



Project Management Institute-Montgomery, AL Chapter

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- PMI Global Congress 2004-North America 21-24 and 27-28 October in Anaheim, CA

Dinner Meetings move to Capitol City Club

In April, the Monthly Chapter Dinner Meeting was held in a new location, The Capitol City Club. The beautiful surroundings and elegant atmosphere allowed those who attended a chance to relax, network with colleagues, and enjoy a delicious meal. Mr. Bob Gilman was the guest speaker. He gave an excellent overview of building a Project Management Office." The meal cost was \$20 per person and the Capitol City Club staff did an outstanding job in preparing and serving the dinner. Many positive comments were heard about the new location from many who attended. The May Dinner Meeting will also be held at the Capitol City Club as our two month trial concludes. After the dinner meeting the Steering Committee will make a decision based on dinner attendance and membership surveys to determine if the Capitol City Club will become the permanent Dinner Meeting location. Please join us on May 13th!



April Dinner Meeting attendees enjoy conversation and a great meal

May Dinner Meeting: 13 May 2004 @ The Capitol City Club



Speaker: Mr. Tony Keith, PMP
 Topic: Integration & Scope Mgt
 Registration & Social —5:30 pm
 Dinner —5:45-6:30 pm
 Presentation: 6:30 pm



Chapter Logo Approved!

On April 26 2004, PMI HQ approved the Chapter's proposed logo. This process included adhering to strict graphic standards and quite frankly a learning curve that had to be overcome to produce a logo that was not only a good symbol for the Chapter but also in accordance with PMI standards. Many thanks to those who worked generating ideas and producing prototypes. The logo that was chosen is a logo that Chapter members can be proud of and identify with. The logo shows a

capitol dome to convey Montgomery as the Capitol of Alabama. The red star against the state outline also communicates the geographic location of our chapter in the great state of Alabama. The board members had many discussions on the logo and selected the one that communicates the location of our chapter the best and is most identifiable.

With the logo approval the chapter is one step closer to receiving a charter from PMI. The logo

will appear on many of the chapter's publications letterhead and promotional items. PMI-Montgomery Chapter logo shirts will soon be developed and offered to the membership at a reasonable rate. Thanks again to all those who help achieve this important milestone.



“Volunteering is a great way of increasing the value of your membership and the way we will build a strong and active chapter. “

President’s Message

It is early May, the weather is turning from comfortably cool to warm and sticky. It is hard to believe that ten months have past since a small group of people got together to start the PMI-Montgomery (Potential) Chapter. Soon we will be removing the (potential) and be a fully affiliated component of the Project Management Institute.

We have two major milestones left to achieve before applying for our charter. The Chapter By-laws will be submitted soon and then the incorporation process will begin. I expect the Steering Committee will complete the remaining milestones in the next 60 days. It has been a long process made more

difficult with the combination of work requirements and family obligations. Once chartered the hard part begins- the task of growing the chapter, and providing meaningful services to our membership.

Looking back we couldn’t have progressed this far without the hard work of a group of volunteers that felt a PMI chapter in Montgomery was a worthwhile endeavor. The Steering Committee volunteers have put in a lot of work to get where we are today. In my remarks at the April Dinner Meeting I told the attendees that we would soon be calling for more volunteers to help further the chapter and run existing services.

Without active volunteers we will not be able to grow into a chapter that provides a rewarding experience for its members and will ultimately fail. Today, I ask you to share your expertise and valuable time to help achieve great things and advance the Chapter. Volunteering is a great way of increasing the value of your membership and the way we will build a strong and active chapter. We have many areas where you can help. Look for volunteer opportunities in the newsletter and soon on the upcoming chapter website.

-Rod Heath, PMP

The web site will become a primary communication channel for disseminating information to chapter members and prospective members.

