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From The President...

Welcome to this edition of the Capital Project Manager. I am excited about 2007! I strongly believe our chapter will blaze new trails in this our 4th year. Last September you elected a new board of directors, as follows:

President Elect	Liz Fant
VP Communications	Butch Fant
VP eBusiness	Nitin Rastogi
VP Financial Affairs	Rita Allen
VP Membership	Mary Lee Carter
VP Professional Development	Danney Watson
VP Programs	Susan Irwin
VP Public Relations	Deborah Richardson
Past President	Allyson Pitman
Advisor	Rod Heath

I am excited to work with this highly qualified group of professionals, whose primary goal is to serve you, our membership, by making everything we do a "value add" to your career ...otherwise, I feel we are wasting your time! With that in mind, we will strive to bring you the best monthly chapter meeting speakers, the highest quality professional seminars, and world class training through our AUM partner. I need your feedback on how we are doing, and promise you we will make course corrections as needed.

Our year will start off with a timely presentation at our January membership meeting by Tamara Stidham on "What Project Managers Need to Know about Contracts". We will follow that up in February with a presentation by Mary Pruett titled "A Day in the life of a Project Manager". AUM will be offering training on "Developing and Confirming Effective Business Requirements" and "Developing Reliable Project Estimates" in February and has scheduled a PMP Exam Preparation Review Course in March. Also in March we have arranged for Dan Tuten, a well know PM practitioner and author, to come and present a seminar on the Agile Development and the Rational Unified Process (RUP) methodologies. So things are happening and I hope you will be able to participate!

One other thing I want to mention before closing and that is your board of directors will be focusing on implementing the chapter's Strategic and Operational Plans developed last year under the leadership of Allyson Pitman. The gist of both plans is to get the chapter more involved in the local community and with our members, so you will be hearing a lot more about these activities in the near future. As always, we will need your help to make this happen, so please be willing to assist!

Hope 2007 is a terrific year for you, and that our chapter contributes to your professional success.

Bruce Paterson, President

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Sponsors, Volunteers and Board Members Receive Recognition During November Meeting



Above: Betty Corbin, Past-President (left) and Allyson Pitman, President (right) presenting Mary Lee Carter with a certificate of recognition for volunteering during 2006.



Above: Betty Corbin presenting Susan Irwin with a certificate of appreciation for her volunteering her time to support the Montgomery Chapter of PMI.



Left: Allyson Pitman, President (left) thanking Liz Fant, VP of Professional Development for 2006 for her hard work and dedication to the advancement of PMI and the local Montgomery Chapter.



Above: Allyson Pitman, President awarding Rod Heath, Board Advisor a certificate of appreciation.



Above: Betty Corbin, Past President (left) and Allyson Pitman, President at the 2006 Chapter Awards ceremony.



Above: On the left, Jerry Short and Rita Allen receive recognition for their volun-



Left: Allyson Pitman thanking Mark Wentling, VP of eBusiness for 2006 for all his hard work in maintaining the Montgomery Chapter of PMI's website.

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Above: Allyson Pitman awarding Dan Randolph, VP of Financial Affairs a certification of appreciation.



Below: Allyson Pitman and Ronnie Rolph, VP of Membership at the award ceremony.



Above: Allyson Pitman, President awarding Bruce Paterson, President Elect a certificate for his support during 2006.



Above: Tom Burge, CIO of Colonial Bank is presented a plaque of appreciation for their 2006 sponsorship by Bruce Paterson, President Elect.



Bruce Paterson, President Elect is presenting Sue Binion, Training Manager with AUM a plaque of appreciation for their sponsorship for 2006.



Bruce Paterson awarding Allyson Pitman a gift of appreciate for her dedication to the Montgomery Chapter of PMI by serving as President in 2006.



Bruce Paterson, President Elect presenting John Jung of ALFA with a plaque in appreciation for their continued sponsorship of the Montgomery Chapter.

PMI's New Credential, Program Management Professional (PgMP)

(Extract from the PMI Web Site)

On 12 Oct 2006, PMI released the name for the new Program Management credential, Program Management Professional (PgMP). The new credential is being finalized and should be available in 2007. PMI has done significant work towards the new certification and will inform us when the PgMP credential is available. Check the PMI web site for the most current info on the new PgMP credential. We look forward to have some of our members receive this coveted credential when it becomes available!

PMI's new credential is specifically developed to acknowledge the qualifications of the professional who leads the coordinated management of multiple projects and ensures the ultimate success of a program. Candidates who earn the PgMP credential will be internationally recognized as professionals with the knowledge and experience to make and implement important decisions and accomplish the strategic objectives to enhance business results. The PgMP credential establishes more rigorous requirements than other program-related credentials in the industry and provides a clearer context of and standards for program management.

The PgMP credential complements the Project management Professional (PMP®) credential by bringing greater visibility to project management offices and project teams. The PgMP is geared toward professionals who have the knowledge, experience and authority to make and implement decisions that advance strategic objectives, and who can make recommendations to modify programs to more effectively achieve these objectives.

