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Is it time to give back?

Please consider the opportunity to lend your talents, time and leadership in becoming an elected officer in your PMI-Portland Chapter. This can be a unique experience and personal growth to help guide the Chapter in a period of growth and achievement for the July 2008 - June 2009 administrative year.

For more information about the elected positions and their teams, go to the [Contact Us](#) page of the PMI Portland Website. There you will find documents listing current position descriptions.

Critical Dates:

- Open Nominations: April 2
- Close Nominations: May 2
- Open Balloting: May 7
- Close Balloting May 23

For questions please contact Cynthia Miller, Nomination Chair, (pastpresident@pmi-portland.org) or speak to any of the current officers. A list of their names and contact information is on the last page of this newsletter.

CHAPTER DINNER MEETING

February 19, 2008

- 4:00** Registration Table Opens
4:30 **Educational Presentation:** Jeff Oltmann,
Initiating and Scoping Projects
5:30 **Networking**
6:30 **Dinner and Announcements**
7:00 **Keynote Presentation:** Susan de la Vergne,
You Can't Manage Time!

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The President's Corner

The PMP credential provides project management practitioners with a globally recognized designation that serves as the foundation from which they can competently practice as a project manager leading and directing project tasks. By obtaining the PMP credential, project management professionals demonstrate their commitment to the profession. Utilizing the state-of-the-art resources and industry networking provided by PMI, PMP certificants stay abreast of the latest trends in project management.

When project managers get together at local meetings or PMI conferences one of the most common subjects that come up is certification and the Continuing Certification Requirements (CCR) necessary to maintain the certification better known as Professional Development Units (PDU).

The PDU discussion generally centers on:

- It is difficult to earn the required 60 PDUs every three years.
- It is too time consuming.
- Courses should be available that increase the number PDUs vs. time spent
- Opportunities for PDUs the Chapter provides are not convenient or worthwhile.

Typically, one PDU is earned for every on hour spent in a planned, structured learning experience or activity. First

let me summarize what the Chapter provides on a regular basis.

Possible PDUs Each Year:

There are generally 10 chapter Dinner meetings and 10 Education presentations	20
At least 50 Breakfast or Noon Roundtables (no cost)	50
There are generally four Chapter workshops	20+
Co-sponsored PSU/PMI Managing Projects and Programs Conference.	5
Elected Chapter Officer	10
Volunteer Director and active committee members.	5

*PDUs may also be earned:

- By completing an academic course for degree credit related to project management.
- By participating in specified professional activities such as:
 - Author or co-author of an article or textbook pertaining to project management (*including articles for this newsletter!*)
 - As a speaker/teacher/moderator or panel member on project management at a conference, symposium, workshop, or Chapter meeting.
 - Developer of content for a structured project

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Our Meeting Sponsor

PMI-Portland extends a heartfelt "Thank You" to **PointB Solutions Group LLP**. for its recognition of the importance of professional development for project managers and sponsorship of this month's chapter meeting.

Our Sponsor

Point B Solutions Group, LLP is the first professional services firm focusing exclusively on project leadership and execution. With practices in Seattle, Portland, Denver, Phoenix, San Francisco, Chicago and Los Angeles the firm provides clients with immediate, "as needed" access to a diverse and experienced staff of locally-based project leaders. Organizations, ranging from startups to Fortune 100 corporations, turn to Point B for its ability to step into any segment or role in a mission-critical project and help lead it to success.

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See **page 6** for Roundtable locations, and the [PMI Portland website](#) for event details.

