

Project Management Institute Portland Chapter

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Thought for the Month

The economy is downright scary right now and we are seeing the results of the past months of economic uncertainty and down turn. Locally, we are beginning to see more and more of our colleagues and friends caught in layoffs and scarcity of jobs. We as a board are discussing how the Chapter can respond to provide a positive force in the project management community during this time of economic negativity.

If you have ideas, please send me an email:



president@pmi-portland.org

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PMI Portland Launches New Website

Our Chapter launched its new Web site on December 1st 2008. Online visitors and members will now experience a more vibrant and seamless view of the PMI Portland Chapter and its deep online resources. The new site will provide easy access to information on the activities and services of the Chapter as well as links to a variety of great resources. Among the information that will be displayed on our new site:

- New way to subscribe for Job Service (members only) (see page 9)
- New way to subscribe for Roundtables (see page 9)
- New ways to provide feedback
- Easier access to report PDUs
- Members only content
- A comprehensive form allowing non-members to join
- Stylish Event Calendar

Please keep in mind that the new site is still evolving. There may be flaws in the system that we have yet to uncover. There are also new features that are still in the planning stages. This is a volunteer organization, and we are relying on YOU to help us by reporting issues, problems, ideas, suggestions...and kudos! We are working nonstop to ensure that the new site is useful to your needs, and we appreciate your patience.

Jimmy Godard, PMP VP Operations, PMI Portland

Chapter Meeting

December 16, 2008

<u>Keynote Presentation</u>: Project Control in an International Environment, by Kenneth O. Hartley, PMP

Educational Presentation: From Chaos to Control: Settling the Noise in the Hall, by Pete Wright

Register online by Mon. 12/15/2008

Click here for meeting logistics

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NOTE:

FEBRUARY meeting moved to 02/24/2009

The President's Corner

The holiday season is here—and as I expected is came in triple fast forward time. It seems to me that it should be about the middle of October not the beginning of December. We have had a very busy November with a special Chapter Meeting and the website migration.

The **November Chapter meeting** was one of our biggest turnouts and well received, based on our survey results. On a scale of 1 to 5, our average survey result from February 2007 is 4.25. The survey result for the November meeting was 4.48—and that was with the speaker's voice giving out because of a cold she picked up in her travels. We thank the Puget Sound Chapter for sharing this opportunity with us, ProjectCorps for sponsoring the meeting, the Programs and Marketing volunteer teams for making it happen, and thank *you* for supporting the opportunity.

Our **December Chapter meeting** promises to be just as interesting with Ken Hartley, one of our distinguished PMI Portland Chapter members presenting "Project Control in an International Environment." Ken has been active in both chapter and global level activities since 1974. He is a PMI Fellow, PMI's highest and most prestigious award that is presented to an individual, a former Chair of the PMI Board of Directors, and a member of the PMI-Portland Chapter.

As you may have noticed by now, we have **migrated our website** and have a new provider and a new look. Many of your board leaders and volunteers worked to make this migration of our services happen. We need to give an extra special thank you to our VP Operations Jimmy Godard and our Newsletter Editor and backup Webmaster Jani Hansen who have worked above and beyond to make this migration happen. Without them, we never would have been able to meet our deadline.

Take a look at the website and **send feedback** on what is good and what could be improved. You will find a Feedback link on the Home page. You will also want to update your profile if you

are interested in Roundtables or the Job Listings. Same URL: www.pmi-portland.org. Visit Soon.

With everything going on with our economy, this holiday season could be less than cheerful for many of our colleagues and neighbors. We will be offering an opportunity for helping the **Oregon Food Bank** at our December meeting. Our Director of Community Outreach, Rita Jenks is organizing a raffle so come to the December meeting with a few dollars—you may win a nice prize and more importantly you will help a good local cause.

Take care and I hope to see you at our December Dinner Meeting the 16^{th.} Have a Happy Holiday and take care of each other.

Thank You,

Dianne Johnson, PMP

Upcoming Chapter Meetings!

January 20, 2009

February 24, 2009 (change!)

Career Networking!!

Bring your resume to the Career Networking table during the Networking portion of the Chapter meeting to meet recruiters and other company representatives.

