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Sent: August 9, 2000 11:20 AM
Subject: RE: PM Professionals PLEASE REPLY!

In this message:

- A new organization for PM Professionals
- Please reply to confirm your interest
- September 20: our first Professional Development Day and Seminar, plan to participate
- Re-certification is not necessarily expensive - common myths
- Who is involved, and who should be?

A New Organization

Several Vancouver area PMPs have joined together to form the Society of PM Professionals of Greater Vancouver, an independent, unaffiliated, and volunteer organization, devoted to advancing and supporting the Project Management Profession. A principal goal will be to assist each other in maintaining our PMP designations through educational and other professional development activities. There are low-cost, local, and self managed options for earning re-certification credits. The Society will be a vehicle for taking advantage of these options.

No one of us should lose her or his PMP because of the mistaken impression that re-certification is necessarily costly, remote, and available only through registered education providers.

The attached Adobe Acrobat file <SocietyofPMPs.PDF> contains a draft of the principles upon which the Society would be founded and governed. It will be up to the members to ratify the principles.

Confirm Your Interest

Today there are nine of us who have responded to an earlier attempt to solicit support for the Society through a less-than-satisfactory-Fax transmission to a handful of PMPs. In my discussions with individuals, I have received enthusiastic interest from another half-dozen. However, we know there are apparently more than 100 PMPs in the area, and we need to hear from each of you.

Each of you is requested to respond to this message, ASAP, so that we can get a solid measure of the support for moving forward with the Society. In particular, we want to get an indication of how many of you may attend the full-day seminar on September 20, our first "Professional Development Day", and earn 7 PDUs for less than \$49.

Please reply with at least a one word message. "Yes" if you are interested in joining the Society and wish to be kept informed; "No" if you would prefer not to have your name on the distribution list for now.

We believe this is important and valuable to the community, the profession, and to individual PMPs. We will persist until we hear from you.

If time allows, please complete the form in the attached MS Word document <May 27 letter.doc>, and send it in to Jim Tucker, PMP.

Professional Development Seminar - September 20, 2000

We have declared September 20, 2000 the first "Project Management

Professional Development Day" for the Vancouver area. All PMPs are asked to devote the day to activities which improve their professional skills and knowledge. The clients and employers of PMPs are asked to grant this time to the professionals.

The Society will hold a full-day educational seminar at the Holiday Inn, Metrotown for all PMPs who wish to attend and participate. There will be four technical sessions, each consisting of a presentation by one of our members, followed by a participatory workshop among the attendees. Three presenters have volunteered, and we invite others to complete the program, or to make presentations at future seminars.

The cost of the meeting room, photocopies, lunch, and refreshments will be shared among the attendees. Less than \$40 a head if 20 show up, for instance.

Re-certification Myths.

In my discussions with many of you, I was dismayed to hear that a number had abandoned the intention of re-certifying, or could not foresee how you could, principally because of the apparent cost involved. Part of our work in the Society will be to inform each other of optional means of earning PDUs that involve little or no expenditure. Options such as self-study, volunteer service, work-place and other study groups, and seminars by any organization, including the Society, are legitimate alternatives, but apparently have not been publicized.

Here are some facts:

- A PMP DOES NOT have to be PMI member to acquire or to maintain the designation
- Educational activities or instruction on project management, delivered by ANY qualified provider (probably including virtually every PMP) will earn you PDUs towards re-certification. The provider DOES NOT have to be registered with PMI

Who are the Players ?

The self appointed, volunteer, interim officers of the Society are:

Walter Wawruck, PMP, Acting President, wawruck@intouch.bc.ca
 Jim Tucker, PMP, Acting Registrar, jim.tucker@weyerhaeuser.com
 Iain Palmer PMP, Acting Secretary Treasurer, iain-palmer@home.com

A founding convention and democratic election of officers is planned for November 2000. The members may choose to replace the acting officers sooner than that if they wish.

The West Coast BC Chapter of PMI has assisted the organizers of the Society by providing information from its data base on who the PMPs in the Vancouver area are, and the last known contact information. We supplemented this information with our own knowledge and other sources to develop the list in the attached text file, <Vanc PMPs Aug 00.txt>. Please help us by giving us the names of PMPs you know who are not listed, or tell us about those on the list who have moved away from the area.

Please contact me or the other officers at any time with comments, suggestions, questions, or - best of all - offers to join and to participate!

Regards,

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