February 2008 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Jan 27	28	29	30	31	Feb 1 SOUTH Rdtble	2
3	4	5 Board Mtg	6	7	8 NW Rdtble	9
10	11	12	13 PMI PDX Workshop Central Oregon Rdtble	14 AACE mtg	15 WEST Rdtble Corvallis Mtg	16
17 <i>Online registration deadline for chapter mtg</i>	18	19 Portland Chapter Mtg	20 Downtown Rdtble Salem Mtg	21 Eugene Mtg PMF Bkfst	22 NORTH Rdtble	23
24	25	26	27 Spring PMP class starts	28	29 ETHICS Rdtble	Mar 1
2	3	4 Board Mtg	5	6	7 SOUTH Rdtble	8
9	10	11	12 Central Oregon	13 AACE mtg	14 NW Rdtble	15

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January* Membership News

Welcome New Members



Bailey, Mark
Baumgartner, Miles
Bjorkman, Cynthia
Casebeer, Christian
Dorsett, Amy
Drentlaw, John
Elliott, Don
Ferrin, Richard
Green, Don

Hoke, Scott
James, Cheryle
Jones, Chris
Kurtz, Sue
Lacche, Justin
Lamberto, James
Lucich, Toby
Olson, Reese
Prabhala, Ganesh
Rhone, Henry
Schreck, Jeff
Shah, Darshika
Starr, Darren
Stoller, Debbie
Tidmarsh, Pat
Vandenberg, Christopher
Vogt, Stuart
Yano, Stephanie

Congrats New PMPs

Abilay, Faith Naomi
Albrecht, John
Carpenter, Judi
Christensen, Kathryn
Dahlen, Dean
Doyle, Sean
Holt, Jack
James, Cheryle
Jones, Chris

Kurtis, Amber
MacDaniels, Rebecka
Prosser,
Gregory
Vandekrol,
Zuleika
Way, Steven
Zupan, Greg



* Membership information is provided to the chapter monthly by PMI Headquarters. There may be a 1 to 2 month delay due to newsletter publishing constraints. Contact PMI Headquarters at (610) 356-4600 or www.pmi.org to change or manage your membership information.



Have You Heard?

Washington DC is the largest PMI chapter with almost 8,000 members. George Walker's daughter, Cheryl, served 12 years on the Chapter board, the last two as president. George attended the 30th Anniversary celebration of the Washington DC Chapter where Cheryl was recognized for her leadership. They were both recognized as the only father and daughter to have served as Chapter Presidents. George and Cheryl were also the first father/daughter team to earn their PMP certifications, Cheryl in 1994, and George in 1995.

Thanks Chapter Renewals

Aakre, Joseph
Anderson, Timothy
Annanie, Donna
Bakken, Barbara
Beazley, Bryan
Binette, Elisa
Binkley, Douglas
Bramhall, Paul Arthur
Burk, Terri
Busch, Jeffrey
Clawson, Rodger
Cooke, Karen
Cox, Dennis
Ellison, Diane
Featherly, John
Fertal, Myndi
FirstName
Fulton, Teresa
Gray, Clifford
Hammontree, Richard
Hayhurst, Ronald
Hinck, Peter
Hodor, Joanne
Horner, Stan
Huntsman, Gordon
Jaffe, Karen
Jones, Martin
Kerker, Alan
Khan, Sardar Zubairullah
Kline, Sandra
Knauer, Daniel
Lamb, Kelvin Con
LAmoreaux, Lauri
Larson, William
Lasiw, Melissa

Lattig, Chris
Lefebvre, Gerry
Lissit, Scott
Maddox, Nick
Mathers, Brandon
McGinnis, James
Miller, Nancy
Morgan, Daniel
Morse, Steven
Mounir, Nancy
Moyer, Robert
Pathak, Rabindra
Peden, George
Reilly, Sandy
Routtu, David
Ryden, Linda
Savage, Robert
Saye, Allen
Schader, Teresa
Schultz-Andersen, Bo
Schwabe, Judy
Siebenaler, Paul
Sims, Bernie
Smith, Clifford
Smith, Grant
Steinborn, Daron
Strong, Alan
Sutton, Judy
Swartzendruber, Cloy
Taylor, Corey
Taylor, Scott
Trautman, Randy
Tritz, William
Wolman, Ori
Zlatnik, Philip

Bring your boss to the March meeting

Linda Vella will present on "The Value of Project Management" at our March chapter meeting. Linda Vella from Toronto, Canada is the immediate past chair of the PMI Board of Directors. This will be an excellent opportunity to bring your boss and your colleagues to hear about the value of project management. The 25th anniversary of the charter of the Portland Chapter will also be recognized. This meeting will be the first event acknowledging the growth and longevity of our chapter. Please, plan to attend on March 18, 2008.

