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Your 2005 Board:

Two New Members and Two Role Changes

In September, the NEIC announced three open positions on the 2005 Board of Directors: VP of Administration, VP of Programs, President.

Nominations were taken at our October meeting and the current Board of Directors confirmed the nominees at the November Board of Directors meeting.

Please welcome Kathy Keeterle as VP of Administration and Dale Vollenweider as Assistant to VP of Programs.

Pat Ruger, PMP, has accepted the role of VP of Programs. Thank you for all you have done in years past as Assistant to the VP of Programs.

A special welcome is extended to our new President, Paula Felver, PMP.

We know you join the 2004 Board of Directors in thanking Janice Eplett, PMP, for her dedicated service during her tenure as President. We wish her the best in her future endeavors and look forward to her continued presence at our evening programs. **Thank you Janice!**

January Program

The Board of Directors invites you to join us for the January 26, 2005, PMI-NEIC Evening Program! Note the new day of the week - Wednesday! NEIC Chapter members may bring a guest to the program free!

Our featured speakers will present the "Art of Publishing". Richard Cummins, Editor-In-Chief, will address the Fort Wayne Business Journal. Jessica Gize, Editor-In-Chief, will speak on behalf of Women connecting through Health Cares. Lynette Donley, Sales Director of both magazines, will comment on 1) training and management of the sales staff, and 2) making advertising work for the advertiser to attract prospective readers and possible consumers.

Menu: Pork Loin, Pasta Salad, Baked Sweet Potato, Broccoli, German Chocolate Cake

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Attend the January Program to Hear

The Art of Publishing

Wednesday, January 26, 2005

5:30 PM Social Time

6:00 PM Dinner

7:00 PM Program

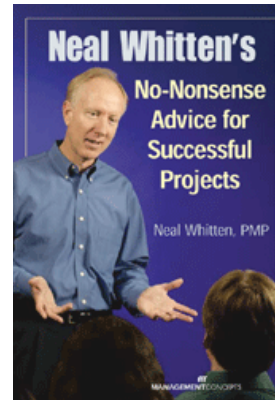
Don Hall's Guest House

1313 West Washington Center Road

New Manager, PMI Public Relations Appointed

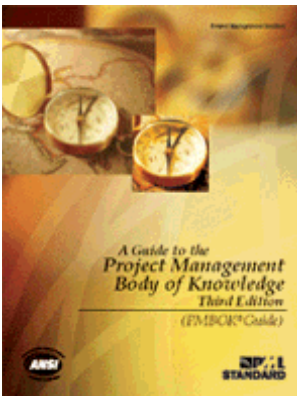
PMI is pleased to announce James (Bim) McGeehan has been promoted to the newly created position of Manager, Public Relations. McGeehan originally joined PMI as PMI's Public Relations Specialist and in the last year played an integral role in the creation and introduction of the Institute's Advocacy Plan including the CEO Roadshow and Media Tour while facilitating the Institute's core public relations efforts as well.

In this new capacity, he will direct and manage overall and day-to-day functions of the global public and media relations program on behalf of PMI. McGeehan serves as the primary proactive resource across the organization for all activities to attain public relations objectives and related return on investment. Additionally, he will ensure successful execution and seamless alignment of all global advocacy efforts. Prior to joining PMI in January 2004, McGeehan worked in a variety of capacities at Conrail, Inc., for 26 years, most recently as Vice President—Corporate Affairs and Corporate Secretary. As such, he directed the company's government and legislative affairs work, facilitated 24/7 media relations and oversaw all corporate and employee communications. The position reports directly to Gary Boyler, Director, Brand Management. (gary.boyler@pmi.org)



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Format: Paperback
Subject: PM Tools
Publisher: Management Concepts
Author: Neal Whitten

Description: There's no better way to learn the nuts and bolts of a profession than by having a mentor at your side. But most project managers and leaders don't have that advantage — and that's why Neal Whitten wrote this book. Having Neal Whitten's *No-Nonsense Advice for Successful Projects* on hand is like having a mentor to guide you at every turn in the road. Neal shows you how to avoid a painful learning curve with a set of best practices for leading consistently successful projects. In this book, Neal distills his 30 years of experience into tips and strategies that are easy to learn and apply to your projects. These strategies will give you a decisive competitive edge in leading projects and working with stakeholders, clients, and team members. Learn how to run your project like you'd run your own business; become a "benevolent dictator" for the most effective leadership; recognize and deal with professional immaturity; deal with difficult people; master behaviors that will make your team leaders' jobs easier and benefit your own career; assess if you're too soft — and learn to make unpopular decisions; if they're necessary to project success; create a culture that fosters the success of your project; gain the respect of your team members; avoid making long-term project commitments and manage to your top three problems.