The PgMP credential will give professionals who manage programs a distinct advantage in accessing new opportunities and increasing visibility within their organizations. The credential will also help employers determine whether current and prospective employees possess the skills needed for effective program management.

Individuals need not be PMI members to apply for the PgMP credential. An online application process will be available 24/7 via the Internet, and computer-based examination facilities (as well as paper-based testing locations) will be available worldwide. The pricing structure has not yet been finalized but will be available in the coming months. Additional information regarding this new credential can be found in the Certification Program section of [PMI's website](#).

Article By: Liz Fant

Welcome New Members!

Mr. Terence L. Reece
Mrs. Patti D. Flanagan
Mr. Robert A. Kirsch, II
Mr. Charles G. Carney

Congratulations New PMP & CAPM!

Mr. Charles B. Hester, PMP
Mrs. Sharon H. Morris, PMP
Mr. Wayne R. McKnight, PMP
Mrs. Mary Lee Carter, CAPM



Mr. John Jung from ALFA speaking at the November meeting on "How to Make Them Hear Us".

Chapter Members Attend Atlanta Chapter Professional Development Day

Several of our chapter members traveled to Atlanta to participate in the Atlanta PMI's first ever Professional Development Day (PDD). Some of the attendees were Rita Allen, Linda Grah, Jerry Short, and Gary Weatherly.

The seminar was built around four different tracks: 1) Fundamentals of Project Management, 2) Project Management Best Practices, 3) Introduction, Application, and Promotion of Advanced Methodologies, 4) Global Influence on Project Management.

Participants were permitted to select any presentation from any track during the four different breakout sessions during the day. Additionally, there were two keynote addresses, which were attended by all.

The day began early at 7:00 AM (6:00 Montgomery time!). The professionalism of the event manifested itself before a conference word was spoken. Directional signs placed by the roadside clearly pointed attendees to the seminar site. Even entering the massive Home Depot headquarters parking deck was a tribute to the organization of the event; Atlanta PMI volunteers were literally at every turn, in the dark, directing the 482 participants several levels up to our parking area.

Another display of professionalism was demonstrated in that each attendee was given a spiral bound seminar notebook which contained each presenter's slides and a CD with the same information on it.

Upon entering the building, we were greeted by even more volunteers who checked us in, gave us conference materials, and directed us to the breakfast area. No cost was spared on the food budget (\$25,000.00!). We were served three great meals during the day, with snacks, fruit, and drinks all day long.

Our first keynote address was from Michael Hartness, who has been with the 7th largest bank in America, SunTrust, for 33 years. He spoke on globalization and how money follows the most efficient processes. He is a proponent of "co-sourcing" with other countries for long term IT projects, and shared many of the lessons he has learned through the years in that environment.

Our second keynote speaker, Cigdem Delano, was from the Georgia Technology Authority, the state agency that oversees most state government IT projects. She had spent 16 years with IBM and then transferred to the state government environment. She contrasted the private and public sector noting that state government does not have an enterprise view, does not have a "bottom line", does not have a savings incentive, must comply with the open records act, and must trudge through a low bidder procurement process that is rife with vendor challenges.

Other breakout sessions we attended included, "Stacking your Team with Losers" (or - "Learning from Others' Scoping Mistakes"), "Rescue of High Visibility Projects and Programs", "Make Remote Meetings Work for You", "Superstar: The Agile Revolution Generation Gap", "Forget Postmortems...Projects Require Better Prenatal Care", "How to Achieve Greater Impact and Influence on the Job", and "Transforming an Old School Organization into a World Class organization Using Project Management". There were 20 breakout sessions in all, making it difficult to limit yourself to only four.

PMI Atlanta had an Exhibitors Hall which had more than a dozen different companies represented.

To cap off a very full day of activities (the seminar ran from 7:00 AM until 6:00 PM), several very nice door prizes were given away to participants.

It was announced at the conference that Atlanta had been chosen that week to host the PMI Global Congress for North America next fall, October 6th - 9th, 2007. Mark your calendars!

Finally, when it was time to go home, the volunteers were back out in the huge parking deck, directing traffic once again.

All attendees received 8 PDUs for the \$150.00 registration fee. PMI of Atlanta netted around \$20,000.00 after all expenses were paid.

True to PMBOK standards, in order to receive your PDU credit, you had to fill out an online survey the following Monday.

The Atlanta PMI Chapter has about 4,000 members, and is divided into four different geographical areas of the city. They are one of the five largest chapters in the world.