**Educational Presentation*****Initiating and Scoping Projects***

Too many projects get off to a bad start right at the beginning, with poor definition of why the project is being done and what the expected results are. This presentation shows you how to start a project right, using good chartering and scoping techniques to lay a solid foundation for project planning and execution. You will learn:

- How Rudyard Kipling's six honest serving men can help your project
- The benefits you get from chartering
- What information goes into a successful project charter
- An example charter template with instructions
- How to be SMART
- Using a charter for internal marketing
- Why it is important to separate product scope from project scope
- Tools for defining scope
- Using successive scope refinement

About the Presenter

Jeff Oltmann is a seasoned leader with over 20 years of experience managing successful technology programs. Jeff focuses on excellent execution. He ran the Program Management Office (PMO) and a \$60M project portfolio for IBM's xSeries development facility in Oregon. Jeff's hands-on program management experience includes program budgets over \$100M and worldwide cross-functional teams of over 100 members. He is on the faculty of the department of Management of Science and Technology at the Oregon Graduate Institute. Jeff teaches project management and portfolio management, is a certified Project Management Professional (PMP), and is principal consultant with Synergy Professional Services.

**Upcoming Chapter Meetings!**

MARCH 18
APRIL 15

Meeting Logistics

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(503) 281-6111



PMI Members - Dinner Presentation: \$25, Educational presentation: \$10, Both for \$35

Non-Members - Dinner Presentation: \$30, Educational presentation: \$10, Both for \$40

Student Members - Dinner Presentation: \$10

Student Non-Members—Dinner Presentation: \$15

Dinner 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.

PMP Exam Prep

June 16 – 20, 2008

**Become certified Project Management Professional!**

Earn up to 40 professional education contact hours!

Taught from the project life-cycle perspective, this class helps participants relate the various processes to how projects are managed. It also addresses the project management areas not covered by the PMBoK Guide® but that are essential to passing the exam. This approach improves your ability to analyze and respond to the situational questions. The class is fast paced and complete; all you have to bring is your enthusiasm!

The Cheshire Learning PMP Exam Prep course includes a complete study set: PMP Exam Prep book, course notes, and the PMBOK guide®. These are great study aides for anyone serious about passing the PMP exam. The total Cost is \$1850.00.

Dates: June 16 – 20, 2008 from 8:00am – 5:00pm. Lunch will be provided.

Location: Tigard/Tualatin

For more information contact Jan Hilbi, PMP at jhilbi@cl-pm.com

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Do you have an accomplishment to share?



Recently taken a new position? Begun a new project? Relocating? If so, please send submissions to newsletter@pmi-portland.com. Items will be included based on available space and editorial discretion.

Roundtable Kudos

“What a great group! My first PMI-PDX roundtable was a real positive experience. Thanks everyone. I left the meeting feeling fortunate to be a new part of such a diverse and motivated group of project and program managers.

Cheers,
Justin Lacche
Senior Project Manager
Kelly Engineering”



PMI Portland Area Roundtables Join the Discussion and Earn 1 PDU

	<h2>PMI Portland Area Roundtables</h2> <h3>Join the Discussion and Earn 1 PDU</h3>	
Feb 1 March 7 (7:15 am)	SOUTH BREAKFAST ROUNDTABLE Mentor Graphics Campus 8005 SW Boeckman Rd. Wilsonville <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commons Building, Big Muddy Conf. Rm. 	
Feb 8 March 14 (7:15 am)	NW BREAKFAST ROUNDTABLE Con-Way 2055 NW Savier Portland <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st floor - Ross Island Room 	<p><i>For more information, to contact the moderator, or to RSVP for meetings, see www.pmi-portland.org/events/meetings/roundtables.htm</i></p>
Feb 20 March 19 (12:15)	MID-DAY MID-WEEK PDX ROUNDTABLE Harland Financial Solutions 400 S.W. 6th Avenue, Portland <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ground Floor For more information contact Bruce Rosenblatt, Director of Roundtables, at roundtable@pmi-portland.org .	
Feb 15 March 21 (7:15 am)	WEST BREAKFAST ROUNDTABLE Nike’s World HQ Facility Beaverton <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lance Armstrong Fitness Center, Santa Barbara Conf. Room 	February topic — “Good to Great Project Management”
Feb 22 March 28 (7:15 am)	NORTH BREAKFAST ROUNDTABLE Clark Public Utilities 1200 Fort Vancouver Way Vancouver <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Room 	NOTE DATE & LOCATIONS CHANGES! Clark County Public Utility - Address is 8600 NE 117th AVE, Vancouver WA. (the corner of 117th and Paddon Parkway) Community Room is located in brick building on the left hand side, as you enter the driveway.
Feb 29 (4:00 pm)	ETHICS ROUNDTABLE Portland State University For more information contact Bruce Rosenblatt, Director of Roundtables, at roundtable@pmi-portland.org .	Meets quarterly.



