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President – Allyson Pitman, PMP

Allyson Pitman, Vice President, Corporate Project Office Manager at Colonial Bank, is responsible for integrating project management into the company. Allyson has been with Colonial for eight years and has managed a number of large projects, including the Y2K conversion effort. Prior to Colonial, Allyson worked as a project manager for KinderCare Learning Centers at their corporate office in Montgomery.

She is a graduate of Auburn University at Montgomery where she earned her BS in Accounting. She is also a graduate of the Harvard School of Business Program for Management Development. Allyson achieved her Project Management Professional (PMP) certification from the Project Management Institute in July 2004. She is a founding member of the Montgomery PMI Chapter, serving as VP of Programs for 2004, and President Elect for 2006.

Allyson is a Children's Leader in Bible Study Fellowship, an international organization dedicated to training participants for Christian service. She and Aubrey, her husband of twenty-two years, live in Montgomery with their three dogs.

Chapter Vice-President (President-Elect) – Bruce Paterson, PMP

Bruce Paterson currently serves as VP of Professional Development, for the Montgomery PMI Chapter. A certified PMP since 2004, Bruce works for Regions Financial Corporation as Senior Project Manager in the Information Technology Department. Prior to joining Regions, Bruce served in the US Air Force for 26 years, where he earned program management certification in several disciplines, including communications and computer systems.

VP Finance – Dan Randolph, PMP

Dan is Retail Branch Merger Project Manager at Regions Financial Corporation. He is responsible for initiatives that impact tellers and branch teller systems created by the merger of Regions Financial Corp. and Union Planters Bank.

Dan has more than 15 years experience as a project manager. He managed a data center consolidation for the Air Force, consolidating 13 data centers worldwide into two data centers in the US. He also served as a consultant to the US Air Force as a Year 2000 project manager. In November 1997, he joined Regions Financial Corporation and has held project management roles in the Year 2000 Project Office, the E-Commerce Division and he has functioned as an Internet Architect and the Website Hosting Data Center Manager for the Regions Financial Corporation's websites.

Dan has been an active member of PMI since December 2004 and currently works as a chapter volunteer. Dan has recently passed his PMP exam.

Dan is married to the lovely Beverly Torbet, has four children and ten grandchildren.

VP Communications – Emily Jones

Emily has more than twenty years of experience in information technology and has provided a variety of project management skills during her career. She is a Senior Manager with Jackson Thornton Technologies in Montgomery where she has been employed for ten years. Emily's job functions include managing the daily business operations, personnel management, business development, and project management for the technologies group. She spent twelve years with NCR Corporation in Finance and Administration where her project management skills were first developed. Emily joined PMI one year ago, and has been a local chapter volunteer, and has served as VP of Communications for the PMI Montgomery Chapter since June. Emily is currently studying to take her PMP exam.

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From The President ...

In Chinese restaurants, placemats include the Chinese calendar. We often look to see what year it is – the “Year of the Tiger” or the “Year of the Monkey.” In a similar way, as we look at the upcoming calendar for our chapter, we want 2006 to be the “Year of the Volunteer.”

One of our most important goals for 2006 is to increase the role of volunteers. Already volunteers are major contributors to our success:

- Jerry Short, Rita Allen, and Linda Grah are responsible for our Chapter Library;
- Debbie Watson was Program Volunteer in 2004 and VP Programs for 2005;
- Dan Randolph was Finance Volunteer for 2005 and will be VP Finance for 2006.

While serving as a volunteer does not mean an automatic move to an officer position, it is a great way to learn about the function, to increase your skills, and to demonstrate your interest in and commitment to the Chapter. It is also a great way to earn PDUs! PMPs earn 5 PDUs for one year’s service, 3 PDUs for six months. Also, volunteers and officers receive a personalized nametag that makes them easily identifiable at meetings.

At the PMI Leadership Meeting in September, volunteer participation was emphasized as a key Chapter success factor.

I encourage you to become a major stakeholder in the success of our chapter – volunteer!

Betty Corbin will be our volunteer coordinator. Contact Betty to learn more about volunteer opportunities, or contact your Chapter officers. Help make 2006 a terrific “Year of the Volunteer!”

Allyson Pitman, President 2006



Bill Stewart Presents: Tips on Developing a Project Management Culture

On October 19, the Montgomery PMI Chapter sponsored a seminar on Rapidly Implementing a Culture of Project and Portfolio Discipline. Presenter Bill Stewart, CEO of the Project Management Leadership Group, advised us to establish a vision for project management in our organizations. “Because project managers implement an organization’s strategic direction,” he said, “their success is crucial to the achievement of their organization’s goals.”

Held at Auburn University Montgomery’s TechnaCenter, thirty-five project management practitioners attended the seminar. Bruce Paterson, VP Professional Development, planned the seminar. He was assisted by Liz Fant, VP of Professional Development in 2006. Charlie Hardy, VP Public Relations, was instrumental in getting newspaper and radio publicity for the event.

Bill’s 10 Tips for Successfully Implementing and Sustaining the PMO (Program Management Office) are included in Bill’s slide presentation that is available for viewing on the Past Speakers page at www.pmimontgomery.org

How to Report PDUs from PMI Meetings

- Log into the member site, www.pmi.org/members. Select *Claim/View PDUs Online*.
- On the next screen, select *PDU Self-Report Form*.
- Under “What activity do you wish to claim?” select *Category 3*, click *Continue*.
- Under Option 2, type *Montgomery, AL* and click *Find Provider*.
- Click the blue *PMI Montgomery, AL Chapter* link.
- Click *PMI Component Presentation (One or Two PDUs)*.
- Enter the speech title and the date. The date format is dd/mm/yyyy. (You must put the day first.)
- Click the *Preview* button. And if no changes are necessary, click *Finalize Submission*.