Article By: Jerry Short, PMP



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: Visit www.pmi.org/members :
: to update your information. :
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Upcoming Training & Events

Developing and Confirming Effective Business Requirements

February 1-2, 2007, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Auburn University Montgomery—TechnaCenter Building
75 TechnaCenter Drive
\$975 for PMI Members, \$1050 for others. (13 PDU's)

This two-day course will give you hands-on experience with the latest proven requirements gathering techniques. Lively lectures combined with insightful demonstrations and realistic practice exercises will provide you with the competence and confidence to improve project outcomes through better requirements elicitation and management. This seminar is presented by ASPE Technology, a PMI Registered Education Provider. For a detailed course brochure, visit the Events page of www.pmimontgomery.org. For more information call 334-782-0842. To register call 334-244-3080.

Developing Reliable Project Estimates

February 20-21, 2007, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Auburn University Montgomery—TechnaCenter Building
75 TechnaCenter Drive
\$975 for PMI Members, \$1050 for others. (14 PDU's)

This course will give you practical experience with proven tools and techniques for reliably estimating your next IT project's costs and schedule. You'll gain a practical understanding of how project estimation fits within the project management processes. Dynamic lectures are interspersed with insightful exercises that will add important project estimation and management tools to your skill-set. This seminar is presented by ASPE Technology, a PMI Registered Education Provider. For a detailed course brochure, visit the Events page of www.pmimontgomery.org. For more information call 334-782-0842. To register call 334-244-3080.

PMP Exam Preparation Review Course

February 26—March 1, 2007, 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Auburn University Montgomery—TechnaCenter Building
75 TechnaCenter Drive
\$699 for PMI Members, \$799 for others.

This course is designed to equip students to pass PMI's Project Management Professional (PMP) certification exam. Students should bring a copy of the PMBOK Guide, 3rd 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 course description visit <http://www.aum.edu/coned/computertraining> choose Training Courses and Schedules, and do a course search for Exam. For more information call 334-244-3057. To register call 334-244-3080.

MS Project 2003 Web Access

March 21, 2007, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Auburn University Montgomery—TechnaCenter Building
75 TechnaCenter Drive
\$193 for PMI Members, \$241 for others. (7 PDU's)

In this course you will use Project Web Access to connect to the Project Server in order to view, report progress on, and communicate information regarding task assignments. You will also manage to-do lists, create status reports, and access issues, risks, and documents. This course is designed for individuals who will need to interact with the Project Server environment to update project progress and to view project and resource information. For course description visit <http://www.aum.edu/coned/computertraining> choose Training Courses and Schedules, and do a course search. For more information call 334-244-3057. To register call 334-244-3080.

MS Project 2003 Enterprise Project Management Features

March 19, 2007, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Auburn University Montgomery—TechnaCenter Building
75 TechnaCenter Drive
\$193 for PMI Members, \$241 for others. (7 PDU's)

In this course, you will use Microsoft Project Professional 2003 to create, coordinate, and communicate project information in a consistent and efficient manner within the framework of an Enterprise Project Management (EPM) environment. This course is designed for a person who needs to create and manage projects in an existing enterprise environment to optimize resources, analyze projects, and prioritize work to meet overall business objectives. Prerequisite: MS Project Introduction and Intermediate/Advanced courses or equivalent experience. For course description visit <http://www.aum.edu/coned/computertraining> choose Training Courses and Schedules, and do a course search. For more information call 334-244-3057. To register call 334-244-3080.

Successful Project Management—Introductory Level

March 26-28, 2007, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Auburn University Montgomery—TechnaCenter Building
75 TechnaCenter Drive
\$499 for PMI Members, \$599 for others.

This three-day seminar provides an overview of project management concepts and principles using lecture, small group case studies and discussion. This course provides 21 contact hours of training that apply toward the 35 hours required to take the PMP or CAPM exams. For course description visit <http://www.aum.edu/coned/computertraining> choose Training Courses and Schedules, and do a course search for Successful. For more information call 334-244-3057. To register call 334-244-3080.

Continued Upcoming Training and Events

Hands-On IT Project Management

April 26-27, 2007, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
 Auburn University Montgomery—TechnaCenter Building
 75 TechnaCenter Drive
 \$975 for PMI Members, \$1050 for others. (13 PDU's)

This two-day course provides a unique combination of skills development and tool/technique utilization critical for IT project success. First gain a solid foundation in PMI's Project Management Framework. Then acquire the skills to use the best emerging, cutting edge IT project management tools. This course is held in a hands-on computer lab. For a detailed course brochure, visit the Events page of www.pmimontgomery.org. For more information call 334-782-0842. To register call 334-244-3080.

Advanced Project Management Techniques

May 23-24, 2007, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
 Auburn University Montgomery—TechnaCenter Building
 75 TechnaCenter Drive
 \$975 for PMI Members, \$1050 for others. (13 PDU's)

Learn high-level techniques to manage competing demands in constantly changing environments. This course is driven by a hands-on case study. Topics include project metrics, earned value, critical chain, quality, politics, and managing multiple projects. For a detailed course brochure, visit the Events page of www.pmimontgomery.org. For more information call 334-782-0842. To register call 334-244-3080.



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