PMI PORTLAND NEWS



Volunteer News

A big thank you to all our volunteers especially Kevin Nichols, Chris Brill, Chandra King, George Ptasinski, Ethan Matthes, and Georgia Bosse for doing a great job helping out with the registration table and photos this past month.

The Chapter is currently looking for a volunteer Director of Newsletter Content Management, who will work with Newsletter Editor (Operations) to generate the monthly newsletter and work with the Board to set strategy for the future, produce newsletters with high quality content that is applicable to our membership mix. PDUs: In accordance with PMI standards.

We are also seeking experienced speakers or instructors to work with our Fall 2008 and Spring 2009 PMP Exam prep class. It entails three sessions for a volunteer over a 12 week period; a kick off meeting with the instructors, the 3 hour class, and a 40 minute wrap up session on the last day of course. The presentation slide decks have already been created; co-teaching is encouraged.

If you are interested, please contact Elisa Mene, Director of Volunteers at volunteer@pmi-portland.org.

2008 Excellence in Project Management Award

The PMI-Portland Excellence in Project Management Award (EPMA) honors a project team for their superior management of a recently completed project. The primary goals of the award are to:

- Recognize and celebrate project excellence in the Portland community
- Increase awareness of project management principles and disciplines
- Encourage PMI-Portland member involvement
- Increase Portland metro business community awareness of PMI and the PMI mission

All projects completed between January 1 and Dec. 31, 2007, regardless of size and industry, are encouraged to participate. A panel of judges will evaluate projects based on alignment with PMBOK, project leadership, team management, project complexity, strategic alignment.

For more information, application guidelines and application forms, please visit PMI-Portland [website](#), or contact the EPMA team at awards@pmi-portland.org.

Application deadline is April 4th, 2008

Project Management Quotes

"We trained hard...but it seemed that every time we were beginning to form up into teams we would be reorganized...I was to learn later in life that we meet any new situation by reorganizing, and a wonderful method it can be for creating the illusion of progress while producing confusion, inefficiency and demoralization."

Charlton Ogburn Jr., 1957

"I love deadlines. I love the whooshing noise they make as they go by."

Douglas Adams

"I don't know the key to success but the key to failure is trying to please everybody."

Bill Cosby

"Nothing will ever be attempted if all possible objections must first be overcome."

Samuel Johnson, 1759

Compiled by Mike Harding Roberts

Mark your calendar!

PMI Chair Linda Vella will speak at the March PMI Portland meeting!

**President's Corner (cont.)***(Continued from page 2)*

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learning program.

- Practitioner of project management services for more than 1500 project work experience hours.
- Self-directing learning activities involving personally conducted research and study.
- Attending educational programs provided by Registered Educational providers.
- Voluntary service to professional or Community organizations.

*The above is a summary. Please refer to the PMI CCR handbook for complete detail.

