roles and consider running.

[http://www.pmi-mcac.org/downloads.cfm?path=/public\\_files/](http://www.pmi-mcac.org/downloads.cfm?path=/public_files/) If you would like to find out more about our Board meetings you are always welcome to attend. We love to have our members come forward and volunteer to run for Board positions. It keeps the ideas fresh and new.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at our next program meeting on Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>.

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## Vice President – Logistics

Randy Jobski, PMP

Hello, we apologize for not being able to hold the January Program Meeting. All of the pieces necessary to hold a successful meeting just did not come together in time to allow us to proceed. But, we won't have that problem in February. We have a wonderful speaker and topic lined up for February, namely Dr. Loran W. Walker, MA, MS, DM talking about "Learning Lessons On Lessons Learned". In addition, will also have a Bonus Program scheduled for this meeting as well. This event will take place at the Waterford Estates Lodge in Lansing, MI. We sure hope you decide to participate in both!

Attending the Program Meeting is a great place to learn new skills from our Bonus and Featured presenters, a place to build your professional network, enjoy a wonderful meal (if you choose that option), and just take a few minutes a month for you – to give to yourself and grow a bit more in your chosen profession. In addition, you will always earn 1 PDU for the Featured Presenter and an additional 1 PDU when we are able to bring you a Bonus Program (which we typically do provide). I think you would find that these are really worth the time and money to attend.

As usual, I will ask that everyone register via our web site for this event (<http://www.acteva.com/go/pmi-mcac>) whether you choose to pay online (preferable) or pay at the door. This helps us to provide the most accurate guaranteed count to the hotel and, hence, keeps our Chapter's expenses to a minimum.

Finally, if you have any suggestions that you would like to share about how to improve our Program Meetings and/or have ideas related to presenters, topics, and/or venues to hold the meetings at, I really would love to hear from you directly. You can send any comments and/or suggestions to [logistics@pmi-mcac.org](mailto:logistics@pmi-mcac.org).

Thank you, and see you on February 17<sup>th</sup>!

## Vice President – Membership

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Membership information will be provided when it becomes available.

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## **Vice President – Finance**

**Karl Meier, PMP**

### **Michigan Capital Area Chapter PMI Balance Sheet As of January 31, 2008**

Assets	
Current Assets – Checking/Savings	\$24,244.50
Total Assets	<b>\$24,244.50</b>
Liabilities & Equity	
Liabilities	\$0
Equity	
Retained Earnings	\$16,522.21
Net Assets	\$8,000.34
Net Income	(\$278.05)
Total Equity	<b>\$24,244.50</b>
Total Liabilities and Equity	<u><b>\$24,244.50</b></u>

The above Balance Sheet is generated from the Chapter's accounting system and does not suggest audited information.

If you have any questions regarding the finances of the Chapter, please feel free to contact me at any time.

## **Vice President – Outreach**

**Arun Sampath, PMP**

We had a zestful start to our organizational outreach program with a presentation to Mid Michigan Chapter of ARMA International on Jan 15, 2009. ARMA is the primary records management association in the US. The presentation provided them with an introduction to PMI, mid Michigan chapter of PMI and an introduction to project management principles as they apply to records management. We look forward to making similar presentations to other organizations this year. I am open to suggestions from our chapter membership on organizations that may benefit from this type of presentation. Please email me at [outreach@pmi-mcac.com](mailto:outreach@pmi-mcac.com).



## ***Monthly Program Meeting Information***

The MCAC Chapter Program Meetings are held at the Waterford Lodge, formerly the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center, 3600 Dunckel Drive, Lansing, MI 48910

MCAC Chapter Program Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month, September through September, excluding December. Bonus Programs are often held prior to the Program Meeting (normally from 5:15 PM to 6:00 PM). Networking begins at 6:00 PM and Dinner at 6:30 PM. The Main Program begins at 7:00 PM. Please go to <http://www.pmi-mcac.org> to register and for additional information.

**Costs:** \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members which includes dinner. A presentation-only option is available to members for \$10 and non-members for \$15. Anyone who does not register in advance will be charged an additional \$5 at the door. If you are not pre-registered, we may be unable to accommodate you due to restaurant limitations