Watch for a special Career Fair coming in January!

<u>Click here for details</u> about our Job Posting Service

<u>Current subscribers must re-subscribe to</u>

the service—See page 9.

Our Meeting Sponsor

PMI-Portland extends a heartfelt "Thank You" to **DeVry University's Keller Graduate School of** Management for its recognition of the importance of professional development for project managers and sponsorship of this month's chapter meeting.

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat / Sun
December 1	2 PDX Board Meeting	3	4	5 SOUTH Roundtable NORTH Roundtable	6
	9 Workshop—Implementing the PMBOK	10	11	12 NW Roundtable	13 14
15 Online reg. closes for Chapter Mtg.	PDX Chapter Meeting NE Roundtable	17 Salem Lunch Meeting	18 Central OR Roundtable Eugene Meeting	19 WEST Roundtable Corvallis Lunch Meeting	20
22	23	DOWNTOWN Roundtable CANCELLED	25	26	27 28
29	30	31	January 1	2 SOUTH Roundtable	3 4
5	6	7	8	9 NW Roundtable	10 11

For details, click here for the PMI PDX Web Calendar





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October * Membership News

Thanks Chapter Renewals

Adamson, Russell Angel, David Bancroft, Russell Bauer, Dan Blanchard, Debra Bradley, Christie Brock, Robert Brummel, Jeff Bullion, Jeanne Bush, Steven Carpenter, Judi Catron, Heather Cazel, Jeff Chandler, Machelle Christensen, Kathryn Coleman, Adrienne Cooper, Christopher

Dow, James Stuart Doyle, Sean Engelhart, Bernadine Gargan, Jean Goff. Steven Gorden, Marlon Grant, W. Harrison, Tom Henderson, Jeffrey Herberger, Daniel Hilts, Robert Hollis, Daryl Hunt, Fletcher Iantosca, Suzanne Jackson, Michael Jensen, Kelly Jibben, Marla Johnson, David

Jorgensen, John

Kadera, Michael

Komer, Terry

Crane, Ben

Doren, Myles

Kresge, Mark Kuhn, Annette LeDuc, Cathy Linnell, Vivian Lorentz, Christine Lougee, Steven Lyons, Kevin MacLeod, Fred Magenheimer, David McGinnis, James Mihalik, Deborah Ann Molau, Markus Nelson, Carole Nequette, Amy Pemberton, Kathy Peterson, Gregory Pilgrim, James Pirtle, James Poulin, Mark Powell, Bruce Schaeffer, Michael Shastri, Prashant Soll, Jon Spriggs, Craig Taylor, Carol Tejadilla, Jose Thanner, Jane Tobias, Christopher

VerMeer, Marie

Walker, George

Walker, John

Warren, Allen

Weir, Michael

Wilson, Edwin

Young, Nathan

Zangara, Alfredo

Wilhelm, Wendy

Way, Steven

Viers, Mark

Congrats New PMPs

Bailey, Mark PMP
Benavidez, Dario PMP
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High, Kathleen PMP
Knapp, Chester PMP
Loock, Roger PMP
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Marti, Ken PMP
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Welcome New Members

Hennessy, Thomas

Honnappa, Lokesh

Arceneaux, Alan Auseklis, Nora Boal, David Conca, Mike Dixon, Lena Dutta, Madhulika Engel, Mike Ernst, Linda Flores, Roderick



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Inayoshi, Elizabeth
Johnston, Elizabeth
Matoza, Erin
McDowell, Ron
Parker, Edith
Pepperdine, Heather
Rogers, Christopher
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2009 Excellence in Project Management Award

The PMI-Portland Excellence in Project Management Award (EPMA) team will soon be rolling out the new and improved Project Management awards.

At the June meeting in 2009 we will be presenting three awards:

- Corporate Project of the Year (Original EPMA Award)
- Project Manager of the Year Award
- Student Project of the Year Award and \$1000.00 scholarship

More details will be coming soon. EPMA team members will be visiting the roundtables in the next few weeks and attending the

December 16th chapter meeting to spread the word and answer questions.