Your chapter is the primary source to earn PDUs and the Portland Chapter is proud to provide a significant list of convenient opportunities. Keeping up your certification can be simply accomplished by just participating in chapter functions. PMI stresses and encourages members to associate with Components (Chapters, SIGs, and Colleges) because this interaction with other members strengthens understanding of the mission and vision of the whole organization. This association and interaction also develops the soft skills so vital to the success of a project manager in actual job situations. The latest initiative by PMI encouraging increased association within Chapters, SIGs, and Colleges, was by Linda Vella, immediate past chair of PMI, and Mark Langley, Chief Operating Officer, who wrote the following letter to all new members that joined PMI since July 1 of 2007, but who did not affiliate with a Chapter:

"Because we recognize the value Components bring to PMI Members, we have crafted a "Component" promotion that was sent to all new members who joined PMI between 1 July 2007 and 31 December 2007 but did not join a PMI Component. The promotion will offer these members the opportunity to join a Component of their choosing at no

cost to them. For all Component memberships generated by this promotion, PMI GOC will remit the dues to the Component."

"The PMI Board of Directors, CEO and staff fully and enthusiastically support Chapter, SIG and College membership around the world. As our organization matures and continues to serve a growing number of project management professionals, we are learning more and more about how best to meet their needs for information, networking and career advancement. We are committed to working positively together towards delivering a successful and rewarding PMI experience to members."

I would encourage members to reassess the premise made earlier in this article. I hope you would come to the conclusion that: It is not difficult to earn PDUs. It takes time, but it can be pleasurable and productive time. Sixty hours over three years is a lot of time, but if you chose wisely, it can be a very beneficial time in terms of your career development. Once you make the commitment, you will find that not only is it convenient, but very worthwhile. The real value is self-development and the need to be current in your field.

The final point I would like members to consider: Should it be easy to earn PDUs? Should something that is valuable and intrinsic to the profession of Project Management be achieved without considerable personal effort? That is not the case in other professional certifications such as Engineering, Law, Education, and the medical field. These certifications tend to be much more rigid and difficult to achieve. Should a certified Project Management Professional certification be anything less?

**George Walker, PE, PMP
President**

WRITE AN ARTICLE and EARN PDUS!

**WRITE AN ARTICLE OR BOOK REVIEW
FOR THE NEWSLETTER! [Details.](#)**

Contact newsletter@pmi-portland.org



Keynote Presentation

You Can't Manage Time

Are you double-booked? Triple-booked? Scrambling to make a deadline you didn't agree to? Eating lunch every day at your desk (when you eat it at all)? Behind on your status report? Late to meetings? Frantic? Despondent?

You have plenty of company. Overwhelmed professionals are doing their level best to get it all done amid competing priorities in a "do it now" work culture. Meanwhile, we struggle to achieve some work/life balance as we knock things off our "to do" list, all the while dreaming of achieving the perfect "time management" formula. But wait! There's no such thing as "time management"!

That's right: *You can't manage time.* You can't make it last longer or spend it faster than it comes to you or save it up for later. No, time simply proceeds as it always has, uninterrupted. All you can do is live within it.

The secret to productivity isn't managing time. It's managing yourself—your creativity, your energy, your communication, your outlook. While it's tempting to feel

that much of the problem is beyond your control, the truth is it's not. Much of the secret to success lies within you.

"You Can't Manage Time" explores several areas of improvement—among them procrastination, professionalism, communications and work/life balance—with some fresh ideas to apply to this persistent problem.

About the Presenter



Susan de la Vergne is a keynote speaker, writer and instructor who helps engineering and high tech professionals meet leadership challenges—management and project management, presentation skills, sustaining teams and improving personal productivity. Her well-researched material draws on her 25-year career in Information Technology management, where she worked primarily for major corporations leading large teams, high dollar projects and organization-wide change initiatives. She is the author of *You CAN'T Manage Time - But You Can Manage Many Priorities*. Her new book, *Engage, Prepare, Deliver: Effective Technical Presentations*, is due out in June 2008. She is a member of the National Speakers Association.

Essential Tools for Project Management - from Clackamas Community College

Are you or someone you know new to project management? Would you like a convenient, comprehensive review of project management tools? Clackamas Community College will offer its popular course, BA120 Project Team Tools, in an online format spring term. In the course, you will:

- Initiate a project charter,
- Identify project constraints and assumptions,
- Create a project work breakdown structure,
- Develop a network diagram from a work breakdown structure,
- Identify a project's critical path,
- Practice crashing and fast tracking,
- And more!