Coming Soon! - Chapter web site launch

The Chapter website is on its way. Building the site, gathering content and negotiating with local Internet Service Providers are a few of the things that Richard Walton has been taking care of since joining the Steering Committee a few months ago. We are glad to have him aboard and look forward to launching the site. The web site will become a primary communication channel for disseminating information to chapter members and

prospective members. The site will be developed in a three phase approach. Phase I concentrates on getting a basic HTML site up and running with a local ISP. Phase two will involve more enhanced content and user interaction. During this phase chapter members will be able to register for Dinner meetings and fill out surveys. Phase three will be a maturing of the site. In phase three a member’s area is proposed with more content,



such as project management templates and best practices provided by our membership. Stay tuned....



Help build PMI-Montgomery, AL Chapter—Become a volunteer!

Volunteers Needed!

PMI-Montgomery, AL Chapter needs volunteers in the following areas. Please consider sharing your expertise and time in building a great organization.

Current Volunteer Opportunities:

Dinner Meeting Registration

Description:

Alternate working the registration table at dinner meetings collecting attendees dinner fee

and providing nametags.

Time commitment: 30 minutes at dinner meetings number of volunteers needed (3-5 to alternate)

Contact: Brad McCann, PMP

Email: BMcCann@alfains.com

Member Directory Team

Description:

Team will work under the direc-

tion of VP Membership to create and distribute a membership directory to chapter members. Volunteers needed—2

Contact Betty Corbin, PMP for more details.

Email: bcorbin@mail.aum.edu

Look for more opportunities at Dinner Meetings and future issues of the Chapter Newsletter.



AUM offers Project Management Professional (PMP) Exam Prep Course

This course is designed to equip students to pass the Project Management Institute's Project Management Professional (PMP®) certification exam. Through lecture, hands-on exercises, and sample test questions participants will learn the information needed to successfully take and pass the exam.

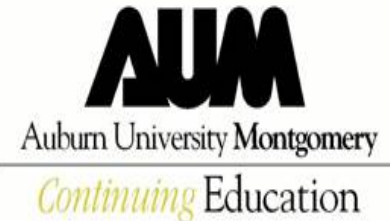
.You will learn:

- PMI's project management framework and definitions.
- The five project management process areas and how they relate to the knowledge areas.
- Key processes and definitions in the nine project management knowledge areas (integration, scope, time, cost, quality, human resources,

communications, risk, and procurement) and how to apply them in examples.

- How to analyze network diagrams and answer related questions.
- How to perform calculations related to earned value, risk, and quality.
- The new professional responsibility subject matter PMI has added to the exam.
- Study techniques and test-taking tips.

Course fee includes a copy of The PMP Exam How to Pass on Your First Try by Andy Crowe, PMP. The book includes review materials, exercises, and over 300 practice exam questions.



Prerequisites: You should visit the certification area of www.pmi.org and make certain that you satisfy the experience requirements for taking the PMP® exam.

June 16-18, 3 days, 1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m., Location: 10th floor Library Tower at AUM.

This course provides 15 hours of the 35-hour training requirement to become a PMP®.

Fee: \$450 (for PMI Chapter members), \$550 (others)

To register call 244-3804.

For more information call Betty Corbin at 244-3057.

Sessions filling quickly for mega SeminarsWorld.

Registrations are experiencing a sharp increase, so do not delay in signing up for this mega SeminarsWorld®, being held 14-17 June 2004, in Orlando, Florida, USA, at the Caribe Royale Resort. The 28 scheduled seminars will cover a wide variety of topics from basic project management skills development to leadership skills. *There will also be a keynote address and an evening poolside-networking event where you can share information with your peers.* The PMI Bookstore will be onsite providing convenient access to knowledge resources. **This is a new and unique learning opportunity as well as a networking event with value-added enhancements!** If you sign up by the advance registration deadline of Thursday, 27 May 2004, you can take advantage of significant savings on this very exciting learning experience. For additional information, or to register, visit the SeminarsWorld Web site. Do it today! (rita.pagan@pmi.org)

Enjoy the professional advantages of becoming a Project Management Professional (PMP®)

Good news ahead! The latest issue of *PM KnowledgeWire*, the quarterly newsletter for PMI members, is available on the PMI Web site by going to Members Area/Knowledge & Wisdom Center. Access this informative publication to read about Defining Project Requirements and additional resources on the subject. (marian.quinn@pmi.org)