We are also looking for **volunteers** to fill a variety of roles on the team. Contact the team at the e-mail link below and join the fun!

For more information, contact the EPMA team at awards@pmi-portland.org.



EXCELLENCE IN PROJECT MANAGEMENT AWARD

Watch for more details in the January newsletter!

Keynote Presentation

Chapter Meeting

Project Control in an International Environment

The evening's presentation promises to be both informative and entertaining. The program will focus on the similarities and contrasts of performing scope, schedule and budget controls on domestic and international projects, with heavy emphasis on the international aspects. The presentation will be based on personal experiences on multiple very large capital projects on several Continents. It will provide both serious and humorous insights into planning and managing project activities. It will include looking at some of the things that can go very right (as planned) in the execution of design and construction mega-projects, and some things that can go not so right. Join us for an Inside Look at International Project Management!

About our Presenter:



Kenneth O. Hartley, PMP, has 43 years experience in the engineering and construction industry, both in the United States and overseas. He is a seasoned project controls specialist having developed and implemented scheduling, cost control, estimating and management reporting systems for several large, multidisciplinary

projects in over 20 countries. Ken is currently serving as the Program Manager on a major consulting assignment for the

Washington State Department of Transportation on the largest capital construction program (\$16 Billion) ever undertaken by the Agency. The assignment includes three projects – development of and assistance in implementation of strategic plan for managing the program; developing and implementing a Project Management Academy for enhancing project management skills for WSDOT staff; and designing, deployment and training of staff on an integrated project management and reporting system for the Agency. Since joining PMI in 1974, Ken has been active in both chapter and global level activities. He is a PMI Fellow, PMI's highest and most prestigious award that is presented to an individual, a former Chair of the PMI Board of Directors, and a member of the PMI-Portland Chapter. Hartley@pbworld.com

Have You Heard?

PMI is releasing new editions of four key project management standards on Dec. 31,

2008...to be followed by new credential exams in beginning June 30. 2009.

PMI recommends anyone taking the exam before June 30, 2009 use the PMBOK Guide—third Edition.

Watch this space for more information.

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Educational Presentation

Chapter Meeting

From Chaos to Control: Settling the Noise in the Hall

Politics. In-fighting. Distrust. When crisis hits your projects, are you prepared? What should be the greatest opportunity for team unity and accomplishment is often turned into a circular firing squad. From his time as director of public relations and new media at Apollo Group, Pete Wright has seen the highs and lows of project crisis response, and offers key strategies for ensuring your teams remain in tact, focused, and successful during crisis situations.

About our Presenter:

Pete Wright is a Storyteller. As a marketing and media consultant, he helps organizations find their stories, craft them, and share them with the public in new and engaging ways. Pete is a rabid proponent of social media and a regular speaker on engaging teams through interactivity online. He teaches marketing and public relations in the MBA program at Marylhurst University, is a regular podcaster, and has eaten a live octopus. Join us for an interactive and fun presentation!

December Menu:

Cider and Sage Basted Turkey Breast With Mashed Potatoes and Gravy

Chapter Meeting Logistics

- 4:00 Registration Table Opens
- 4:30 Educational Presentation
- 5:30 Networking
- 6:30 Dinner and Announcements
- 7:00 Keynote Presentation

Doubletree Hotel—Lloyd Center 1000 NE Multnomah

Portland, OR 97232

(503) 281-6111

Free Parking request a pass at the Reg table

<u>Map</u>

- **PMI Members** Keynote Presentation \$25, Educational presentation \$10, Both for \$35
- **Non-Members** Keynote Presentation:\$30, Educational presentation \$10, Both for \$40
- **Student Members** Keynote Presentation \$10
- **Student Non-Members**—Keynote Presentation \$15
- **Keynote Presentation only** (without meal) \$12

Pre-register for best price! Price is \$5 more at the door.

No refunds within 24 hours of the meeting

Contact the Director of Registration for registration questions.