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Connie Plowman—PMI Leadership Advisory Group

Connie Plowman is one of the most dedicated and tireless volunteers for PMI Portland chapter. Starting in January this year, she is a member of PMI's Leadership Institute Advisory Group, which works with PMI Learn, the global Leadership Institute Meetings, and the Leadership Institute Masters Class. Connie is a 2007 graduate of the Masters Class.

Connie has been volunteering for a long time now, starting in 1998. "What got me involved in PMI was that I wanted to get certified as a PMP. What better way to do that than to hang out with people who were certified," she says. She volunteered to be VP of Certification and did that for 3 years, which she found to be very rewarding. After she got certified, she was motivated to help others and decided that it was time to grow her leadership skills. She then became President-Elect for the chapter in the year 2000, Chapter President, then Past President. "I grew my leadership skills to the nth degree during that time," she says.

Following this 3-year commitment of chapter leadership, she became a Component Mentor and did that for 2 years. In this position she worked with Region 1 chapter presidents and their boards, which spans from Alaska to Utah. She got to see many different chapters and spent a lot of time on the road. Working primarily with the board and chapter presidents, she mentored them in strategic planning, Components 101, helping them understand the PMI organization and available resources, provide value to the membership, etc.

As soon as this rewarding experience ended she was selected to join PMI's Leadership Institute Advisory Group, which begins a commitment of 2 years.

As if all this volunteer work were not enough to occupy her time, she is Chief Operating Officer for Cadence Management Corporation, a Charter Global Registered Education Provider for PMI. The company provides Project Management training and consulting services worldwide.

At Cadence, Connie is a corporate officer responsible for management of day-to-day activities of the corporation, reporting directly to the CEO. She is a member of the Cadence Leadership Team supporting the organization's mission and strategy, contributing to the planning, organizational development and direction of the business. Working with Cadence's worldwide custom-



ers, Connie has the opportunity of talking daily with global clients about their project management needs and challenges.

Cadence Management Corporation has an extended team of seminar leaders and Global Solution Providers around the world working in Japan, Mexico, Costa Rica, Finland, Netherlands, Chile, Germany, Ireland, U.K, etc. Providing training and consulting in different foreign languages, Cadence truly is a global company.

How does she juggle the dual responsibilities of volunteer work as well as her job? "I thoroughly enjoy the work and have a passion for the profession. I thoroughly enjoy PMI and working with many outstanding volunteers in PMI. I am addicted to Project Management," she says. "It is a juggling balance. We are a global company and so we are pretty much 24x7 in terms of the organization. I would not have gotten this

position had it not been for the leadership skills that I got from PMI. I am grateful for the leadership opportunities that PMI has provided me," she adds. "My company is a Registered Education Provider for PMI and so it is very important to our business. We want to be leading the profession."

"PMI is always looking for terrific volunteers. There is a volunteer page on PMI.org on which lists open positions on Standards, PMBOK updates, working on all kinds of volunteer committees, etc. PMI does not come to you and tell you that you would be perfect for this volunteer opportunity. Application forms are sent to the whole membership," she says. Connie filled out an application form to be part of the Leadership Institute's Advisory Group and submitted it to PMI. The selection process was very intense and she is honored to have been selected. The Advisory Group consists of 8 global volunteer leaders. As part of the advisory group, she will participate in suggesting improvements to the processes of PMI's Leadership Institute program.

Where will she go from here? Her new position started in January this year. She will be going to Philadelphia for an orientation and to learn more about her new role. Beyond that, she doesn't know. "This is a 2-year commitment. There are so many opportunities within PMI as they always want to groom the next leader. We are always growing leaders and grooming our replacements," she concludes.

