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PMI NEIC Board of Directors (BOD)

Happy New Year from your 2006 NEIC Board of Directors (BOD)! The BOD is looking forward to providing you with another year of chapter fellowship, networking, and knowledge-sharing. Here is the list of members of the 2006 BOD:

Paula Felver, PMP - President

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January 25, 2006 Chapter Meeting

The first chapter meeting of the year will be held on January 25, 2006 at Hall's Guesthouse. The speakers for this meeting are **Paula and Denny Felver**, pictured below. The Felver's will present "**Organizing and a Scuba Diving Expedition**." There are many management skills used in organizing and leading a group of 12 divers on a scuba diving expedition.



The Felvers' explain, "We will show not only the management side of the trip, but also what goes into fish identification and videography."

Paula, BOD President, is an avid diver with over 400 dives under her belt. Her and husband Denny's website contains stories of many scuba expeditions and incredible pictures of the myriad fish

they've encountered.

Treat yourself to an online tour of the Felver's trips at www.felver.com.

The chapter meeting begins with a social hour at 5:30. Dinner follows at 6:00 and the presentation begins promptly at 7:00.

RSVP for the meeting online at the PMI NEIC website today.

Tips You Can Use

Project Management Risk Tips of the Day

Sherry Higgins, PMP

Tip #1: Have you ever thought of Risk as a Good thing?

Sure you have! If you have ever gone to your local convenience store and purchased a "scratch and sniff" lottery card, then you have looked at Risk as a good thing! "Project risk is an uncertain event or condition that, if it occurs, has a positive or negative effect on a project objective." So why not identify the risks so that we can "accentuate" the positive and "eliminate" the negative?

Tip #2: Life is full of risks, or uncertainty. How can you manage the unknown?

It's really simpler than you are making it out to be! You create contingency or mitigation plans! If you look before you cross a crosswalk, you are managing risks. You are developing a contingency plan on the fly! If you are baking a cake, you check to make sure you have the ingredients before you begin baking. If you don't have them, you make a plan to go purchase them. It's the same with project planning. Look at your project, ask "Where are the risks (identify) that can impact the success of this project?" and then make plans to mitigate them.

PM Around the World

The **2012 Olympics** presents a colossal challenge as the most demanding project the UK has faced this decade. Delivering successful games, of which this country can be proud, will require the highest levels of excellence in project management.

The complexity of delivering a triumphant games and the immovable completion date will inevitably require meticulous planning and a high degree of control. As a result, project management competence will be vital at all levels and across a range of disciplines including construction, logistics, planning, transport, and information and communications technology.

To meet this demand the University of Essex Southend is establishing a **Centre for Excellence in Project Management**.

Building on the success of the University's existing Project Management courses, it plans to extend the range of provision to offer a broad range of professional courses in project management and complementary development programmes.

The courses will have specific focus on equipping businesses with the skills and knowledge required for successful project completion and are designed to meet the varying levels of learning and development requirements (ranging from project administrators to executives). In addition, the Centre plans to offer a variety of bespoke project management consultancy services to facilitate knowledge transfer and provide interim project management solutions to local businesses.

The Centre will eventually be based in the Palace Hotel, an iconic landmark on Southend seafront currently undergoing refurbishment into a 4-star hotel and conference centre with management training facilities.

Linda Jones, Director of Development at the University of Essex Southend, says: "This is an exciting and unique opportunity for the University of Essex Southend to assist businesses in making a vital contribution to the successful preparation of the 2012 Olympiad and in doing so make a significant impact on the regeneration of the Thames Gateway."

Source: University of Essex, *UK News Release*