A professional photographer will be on-site to document Chapter Meeting events and activities. Photos are the sole property of PMI Portland. By registering for or attending these events, attendees understand that all photos may be used for promotional





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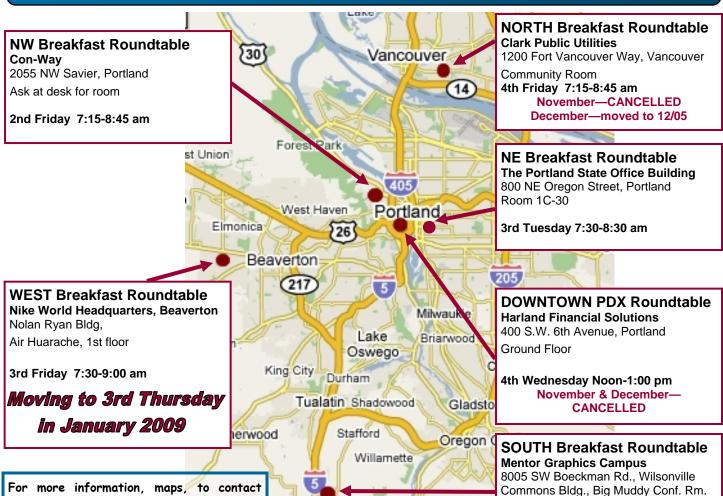




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Portland Area Roundtables



For more information, maps, to contact the moderator, or to RSVP for meetings, see the PMI Portland <u>roundtable webpage</u>.

New Roundtable Sign Up Process!

Wilsonville

All current members must re-subscribe. It only takes 3 minutes—See page 9



Program Management Forum presents its monthly Luncheon January 15 with Alisa Blum

1st Friday 7:15-8:45 am

"Building Bridges to the Generations"

- Doors open at 11:30
- Speaker at noon and
- Networking at 1:15-2pm

REGISTER NOW!

- Early online registration is \$30
- Registration at the door or cash \$35

www.programmanagementforum.org

PMI Portland News

Volunteer News

We value our volunteers! The continued success of the Portland chapter is a reflection of the time and commitment of our many volunteers.

We acknowledge and thank our members Amy Deters-Long, Sarabjeet Waraich, Brad Foster, and Brian Addington who have volunteered their time again at the chapter dinner meeting . We would also like to recognize Erik Odegard, our photographer, who diligently captures the faces and special moments during dinner and Rick Nobleman who has contributed his editing skills.

We have volunteer opportunities that fit your specific schedule, interests, and talents. Check our website (www.pmi-portland.org) to get more information and sign up -- or simply email volunteer@pmi-portland.org. Also, feel free to visit us at the membership table during our chapter dinner meetings to discuss your unique interests. Members of the volunteer pool will be the first to learn about new volunteer opportunities and will get the first chance to sign up.

We currently have two **Academic Outreach** positions - A School Liaison and School Presenters/ Facilitators. These positions will support both the Academic Outreach programs and the Excellence in Project Management Student Award.

Contact Rita Jenks, our Director of Community Outreach, at comm_outreach@pmi-portland.org

Sujitha Seevaratnam,

Dir. of Volunteers

December Outreach Fundraiser — Oregon Food Bank

Bring a few extra \$\$ to the December Dinner Meeting to help fight hunger in Oregon and Clark County.

- \$1 moves five pounds of food through the OFB food distribution program
- \$10 can fill an emergency food box to feed a family of 4 for 3-5 days
- Less than 5% of every \$ donated is used for administrative costs

You might even end up taking home a prize!



You can also donate online at: http://www.oregonfoodbank.org

Workshop-Implementing the PMBOK®

Creating a Project Management Plan

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• DATE Dec. 9, 2008

Click here for details and registration

• TIME 7:30 to 12:30

• PRICE \$125/person – PMI Portland Chapter Members, \$150/person – Non-members

• PDUs 4

About our presenter:

Balbinder K. Banga is the founder of Glacier Group Training, a company whose mission is to prepare students to successfully pass the Project Management Institute's PMPTM certification exam. Through the years, Balbinder has developed an extensive knowledge base on the PMBOK® and the PMPTM exam. She has written a 400 page PMP Exam Prep Booklet and taught her PMP exam prep class at Boise State University, Portland State University, and Simon Fraser University. Balbinder also teaches the class onsite at corporations in the Portland area.