Article by Alpesh D. Parikh, chapter member



Portfolio Spotlight—Professional Development Program

The Professional Development program consists of three components:

- Certification
- Workshops
- Mentoring

Certification

The Certification team is led by **Steve Wollenburg, PMP**. Steve is an Air Force veteran, currently finishing his last term in the DeVry Master's of Business Administration. Much of his experience is in the IT industry. **Steve** took the Chapter's PMP class several years ago, and has been contributing to the program ever since. He leads twelve PMP instructors from the chapter in two PMP Exam prep classes each year. If you have any questions on obtaining your certification, please write him at certification@pmi-portland.org.

The Spring 2008 class is currently open for enrollment, and will run from Feb. 27th until May 17th, on the Tektronix campus in Beaverton. (Check the Education link on www.pmi-portland.org for further information). Experienced volunteer instructors in the program include: **Scott Stanko, Jeff Busch, Jeff Caton, Jeff Carpenter, Jan Hilbi, Steve Brook, Roger Parish, Jake McMichael, Brad Hermanson, Linda Blakely, and Alan Strong**; all are certified PMPs, and several have served the Chapter in other capacities, such as board positions.

Workshops

The Workshop team is co-directed by **Willem Stoeller, PMP** and **Darin Goble, PMP**.

They strive to provide five to seven workshops each year to the chapter, from half to full day in length, and with a wide variety of topics. **Willem** is Vice President at WeLocalize, a localization vendor. He's held senior management positions at Andersen Consulting and at US software companies. Willem has served on the Board of the Project Management Institute Silicon Valley Chapter. He is also a frequent lecturer at the Chico State and Localization World.

Darin is a Program Manager at WeLocalize. He serves on the international Localization Roundtable Advisory Board, and is a presenter at Localization Institute. The next workshop will be held February 13th. Jeff Berman will be teaching us to "Maximize Project Value – How to get your pro-

jects approved with top management buy-in". It is open for registration under the Education link at www.pmi-portland.org. Darin and Willem can be reached at workshop@pmi-portland.org.

Mentoring

The Mentoring program is led by **Kay Pexa, PMP**. Kay is an IT Project Manager at PGE. The program is nearly planning completion, and expects to start a pilot project next month. We look forward to chapter members coming forward to participate as mentors and mentees! Please submit your contact information or questions to Kay at mentoring@pmi-portland.org.

Leadership

Trying to keep up with these high caliber individuals, and adequately break down barriers for their successes is VP of Professional Development, **Pam Banning, PMP**. Pam works with health information exchange prototype projects for 3M Health Information Systems, from local public health departments to federal level agencies projects on bioterrorism surveillance and quality research.

The team could always use additional resources, if you're interested in volunteering. Backup or co-instructors are needed for the PMP Exam Prep classes; Mentoring will be posting information for mentors/mentees soon; ideas for workshops are welcome; the team will be assisting with finding speakers for the July Portland State University Project Management conference as well. Any and all questions are welcome at vp_prof_devel@pmi-portland.org.

Pam Banning, VP Professional Development

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Reach out to our over 1200 members!

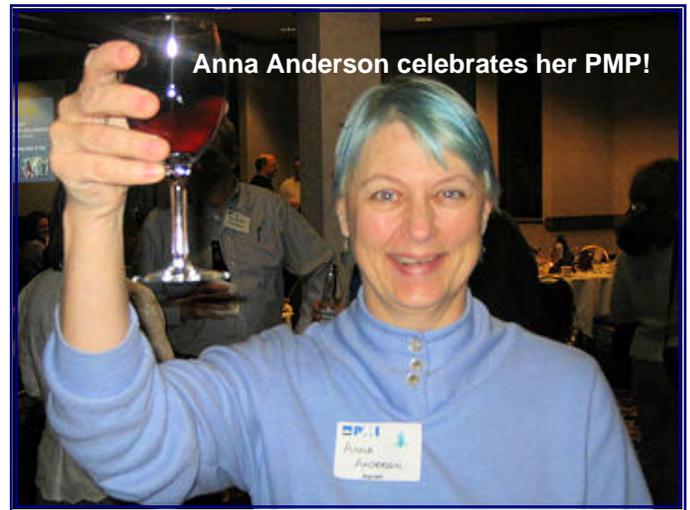
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Faces from the January Chapter Meeting



*Many thanks to
Kevin Nichols for
the photos*





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