The paperback and CD versions of the much anticipated *A Guide to Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide)*—Third Edition are now available.

Prior to this distribution, all PMI members will receive their complimentary copy (CD version) of the new

Standard. If you are purchasing your *PMBOK® Guide* to study for the CAPM or PMP Exam, please be aware of the important dates and changes related to the exams and the new edition.

The Milestone is published by the Northeast Indiana Chapter (NEIC) of the Project Management Institute (PMI).

Articles for **The Milestone** can be submitted to the newsletter editor at:

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CHAPTER NEWS

Next Program: February 23, 2005

Welcome to Our Newest Member!

Kevin Michalski

Joined the Chapter in December!

December Month-End Membership

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Congratulations New PMPs !

Sandy Huk

Steven Kepler

Melody Tyler

**Percentage of PMPs
to Total Membership**

51%

Sign up for the February PMP Exam Preparation Online Class at www.pmi-neic.org!

Meets PMI requirements for contact hours

- One on one interaction with the instructor
- Class Discussion forum
- Corrections and suggestions on all weekly sample problems

Discussions with classmates and instructor

- A very active, private, discussion forum
- Learn from fellow Project Managers
- Email notification of responses to your messages

Flexible Schedule

- The pace can be varied to suit student's needs
- Log on to the class 24 / 7
- No set class time

Flexible Locations

- Attend class from work or home or while traveling
- Students can be in ANY geographic area.

Our Internet-based class is intended for both those intending to pass the PMP exam and those that have already passed the PMP exam, but need re-certification credits. We'll cover the entire PMBOK Guide and hundreds of original practice questions in eight weeks. You will need a copy of the PMBOK guide, Internet access and Microsoft Office.

Each student will be required to "attend" a few hours a week, (but not on weekends). There will be typed lectures; PMBOK guide reading assignments, a group discussion of selected topics and weekly exam-type questions.

NEWS BITES

Professional Development

PMI Western Michigan Chapter in partnership with IIL is sponsoring "Best Practices in Project Management" with Dr. Harold Kerzner on March 16, 2005. Check out their website for details and to register: www.westmichpmi.org.

PMI Broadens Reach with Revised CAPM™ Credential

Project Management Institute (PMI), the world's leading not-for-profit advocacy association for the project management profession, has introduced a revised version of its Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM™) certification. This revamped credential is specifically designed for those who work on project teams, for those who are just getting started in the project management profession, or for student who are interested in pursuing a career in the project management profession.

This updated credential provides individuals with a credential that establishes credibility based on their knowledge of project management terms and concepts. As an assessment of a candidate's understanding of fundamental project management knowledge, the CAPM credential is one of the fastest ways to turn project management knowledge into professional credibility and enhance employment opportunities.

Be a SeminarsWorld Presenter!

Applications are now being accepted for those interested in being SeminarsWorld® presenters at PMI Global Congress 2005-North America, being held 10-13 September, in Toronto, Canada. When you share your knowledge and expertise with others, you not only earn the respect and admiration of your peers, you also make a significant contribution to the future of the project management profession. The deadline for submitting a seminar proposal is Friday, 11 February 2005.

Approximately 40 seminars, from one to four days in length, will be selected for presentation before and after the congress. Be a leader! To get a copy of the proposal application, or for questions, please contact Rita A. Pagan, SeminarsWorld Planner, at rita.pagan@pmi.org.

PMI's Condolence Message and Commitment of Aid to Tsunami Victims

As the effects of the devastating earthquake and resulting Tsunami continue to mount, I think I can safely speak for global leadership, members and staff of Project Management Institute in extending our deepest sympathies and condolences to the victims and families of this terrible disaster. Though nearly 50 countries of the world have lost their citizens to this tragedy, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India, and Thailand have suffered the largest loss with over 150,000 people having perished to date. It is difficult to express the shock and concern that we feel as we helplessly watch the crisis unfold through media reports.

