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Michigan Capital Area Chapter Newsletter

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PMI – Michigan Capitol Area March Program Meeting

AGENDA

Registration/Networking: 5:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Speaker: 6:00 -7:00 p.m.

Updates from the Board: 7:00 - 7:15 p.m.

Speaker: Ryan Latourette

From: Hewlett Packard Corporation

In: Enterprise Service Management

Topic: *"The Politics of Managing Global Projects*

(One Big Happy Team All Playing by Different Rules)"

Hearty appetizers will be served during Registration and Networking.

This event provides 1 PDU!

Registration Link: <http://www.acteva.com/booking.cfm?bevaid=197711> The deadline for registration is March 12, 2010 at 12:00 noon. We will be able to accommodate a limited number of walk-ins.

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PMI MCAC PMP Study Group !

When: Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. April 8th through May 20th

Where: PTD Technology - 3001 Coolidge Road, Suite 403, East Lansing

Cost: \$250 for PMI members; \$300 for non-members

Instructors: Arun Sampath, PMP and Sam Roberts, PMP

Registration: Now at <http://www.acteva.com/booking.cfm?bevaaid=200381>





Message from the President



Marjorie Greer McIntyre, PMP

We are 8 1/2 months into the 2009-2010 program year! Time passes so quickly when you are doing something that you have a deep passion for! Serving on the Board is very rewarding in multiple ways. It is a great avenue to gain experience in leadership, team building, event planning, PM education planning, to work with community leaders, network with other Chapter leaders, and most importantly, to provide value added programs for our membership. These are just a few of the benefits of volunteering a few hours a month to serve on the Board of this wonderful organization!

Elections for half of the Board seats will take place in May 2010. The term for the Vice President positions have a two-year duration (July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2012), with the term for the President having a one year duration (July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011). The positions that will appear on the election ballot are as follows:

1. President (1 year term)
2. Vice President of Communications
3. Vice President of Logistics
4. Vice President of Outreach
5. Vice President of Programs

Please consider serving in one of the above capacities. Your expertise and experience is most sought after. Please feel at liberty to speak to any Board member for more specific information. Come and join us in providing value added and cost effective programs for our membership. The Board needs you!





Vice President's Corner

Vice President – Professional Development



Teri Hanes

Planning is underway for our 2010 Professional Development Day. Please hold the date on your calendar and contact me (professionaldevelopment@pmi-mcac.org) or any board member if you have any suggestions to make this the best Professional Development Day MCAC has ever had!.

What	Where	Day/Time	Date	PDU's
Professional Development Day	The Lansing Lexington Hotel 925 South Creyts Road Lansing MI 48917	Monday 8:00am – 4:30pm	Oct 18	TBD

PDU tip:

Did you know you can get 5 PDU's for just going to work and managing projects?

By logging into <http://www.occe.ou.edu/aia/pmi/PDUlogin.php3>

and choosing PDU Category 2H

Thanks,

Teri





Vice President – Logistics



Cathie Coens, PMP

I recently read an article by Tony Collins that included some funny quotes on project management. I hope you enjoy them as much as I did:

A freeze on change melts whenever heat is applied.

If at first you don't succeed, rename the project!

Nothing is impossible for the person who doesn't have to do it.

Projects with realistic budgets and timetables don't get approved.

See you all March 16!

Vice President – Special Projects



Joanne Chang, PMP

A small workgroup has undertaken the project of updating our chapter Bylaws. Your comments and suggestions are welcomed as inputs for consideration during this process. As part of our background work, we completed a review of all our chapter website documents, including previous board recommendations. We are maintaining a high-level change log to assist in review of the final document. The articles have been re-sequenced and the document formatting has been updated to improve readability. Progress will be reported as the team passes more milestones in the project.

MCAC Board approved the draft for the Website Content Restructure on March 3, 2010. Planning of website content restructure will start in April.





Vice President – Finance



Steve Williams, PMP

Greetings to all! Below is the latest balance sheet for the Chapter. The statements are generated from the Chapter's accounting system and do not suggest audited information. If you have any questions regarding the finances of the Chapter, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Michigan Capital Area Chapter PMI Balance Sheet As of February 28, 2010

	<u>February 2010</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1000 – Checking	30,206.27
Total Check/Savings	<u>30,206.27</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>30,206.27</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>30,206.27</u></u>
<u>LIABILITIES & EQUITY</u>	
Equity	
1110 – Retained Earnings	20,840.20
3100 – Net Assets	8,000.34
Net Income	1,365.73
Total Equity	<u>30,206.27</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>30,206.27</u></u>





Vice President – Membership



John Oldham, PMP

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the following members - new to the Chapter since our last newsletter:

Mr. Jesse Jackson

The following Chapter members have recently attained their Project Management Professional (PMP) certification and given their permission for this listing:

Richard France, PMP
Teri Hanes, PMP

Please join me in congratulating each one for recently completed their PMP certification!
The Michigan Capital Area Chapter includes 157 PMPs in our 207 total membership count.
I am looking forward to seeing you during our March 16th Meeting at the Lexington Hotel.