PMI Portland News

New Roundtable Subscription Process

Effective December 1st, 2008, PMI Portland Chapter will change the subscription and communication processes.

How this impacts you:

- 1) You need to register (get a login) on the new PMI Portland Web site
- 2) You need to re-subscribe to one or more roundtables

1) How do I register (get a login) for the PMI Portland site?

a) PMI Portland members are already registered on our site (have a login and password):

Login: First initial and Last name Default Password: PMI Number

Go to 2) How do I sign up for a Roundtable?

- **b) Registered Non-Member**—If you have registered for a PMI Portland event recently, but are not a chapter member, you created a login and password at that time.
- Go to www.pmi-portland.org
- Fill out the "Send Feedback" form to request permission
- Select the Roundtable Sign up option under category
- Once granted permission, you will be notified via email (please allow 24-48 hours)

• Go to 2) How do I sign up for a Roundtable?

- c) New Non-Member—You can register on the site, creating a login and password, and subscribe to the roundtable(s) at the same time.
- Go to www.pmi-portland.org
- Click on the link for the "Non-member Subscription Form"
- Enter information in all the bold (required) fields.
- Once granted permission to subscribe, you will be notified via email (please allow 24-48 hours).
- Go to 2) How do I sign up for a Roundtable?

2) How do I sign up for a Roundtable?

- a) Log in to the PMI website
- b) Click on the My Profile menu at the top.
- c) Click Edit this Profile.
- d) Select one or more roundtables from the scrolling Elist Subscriptions field. Use the CTRL key to make multiple selections.
- e) If necessary, change the email address in the EList Email Address field. This defaults from your profile.
- f) Choose Save.
- g) View your selections to double check your changes.

Disclaimer: Those who sign up will also receive email regarding PMI Portland events.

Questions? Contact Bruce Rosenblatt at roundtable@pmi-portland.org or go to the roundtable@pmi-portland.org or go to roundtable@pmi-portland.org or go to <a href="mailto:roundtable@pmi-po

New Job Posting Subscription Process

The Job Posting Service is for current PMI Portland Chapter Members only. Effective December 1st, 2008, PMI Portland Chapter will change the subscription and communication processes.

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- 2) You need to re-subscribe to the Job Posting Service:

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How do I sign up for the Job Posting Service?

- 1. Log in to the PMI Portland chapter website (<u>www.pmi-portland.org</u>)
- 2. Click on My Profile to subscribe to the Job Posting Service.
- 3. Click Edit this Profile.

- 4. Select Job Posting from the scrolling Elist Subscriptions field.
- 5. If necessary, change your email address in the EList Email Address field. This defaults from your profile.
- 6. Choose Save.
- 7. View your selections to double check your changes.

Tips:

Ensure that your email provider and/or the email program you use will allow emails from @memberclicks.com and @pmiportland.org. All emails will come from this address, but if you can allow all mail from this email address AND from its subdomains, this will help ensure your job posting emails are not tagged as spam.

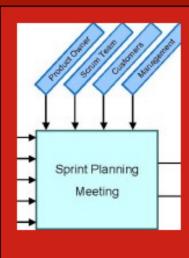
Post your resume on the PMI Headquarters <u>Job Control Center</u> website.

Disclaimers:

Chapter membership information is sent to us from PMI Headquarters and it may take 2 weeks to receive NEW member information.

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Questions? Contact <u>Jobs@pmi-portland.org</u> or go to the <u>Job</u> <u>Posting webpage</u>.



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Dates: February 9 - 13, 2008 from 8:00am - 5:00pm. Lunch will be provided.

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About PMI Portland

Charter The Project Management Institute chartered the Portland Chapter in January 1983. The Portland

Chapter of PMI is a non-profit professional organization dedicated to advancing the state-of-the-

art of project management.

To promote the profession of Project Management by creating a culture and community that fa-Mission

cilitates professional growth through education and volunteerism.

Held on the third Tuesday of every month except July and August. **Monthly Chapter**

> Check chapter website to confirm meeting dates. **Meetings**

Board Meetings Held on the first Tuesday of each month.

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