PMI Montgomery Chapter - 2006 Board of Directors (Cont'd)

VP Public Relations – Charlie Hardy

Charlie E. Hardy is a native of Montgomery, AL where he graduated of Booker T. Washington High School and later from Alabama State University with a degree in Secondary Education. Charlie recently completed the requirements for a Masters degree in Organizational Management from the University of Phoenix.

Currently, Charlie maintains a Financial Planning practice with offices in Montgomery and Tuskegee. He and his wife have two children, U.S. Navy Commander Randall Charles Hardy, stationed in the Pentagon, and Christa Valencia Hardy, a Doctoral student at the University of Illinois.

He is active in the Greenwood Missionary Baptist Church in Tuskegee and is a Life member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., 33rd degree Mason and Shriner.

Charlie is the incumbent Vice-President for Public Relations.

VP Professional Development – Liz Fant, PMP

Liz Fant has been employed by LJT & Associates, Inc. for five years. LJT & Associates, Inc. provides Information Technology, Geospatial, and Federal Space services to clients such as Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA), Department of the Air Force, Department of the Navy, and National Aeronautics and Space Agency. Liz is the LJT Montgomery Group Manager and the Corporate Facility Security Officer. As the Montgomery Group Manager, she is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the company, personnel management and other miscellaneous things. Corporate Facility Security Officer responsibilities include the oversight and management of three facility cage codes and for personnel assigned across the United States.

Liz served on the 2005 Chapter Officers Nomination & Election Committee.

VP eBusiness – Mark Wentling, PMP

Mark is a retired US Army Officer. He currently works as a Program Manager for VT Miltope Corporation, a designer, and manufacturer of rugged laptops, workstations, and servers DOD, as well as entertainment/communication servers and printers for commercial aircraft. Mark served as the VP of eBusiness during the past year and looks forward to serving you during the next 12 months.

Changes in the *PMBOK® Guide, Third Edition*

By Betty Corbin

Since September 30, 2005 the PMP® Exam has used the *PMBOK® Guide, Third Edition* instead of the *PMBOK® Guide, 2000 Edition*, as one of its main sources of questions. There are significant changes in this new version. To illustrate the scope of the changes, the *Third Edition* has 390 pages as compared to 216 pages in the previous edition. Seven new processes have been added, thirteen renamed, and two deleted for a net gain of five processes.

The chapter on each knowledge area now includes a process flow diagram in addition to the familiar chart that lists the inputs, outputs, tools and techniques for each process. The most significant changes are in the Integration knowledge area where three processes have been expanded into seven. The Integration chapter has been completely overhauled and is much more complete than in previous versions.

There are also changes in terminology. For example, in the previous *PMBOK Guide* historical information was an input to many processes. In the newest version historical information has become “organizational process assets”, a term that includes templates for common project documents, organizational policies, software tools, databases of project information, lessons learned, and knowledge bases. Also, the information on earned value has been significantly expanded and new concepts have been added.

CONGRATS!! To Our Newest PMPs:

**Liz Fant
Mel Tench**

**Welcome
New
Members:**

**Cheri Ortiz
James Lizotte
Jeffrey Cecil
Rita Madera**

Other Upcoming Training Events

Visit <http://www.aum.edu/coned> for more information

Successful Project Management (Introductory Level)

April 25-27, 2006, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
 \$499 (PMI Members), \$599 (Non Members)
 Auburn University Montgomery Library Tower

This three-day seminar provides an overview of project management concepts and principles using lecture, small group case studies and discussion. It is compliant with PMI's® *Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge* (PMBOK®). This course provides 21 contact hours of training that apply toward the 35 hours required to take the PMP Exam.

For information call 334-244-3057, or to register call 334-244-3804

PMP Exam Preparation Review Course

March 27-30, 2006, 1:00 pm-6:00 pm
 \$699 (PMI Members), \$799 (Non Members)
 Auburn University Montgomery Library Tower

This course is designed to equip students to pass PMI's® *Project Management Professional* certification exam. Students should bring a copy of the *PMBOK Guide Third Edition* to the course. The course provides 20 contact hours of training that apply toward the 35 hours required to take the PMP Exam.

For information call 334-244-3057. To register call 334-244-3804.

PMP Prep Books Added to Chapter Library

Three new books that are of special interest to those preparing for the new PMP exam have been added to the chapter library.

Passing the PMP Exam, How to Take It and Pass It by Rudd McGary, PMP, includes a CD with over 400 multiple choice questions. Under Study Mode you can select the number of questions you want to run in a session. In Certification Mode, the test is timed and includes 200 questions. This book includes chapters for each of the process groups and each of the knowledge areas.

PMP Exam Success Series: Exam Simulation Booklet by Tony Johnson, PMP, contains 530 questions for the new PMP exam including a 200-question simulated test.

PMP Exam Success Series: Certification Exam Manual by Tony Johnson, PMP, includes chapters for each of the knowledge areas plus many practice questions. For more information about the two Tony Johnson books, visit www.crosswindpm.com.

To check out any of these books visit www.pmimontgomery.org and choose the *Chapter Library* page.

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