John

Vice President - Publicity



Gwen Wyma, PMP

This is your forum to mentor and/or inspire others and gain valuable feedback to help you grow in your chosen field. Keep in mind that you can earn PDUs for having an article that you write published in the newsletter. Contact me (publicity@pmi-mcac.org) if you want to discuss possible articles or information you believe would be of value to share.





Vice President - Communications



Amita Das, PMP

Welcome PMI Chapter, members and friends! Glad that winter is almost over and spring is approaching. Our February presentation was an interesting topic by Sue Shoemaker, a trainer at Emergent, presented "Unlocking the key to Team Motivation". Our second speaker for February was Holly Grandy-Miller and Sara Smith from, MI Department of Civil Service, presented "Lean Process Improvement, another great job.

We've a little switch up for March. Our speaker will be Ryan Latourette of Hewlett Packard Corporation in Enterprise Service Management. Ryan will present, "The Politics of Managing Global Projects (One Big Happy Team All Playing by Different Rules)" on March 16th. Please register for the meeting at:

<http://www.acteva.com/booking.cfm?bevaid=200382> by Friday 03/12/2010 Noon.

Following is [News from PMI Community and International News...](#)

PMI Community News:

- Submission of the Strategic Alignment Scorecard (SAS) is due in March, 2010.
- Recognition for Communities - Awards Package – is due in April 2010.
- PMI Global Congress 2010-North America 9–12 October 2010, Washington, D.C.
- [2010 SeminarsWorld®](#) - Anaheim, CA, USA 8-11 March, Naples, FL, USA 22-25 March, **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.**

PMI International News

- Haiti and Chile Earthquake Assistance – Community leaders please contact Dan Goldfisher at dan.goldfisher@pmi.org
- Asia Pacific Leadership Institute Meeting (LIM) held in Melbourne, Australia on February 20–21, 2010 - The LIM meeting provides volunteer leaders with professional development and networking opportunities, and dialogue with PMI Board of Directors, staff and peers.

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, and/or topics, we really would love to hear from you directly. You can send any comments and/or suggestions to communications@pmi-mcac.org
Thank you, and see you on March 16th! ~Amita





Vice President - Outreach



Arun Sampath, PMP

Greetings! I hope everyone has been enjoying the return of spring like weather, I know I have. Before we start filling our days with more pleasurable endeavors, I was hoping to block out a date for the volunteering activity with Red Cross Food Bank. That process has gone slower than I had anticipated. My contact at the Red Cross is on vacation and will be returning next week. I hope be able to share a date with you all during our dinner meeting. I appreciate your patience. As always questions, comments, suggestions are welcome.

Thanks,
Arun





Professional Development Day (PDD) Sponsorship Program

We offer the opportunity for your organization to support our next Professional Development Day, October 18, 2010. As a sponsor, you will be able to interact with approximately project management professionals in the Central Michigan area. For more details, please contact professionaldevelopment@pmi-mcac.org

PDD Sponsorship Levels

- \$1000 – Platinum
- \$750 – Gold
- \$500 – Silver
- \$250 – Bronze





Monthly Program Meetings

The MCAC Chapter Program Meetings are held at the Lexington Lansing Hotel, 925 S. Creyts Road, Lansing, MI.

MCAC Chapter Program Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month, September through May, excluding October (PDD) and December. Please go to <http://www.pmi-mcac.org> for additional information on program speakers, agenda, and registration.

Registration

MCAC uses Acteva.com for online registration. Watch for monthly program emails from our Vice President of Communications containing an event link or go to our website. Online registration is available until three (3) business days in advance of the event. Registrations after this time are available as "walk-ins" at the door with payment by cash or check and are subject to availability.

Typical costs

\$20 for PMI-MCAC members and \$25 for non-chapter members. A "speaker only" option is available for \$10 to PMI-MCAC members and \$15 to non-chapter members. Walk-in registration is subject to availability and a \$5 registration surcharge.

Cancellation

Cancellations received by noon three (3) business days in advance of the event can be refunded (less applicable fees) or a credit for attendance to the next program can be granted. You may send a substitute in your place with advance notification.

Please contact the Vice President of Logistics with all registration concerns at logistics@pmi-mcac.org.

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