

NEIC PM News

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Our February Meeting

Special points of interest:

We have new members

Welcome to:
Jason Bussel and Sue Levan

The PMI Educational Foundation scholarships

The application deadline for academic year 2000-2001 was 15 February 2000.

PMP Certification Exams

In January, 998 applications for the Project Management Professional (PMP®) certification examination were processed. An additional 427 applications were processed as of 14 February 2000.

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Last month's meeting was anything but dull. Mike Hyland, PMP, of IBM Global Services, presented the topic Professionalism and Work/Life Balance. Mike's humorous approach to the topic was entertaining and informative. This is a topic that doesn't offer definitive answers, but members attending left with some great suggestions to help find their own answers. Thanks to Mike for a wonderful presentation!



This month's meeting will be held on March 16th starting at 5:30 with a social period. The topic for this month – "Gut Wrenching Profiles of the Project Life Cycle". See page 3 for more details.

Dave Maynard will be speaking on the Gut Wrenching Profiles of the Project Life Cycle in March

An Eye on PM—On Line Membership

PMI is preparing to debut its On-Line membership Services Program. The new program will allow individuals to join PMI, update contact information, add component membership, renew membership and request information on PMI programs, products and services—all via the Internet. Now at the internal pilot phase, PMI staff are entering membership application data and payments through the web site. The first phase of implementation will allow individuals to join PMI and components. Once the testing is completed, the first phase will be released.

On-line membership will provide the opportunity to increase membership recruitment and retention initiatives, increase our outreach to global membership and expand efforts to maintain and enhance the integrity of the PMI member database. This is being done as part of our ultimate goal to improve our responsiveness to members and customers world-wide. For additional information, please contact membershipmgr@pmi.org.

A Presidential Message

Hello!

This month, I'd like to tell you about the BOD's efforts to increase value, at the local level, for members of NEIC-PMI. As a BOD member last year, I received complaints that our chapter wasn't providing value for the \$20 local dues. Improvements we are making in this area include:

1. Offer professional development programs for our members and non-members. Offerings will include:
 - a) PMP class designed to cover the entire PMBOK in detail.
 - b) Study groups, review sessions, for persons preparing to take the PMP exam
1. PDU and CPE credits for meeting attendees who need PDUs for their PMP and CPEs for their Indiana held CPA licenses. (As the chapter can afford it, other types of accreditation licenses will be applied for. Currently AIA credits have been requested).
2. Monthly topics of interest not tightly or directly confined to PMBOK topics. This year, the BOD is working to bring interesting speakers and real-life topics to our membership.
3. Informing members of regional opportunities to learn and network with other PMI chapters.

As the chapter grows, we will continue to search for ways to increase value for our membership. Your local dues are important to us – they are the sole funding we receive to provide greater value to our members!

If you have suggestions or ideas for increasing value at the local level, I urge you to let any BOD member know!

June L. Ball, President, NEIC-PMI

Basic Knowledge Assessment

The Basic Knowledge Assessment (BKA) is now available on-line. The BKA is designed to measure basic but essential project management knowledge and is composed of a representative sample of questions from the project management process groups. The on-line BKA is available to anyone interested and the cost is \$35.00 per assessment. Those who wish to take the BKA should visit the web site of Assessment Systems, Inc. at www.asisvcs.com, click on Professional Certification, select PMI and click on Basic Knowledge Assessment to register. Once paid, the assessment can be taken immediately or at a later date. Specific questions regarding the on-line BKA should be directed to Certification programs Associate Joanna King at certasst3@pmi.org or 610-356-4600 ext 1033.

March Meeting Notice

Date: Thursday, March 16, 2000
Agenda: 5:30 *Social and Networking Time*
6:00 *Dinner*
6:45 *Announcements*
7:00 *Program*
8:00 *Adjourn*

Gut Wrenching Profiles of the Project Life Cycle

~~ by David Maynard ~~

David has over 24 years experience with high tech, leading edge and developmental projects. After successfully managing the recovery of several failing projects, David assumed the role of General Manager at a firm dedicated to the task of managing deeply troubled programs across all industries. He has successfully managed the project recovery of over \$1 billion in complex projects. David has received personal commendations from the US Navy, the US Coast Guard, NASA, the Air Force Space Command and Private businesses.

You won't want to miss this!!

Location: Don Hall's Guesthouse
1313 West Washington Center Road
Ft. Wayne, Indiana

Menu: Parmesan Chicken Breast, Tossed Garden Salad, Twice Baked Potato, Green Bean Almondine, Lemon Meringue Pie

Cost: Members: \$20 Non-Members: \$25

RSVP (Required): www.neic.projectmanagers.com

219-455-0372 (JLBall@LNC.com) by Tuesday, March 14, 2000

Please Note: Reservations must be paid at the door or will be billed.



Credit for attending?

CPE Credits Now Available!

It is our pleasure to announce that NEIC-PMI has obtained a license from the state of Indiana to offer CPAs Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credits for our monthly PMI meetings. Beginning in March, CPAs can earn 1.0 CPE credit for attendance of our monthly meetings!

