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**News about the new  
PMI Leadership Institute.**

The Leadership Institute is an ongoing program designed to provide intensive training, development and support for a limited class of participants (maximum of 25 participants for the inaugural class) through five essential program elements. To find out more, go to [www.pmi.org](http://www.pmi.org)

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**March's meeting brings Rolling Wave**

During the March Meeting, Greg Githens gave an interesting review of the Rolling Wave Planning Methodology. He spoke on the ability of the Rolling Wave method to allow for planning to be done on an iterative process where not all the requirements were known. Greg is a noted speaker and published writer on the subject and provided the chapter with a very interesting evening.

In April, Stacey Smith will be giving an interesting review of the various planning requirements that are dictacted based on the PMBOK. In order to validate the process, an interesting and interactive session will be held that allows for real time validation of planning based on a real life project. Check out Page 3 for more information. I look forward to seeing you there.



**2nd Annual Membership Survey**

Once again, we will be surveying our membership in June. Last year's survey focused on meeting satisfaction and BOD performance. The BOD has not drafted this year's survey yet. If there are issues or concerns about our chapter you have, please let any BOD member know. Our survey has two purposes - a) to measure how well we are meeting your expectations, and b) finding out what your expectations and needs are in the future.

Watch for our survey in June - please take the time to fill out the survey and help us make the most of your PMI chapter!!

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## A Presidential Message

Hello!

As promised, this month I have submitted an article on the BOD's 2001 goals. This year, we are becoming more aggressive in the area of outward communication. Also, as the PMP is becoming more recognized and valued by corporations in our area and across the US, we are working to provide resources to help you get your PMP as well as resources to help you maintain your credentials. Please take a moment to review the Bod Goals for 2001 on Page 4 of this newsletter. If you can see a way to add to the value of the chapter, we'd appreciate the help!

I want to take the opportunity to thank you all for last month's meeting success! We had twenty-eight attendees - eight of which were guests! Thanks to members who invited guests, and thanks to all of you for making our guests feel welcome. I received several thank-yous and compliments from our guests (and our speaker) on how nice our members are. When I've asked for your help in attracting new members and encouraged bringing guests, a lively and pleasant evening like our March meeting was just what I had in mind!

Hope to see you at the April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting - it promises to be lighthearted and fun while being educational!

June Ball  
President, NEIC-PMI

## NEIC Financial Statement—April

<b>Previous Balance:</b>	<b>3,988.20</b>
<b>Cleared Checks and Payments</b>	<b>-1,200.88</b>
<b>Uncleared Checks and Payments</b>	<b>- 888.93</b>
<b>Deposits and Other Credits</b>	<b>1,760.00</b>
<b>Uncleared Deposits</b>	<b>800.00</b>
<b>Service Charge</b>	<b>-2.00</b>
<b>Ending Balance of Bank Statement</b>	<b>4,456.39</b>

### Dates to Remember in 2001

Meetings Schedule — We meet once a month, from September to April. Starting in 2001, NEIC PMI meetings will be held on Wednesdays. The meetings will be held on:

April 18th  
September 12th

October 10th

May 9th  
December 5th

# ***April Meeting Notice***

**Date:** Wednesday, April 18, 2001  
**Agenda:** 5:30 Social and Networking Time  
6:00 Dinner  
7:00 Program  
8:00 Adjourn

## **The Act of Planning**

**~~ Presented by Stacey Smith ~~**

*This presentation will allow for a real world look at planning based on a situation we can all relate to. Planning begins with the initiation of the project and continues through out, a tightly woven marriage between risk, quality, procurement, organization, cost, and communication. Without sufficient planning, implementation, tracking and oversight and closure are difficult if not impossible*

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

**Menu:** *Roasted Pork Medallions, Tossed Garden Salad, Au Gratin Potato, Fresh Broccoli, German Chocolate Cake*

**Cost:** NEIC-PMI Members: \$20; Non-NEIC-PMI Members: \$25

**RSVP Required:** Via the web at [www.neic.projectmanagers.com](http://www.neic.projectmanagers.com), or  
by calling June Ball on 219-455-0372,  
or e-mail to [JLBall@LNC.com](mailto:JLBall@LNC.com);  
by Friday, April 13, 2001

**Please Note: Reservations must be paid at the door.**

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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 Paula Felver at PJLBall@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.*

## 2001 NEIC BOD Goals

Last year, the BOD focused on rebuilding/revitalizing the chapter. As we go forward into 2001, our focus will shift to looking externally.

1. Increase recognition of our chapter in the Fort Wayne Area by:
  - Seeking coverage about our chapter and its goals from local newspapers and magazines
  - Continuing to make presentations to other professional associations and companies.
  - Contacting local executives in the Fort Wayne area. Establish an executive council to help guide us and help us network/access local executives.
2. Outreach Efforts - Create a new position on the BOD - Director of Social Events. This director will be in charge of organizing events of a fun nature and an outreach nature. Fun events may include golf outings, organizing teams to participate in charitable events, organizing event(s) to raise money for scholarships. The Director of Social Events will have the power to organize committee(s) to help make these event(s) possible. This position does not have BOD voting rights.
3. Continue to encourage more members to get their PMPs.
4. Work to raise average attendance at meetings to 30.
5. Continue to increase company and career diversity of membership.
6. Continue revamping the webpage as a resource for members and non-members, PMPs and non-PMPs.
7. PMBOK/PMP Class - Incorporate the new PMBOK as well as add new areas PMI will be testing PMP candidates on.
8. Begin working on creating a student chapter.

This year's BOD Goals are more difficult and more aggressive than last year's. We feel the time is right to establish our reputation among the community. The PMP and PMI are becoming recognizable names. The BOD is positioning the chapter to take advantage on the crest of this wave! As we move forward, your help and support is needed now more than ever!