
PMI GLC President's Message

Dear Members,

This is the last time I am writing in this newsletter as the President of the Great Lakes Chapter. This was an exciting year for the chapter and for me personally. It was a proud moment for me to stand in front of the members during the Annual Business Meeting last month and inform every one of our achievements during this year. In addition to our regular events, we successfully completed twenty-two new initiatives this year. There are more initiatives that are presently under planning or execution phases. All these initiatives will help improve chapter operations and benefit members in the long run. The presentation from the annual business meeting will be added to the chapter's website for your review.

The main reason for the successes of this year is due to our motivated volunteers. These volunteers are passionate about project management and volunteering. I'll take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers for their contributions this year and hope that they will continue to contribute in coming years.

I would like to thank the members of the executive committee and the board for giving me an opportunity to lead the tenth largest chapter in the world. Their continuous support was a big motivation for me. I would also like to thank you, all the chapter members, for your support and participation. Your suggestions were very helpful in planning many of these initiatives.

We have an excellent team leading the chapter next year. The team has already started working on the activities for 2007 and beyond. I am confident that you will continue to support the 2007 team lead by the incoming president, Don Blouin. As many of you know, this is not the end for me. As the Immediate Past President, I will continue to be involved in the chapter activities. Additionally, PMI has appointed me as the Component Mentor for PMI Region 4, also known as East Central North America. With over 23,000 members in 24 chapters, Region 4 is the world's largest PMI region in membership.

Thank you once again and I look forward to seeing you in future events.

Suketu Nagrecha, PMP, MBA
President, PMI Great Lakes Chapter

PMI-GLC Announcement – December 11 Dinner Meeting

The Great Lakes Chapter is pleased to welcome Thomas J. Mattus, President and Co-founder of Successful Strategies International, Inc. (SSI). Tom is the President and Co-founder of SSI. SSI has been a successful training, leadership and mentoring organization that specializes in hands-on Application Project Management and Leadership Development. Prior to forming SSI, Tom was involved with the startup of several training organizations. Tom also was a senior manager at American Express and at Travelers Corporation. Tom brings to SSI over 25 years of professional experience in training and business management and development.

Tom will provide a presentation on:

- * The greatest skills leaders can have
- * Top five contributors to leadership failure
- * Main cause of leadership failure
- * The role of the leader
- * How leaders can become more effective

For additional details and to register, please visit www.pmiglc.org.

PMI-GLC Announcement - By Scott Anderson, VP of Communications

Eastern Michigan University announces Masters Certificate in Project Management Certificate Program to be offered at Livonia Location

Eastern Michigan University is announcing an 18-day Masters Certificate in Project Management. Lisa Renchick-Perkins of EMU says this is an outstanding program for professionals pursuing a career in the growing field of project management.

The program is delivered in eight modules over five months, scheduled mainly on Fridays and Saturdays to minimize work conflicts. It will be held in Livonia from March 2007 through June 2007. The instructors, Renchick-Perkins said, are experienced project managers, and a different instructor teaches each session.

Renchick-Perkins explained that the program encompasses the fundamentals of the internationally accepted PMBOK in a format compatible with the time constraints of working professional project managers.

The program will be helpful for project managers who do not yet hold the PMP certification as well as experienced PMP-credentialed project managers. Renchick-Perkins said the program is driven by a comprehensive project management simulation threaded throughout all portions of the program.

Persons wishing more information can go online to www.ce.emich.edu/project or call EMU at (734) 487-9158, or contact EMU by e-mail at non.credit@emich.edu.

Sponsored Announcement - Affordable PMP® Exam Prep

Get your career in gear for 2007! Register for PMP® Exam Prep now for January 25 - 26, presented by Hans Jonasson, PMP of JTC Unlimited. Early registration ends December 28. Price: \$745. JTC Unlimited is an approved PMI® Registered Education Provider. Visit www.JTCunlimited.com/events.htm.

Sponsored Announcement - RMC Project Management

Upcoming PM Training Courses in the Detroit Area PMP® EXAM PREP (2 days, 16 Contact Hours)

"Pass the PMP® - Guaranteed!"

Detroit, MI November 30th – December 1st

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Sponsored Announcement - Project Management Methodology

Drive your projects to success, by using the MPMM Project Management Methodology. It helps you complete every step in the lifecycle by giving you all of the project management tools, templates, processes and methods you need. Download a free trial today. www.MPMM.com.

The Jobs Board

The chapter website has a self-service jobs board where companies in the area are posting jobs in the project management field. Visit <http://www.pmiglc.org/jobs/index.php> for more information.

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