Brief guidelines for awarding CPEs are as follows:

1. Measurement and reporting shall be in full hours with a fifty (50) minute instruction period equaling one (1) hour.
2. Actual time as lecturer, instructor, or discussion leader maybe included. Two (2) hours of preparation time shall be granted to each instructor per one (1) hour of CPE allowed time for the presentation.
3. Self-study courses offered by our chapter are eligible for CPE credits.
4. CPE credit can not be awarded for meeting conducted during eating periods, and business meetings for elections of officers, treasurer's reports or committee reports.

For further details or questions about the guidelines for awarding CPE credits, contact June Ball at 455-0372. In the coming weeks, Faye Webb and June Ball will be contacting local CPA organizations and businesses to announce this new service we are offering.

Note: Special thanks to Kristine Mountfort, CPA, of Ernst and Young, for this suggestion!

Professional Development Units (PDU) Credits To Be Offered

PMI Components can register with PMI to offer PDU Credits to PMPs. We are currently in the process of registering with PMI and hope to be ready to begin awarding PDUs to PMPs at our April 20th meeting. In the past, PMI required a \$750 annual fee to register and provide PDUs. After further research, it was determined that we did not have to absorb those costs so we are currently in process of completing the appropriate paperwork.

Online PMP Classes start April 1st

Dave Maynard has been working away diligently in an effort to provide our members with an easy way to study for the PMP exam. As reported in last month's newsletter, NEIC will be providing an internet based PMP certification course that contains 12 modules. The object is to provide a low cost, easily accessible PMBOK (plus) study course which will provide the student familiarity with the PMBOK knowledge areas required to sit for the PMP exam. This is an enormous advantage to our members based on it is self paced, affordable, and a student can start a new module every 3 weeks.

Based on our current schedule, rollout of the new classes is scheduled to begin on April 1st, 2000. Cost to NEIC Members will be \$100.00 for the series and \$150.00 for non-NEIC members. Payment must be made in advance. Modules are noted below. We already have a good number of future certified project managers that will be starting in April. If you are interested, please contact Dave Maynard at dave@maynard.com.

Modules

Week	Subjects	# PMBOK Pages	Difficulty
1	Introduction, Use of Web System, Review of Materials, Myths	Not applicable	VL
2	Chapter 1, Framework	8 pages	L
3	Chapter 2, Context	15 pages	M
4	Chapter 3, Processes	9 pages	M
	Chapter 4, Integration	8 pages + Appendix G	M
5	Chapter 5, Scope	12 pages	M
6	Chapter 6, Time	14 pages	M
7	Chapter 7, Cost	9 pages	M
8	Chapter 8, Quality	10 pages + Statistics	H
9	Chapter 9, HR	9 pages + Theories	H
10	Chapter 10, Communication	8 pages + Earned Value	VH
11	Chapter 11, Risk	11 pages	M
12	Chapter 12, Procurement	11 + Contract risk	M

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Helping to develop Project Management into the next century

Upcoming Meetings

April 20th— Julie Wilson will speak on Project Management into the 21st Century. Julie, a previous resident of Fort Wayne and our regional representative at PMI headquarters. She works and resides in the Los Angeles area.

May 18— Dr. David Turnipseed will speak on Organizational Culture and its affects on project teams. Dr. Turnipseed is an associate and acting director of the MBA program at IPFW.

September 19— Pending Speaker Confirmation

October 19— Speaker Needed

Professional Development Day

On behalf of the Northwest Ohio Chapter PMI I'd like to invite you and all of your chapter members and guests to attend our Professional Development Day on Friday, March 31, 2000 at the University of Toledo Seagate Campus in Toledo, Ohio.

The keynote speaker will be Dr. Harold Kerzner of Baldwin Wallace College, well known for his leadership role in defining excellence in Project Management. Dr. Kerzner will present the morning session "Excellence in Project Management". He is scheduled to speak from 9:30 - 12:30. We will also feature 4 of our own chapter members presenting 2 back to back concurrent breakout sessions to include "What You Need to Know about Creating Effective Program Sponsorship", "Project Management Best Practices", "Schmoozing and Project Management" and "Virtual Teams and a Communications Plan". Two of these speakers presented at the 1999 PMI conference in Philadelphia and are noted presenters.

Registration will be handled by the University of Toledo. You can register by calling (419) 321-5139 and mention the "Project Management Day Program # 6154". There is word document on our web site for you to download, fill out, and fax to the University of Toledo. <http://www.pmi.org/chapters/nwohio> The session will cost only \$79.00 for a registered PMI member and \$89.00 for a non-registered PMI member until February 28. After February 28th, it goes up to \$99 for everybody. This includes Dr. Kerzner, the 2 afternoon sessions, a small continental breakfast and lunch! Do plan on a full day from 9:00 - 3:30!

I'm looking forward to greeting you during our Professional Development Day! Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely Yours;

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Speakers Wanted

The North East Indiana Chapter is always looking for new speakers to challenge our membership with. If you or someone you know might have a subject that is of interest, please contact June Ball at JBall@LNC.com or 455-0372. We want to be sure to provide diverse, interesting subjects on a monthly basis that will provide knowledge and growth to all our membership. Beginning in April, 2 PDU credits will be available for our speakers.