PMI can, however, respond through the power of its volunteerism and personal generosity, which has marked the culture of our organization throughout its 35-year history. To that end, PMI is developing short, intermediate, and long-term responses that will help provide aid to the victims of this tragedy. Though all of the details of our efforts have not yet been finalized, I can tell you that we are currently and will continue leveraging the powerful human and financial capital of PMI to forge an effective response to help the victims of this historic catastrophe.

Our goals are threefold. First, we will rally the broad PMI project management community to provide the knowledge foundation to efficiently and effectively support the rebuilding of the region in the near-term. Second, we will support the financial contributions of our leadership and staff, by matching their generosity with an additional contribution of US\$25,000 from the financial capital of the Institute, to help ensure that the organizations serving this devastated region can bring much needed relief. Finally, our long-term goal is to work with global emergency relief agencies to help build a stronger competency in project management, so that other tragedies can be addressed more effectively and efficiently. This goal will be ongoing, and will be accomplished with the human and financial capital of PMI, as well.

You have my commitment to keep you abreast of the progress that we make in responding to this emergency. Too, if we learn of the impact of this crisis on any of our stakeholders throughout the world, we will post it on our Web site.

In the meantime, I ask each of you to take time to find a way for you to contribute to the PMI Southeast Asia Relief Fund through your time, talents or treasure to support the victims of this devastation. PMI is planning to devote a moment of silence at all of its facilities on Wednesday, 19 January at 11:00 a.m. in the prevailing time zone, in memory of those who have suffered as a result of the Tsunami. We are also recommending that our component organizations consider a similar memorial at a time and in a manner that is appropriate for their particular region of the world.

For those PMI stakeholders who have not yet made a cash contribution to a charitable organization that is assisting in this emergency response, but would like to do so, feel free to consult the listing of recommended groups on the relief organizations page of the PMI Web site. This page will provide a hyperlink to those organizations where instructions for making your donation can be found.

Thank you in advance for your support of PMI and the world in this effort.
On behalf of the members, leaders, and staff of PMI, Gregory Balestrero, Chief Executive Officer

<p>Upcoming PM Training Classes in the Fort Wayne Area</p>	
<p>PMP Exam Prep Jan. 13th - 14th, 2005, Chicago, IL Mar. 24th - 25th, 2005, Chicago, IL 2 days, 16 PDUs "Pass the PMP® - Guaranteed!"</p> <p>PM Tricks of the Trade®* Jan. 10th - 12th, 2005, Chicago, IL 3 days, 21 PDUs "Learn How To Apply the PMBOK® Guide in the Real-World."</p> <p><small>* Designed to be taken as a stand-alone for experienced PMs, or as additional preparation for those studying for the PMP.</small></p>	<p>Rita Mulcahy, world-renowned PM expert and best selling author, helps take the worry out of passing your PMP exam. Her techniques have been helping students pass the PMP Exam on their first try since 1991.</p> <p><small>PMP is a registered certification mark of the Project Management Institute, Inc.</small></p>
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Word of the Issue

tendentious\ten-DEN-shus\adjective
:marked by a tendency in favor of a particular point of view : biased

Example sentence:
I always suspected I was getting a highly tendentious version of the town's notorious family feud from my mother, who worked for one of the families for many years.

Did you know?
"Tendentious" is one of several words English speakers can choose when they want to suggest that someone has made up his or her mind in advance. You may be partial to "predisposed" or prone to "partisan," but whatever your leanings, we're inclined to think you'll benefit from adding "tendentious" to your repertoire. A derivative of the Medieval Latin "tendentious" has been used in English as an adjective for biased attitudes since at least 1900.

Taken from Merriam-Webster.



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Wednesday, January 26, 2005

Social Time 5:30 PM

Dinner 6:00 PM

Program 7:00 PM

Don Hall's Guest House

1313 West Washington Center Road, Fort Wayne, IN

Dinner

Members \$10

Non-members \$25

Speaker Only

Members Free

Non-members \$5

Menu

Pork Loin, Pasta Salad, Baked Sweet Potato, Broccoli,
German Chocolate Cake

Please RSVP by January 19, 2005, at

<http://www.pmi-neic.org/cgi-bin/rsvp/rsvp.cgi>

To cancel a reservation, visit http://www.pmi-neic.org/chapter/program/rsvp/cancel_rsvp.shtml

by 01-21-05 to avoid being charged.

Should you have special dietary needs, please contact membership@pmi-neic.org