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 RESERVE SEPTEMBER 26, 2001
 FOR THE NEXT
 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR

The Society of PM Professionals of Greater Vancouver is planning its Fourth Professional Development Seminar for Wednesday September 26, 2001. Reserve the date now.

Eric Johnson has once more volunteered to serve as the Project Manager for the seminar and is actively recruiting presenters and facilitators to complete the program for the day. Contact Eric at eric.johnson@bchydro.bc.ca.

Once again, we are aiming to keep but the cost of the seminar, including food, refreshments and the binder, below \$50.

The target date for the subsequent Professional Day Seminar and annual meeting of the Society is November 28, 2001. A project manager is required for that event.

Step forward and volunteer your services. Form a team and spread the workload.

We have a list of some volunteer PMP presenters and workshop facilitators, but more are needed, as are volunteer project managers.

Each PMP is a candidate seminar presenter. The Society is based on the principle that we learn from each other, and each of us has valuable experience to share or facilitation skills to contribute. Volunteer presenters, facilitators, and project managers for future seminars, should contact Walter Wawruck:

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Seminar participants can claim seven PDUs for the day. In addition to their time as participants, the presenters can claim 10 PDUs for their time to prepare and deliver the presentations., and workshop facilitators earn 5 PDUs, as does the Project Manager.

 WEST COAST BC CHAPTER SUSPENDED

BY PMI© INC.

The West Coast BC PMI Chapter has been placed on probation according to a July 2001 letter from PMI Executive Director Virgil Carter. The immediate effect is the withholding of membership dues received by PMI Headquarters on the Chapter's behalf. The letter was read out by Chapter President Pamela Hollington at a failed attempt to hold a Special Business Meeting of the Chapter on August 1, 2001.

The reason for the probation is the Chapter's failure to meet a deadline for incorporating as a society in British Columbia and modifying its constitution and bylaws to contain language acceptable to PMI Inc. PMI wants our local Chapter to be an independent legal entity and not an affiliated component of the Institute. Among other reasons, this would apparently protect PMI from any liability in legal actions taken against the Chapter. At the same time, PMI wants both our bylaws and a renewable charter agreement between the two entities to stipulate that the Chapter will obey all rules and directives that the U.S. based corporation may wish to impose.

The August 1, 2001 meeting was called to obtain Chapter member approval for a revised constitution and bylaws to be used for Provincial incorporation. The changes apparently would have satisfied PMI, and presumably would have allowed for the lifting of the probation. The required quorum of twenty members failed to show up, and the dozen or so who were there could not proceed with a legal Business Meeting. The Chapter Board apparently did not have a plan to deal with this contingency and had not been expecting the suspension. The Chapter Board will discuss its next steps at a Board meeting on September 2, 2001, or thereabout.

It has been suggested by some that perhaps this may be an appropriate time to review the role of the PMI Chapter in the community and the relationship between our local organization and PMI Inc. One option put forward for consideration is to establish an unaffiliated local organization, with the argument that the connection with PMI does not greatly affect the program and services offered to the local community and practitioners. Membership in PMI Inc. remains available to all individuals irrespectively.

Whether or not you are a member of PMI or the West Coast BC Chapter, the future of the local organization is an issue of importance for Vancouver area PMPs. Please offer your views on this matter to the Chapter Board at pmi-board@sfu.ca . Also please send me a copy of your correspondence, wawruck@intouch.bc.ca , so that the Society of PM Professionals obtains a measure of the views of PMPs.

**NEW RULES ON PDU ENTITLEMENT
AND DEADLINES
GOOD NEWS!**

PMI continues to expand the opportunity to claim PDUs and to extend its grace period for recertification as the December 31, 2001 deadline approaches. This is a key date for perhaps half, or more, of our Vancouver area PMPs. Some PDUs can now be claimed for continuing to practice in the profession (i.e.: continuing to do your project management work) during the 1999 - 2001 period. As previously reported, we have confirmation that carry-over PDUs will be allowed for augmentation of experience for those who were certified before 1999. The following excerpt from an internal newsletter that PMI issued to its chapters and specific interest groups on July 6, 2001, explains the new

rules and the extension of the grace period.

This is a reminder to all PMPs who need to re-certify by Monday, 31 December 2001: To maintain your good standing as a PMP, you must report at least 60 Professional Development Units (PDUs) by year's end. Expect to receive a certification renewal packet from the PMI Certification Department shortly if you have already satisfied the PDU requirement. Please complete and return the required re-certification form to the PMI Certification Department.

The next PDP cycle will begin Tuesday, 1 January 2002.

PMPs who do not meet requirements to maintain their certification by 31 December will have their certification status changed from "active" to "suspended." These individuals will then have another 12 months in which to complete the requirements before their PMP certification is "revoked." If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact Barbara Pattinson, PMI Certification Administrative Manager. (certmgr@pmi.org)

The PMI Certification Board Center (CBC) Board of Directors has approved changes to the Professional Development Program (PDP) effective immediately and retroactively to 1 January 1999.

The changes are as follows:

Changes to Category 2: Professional Activities (Previously Service to the Profession)

A new professional activity area that PDUs can be earned has been added to the existing areas. A PMP who provides at least 1,500 hours of professional project management services to employers or others annually will be awarded five PDUs per year or 15 PDUs per three-year cycle.

The point values for Category 2 have been adjusted to reflect the current industry values for this section.

The Self-Directed activities have been eliminated. However, PMPs who have already completed activities and submitted a reporting form for these activities will not lose these credits. If you are in the process of completing a self-directed activity it will be accepted only for this reporting period (until 31 December 2001).

Changes to the overall PDP program:

A PMP can "rollover" to the next PDU cycle up to 20 PDUs that were earned in the previous cycle that are in excess of the 60 PDUs required to satisfy the PMP Renewal Requirement. The rollover PDUs must be earned in the last year of the three year cycle. For example, if you need to re-certify by Monday, 31 December 2001 and have earned 75 PDUs in your initial cycle, you may use 15 of them (provided at least 15 are from the year 2001) in the January 2002-December 2004 cycle.

Updated and additional information about the PDP program can be found by viewing the Professional Development Program link at www.pmi.org/certification. Questions or comments regarding the earning and reporting of PDUs should be directed to the PMI Education Department at +610-356-4600 x1066 or x1109. Questions regarding other aspects of the PDP should be directed to the PMI Certification Department at cfalls@pmi.org or +610-356-4600 x1077.

 SUCCESSFUL PD SEMINARS
 REGINA AND VANCOUVER

The Regina Society of PM Professionals held a very successful inaugural Professional Development Conference on May 16, 2001. More than 40 PMPs were in attendance for four presentations and workshop discussions led by local PMPs.

Congratulations to Thomas Coats, PMP, who managed the event and to co-founders of the Regina Society Ginny Nisbet, PMP and Michael Hill PMP.

The Regina Society is planning its next PD day for September 19, 2001.

The third Professional Development Seminar in Vancouver, June 6, 2001, again sold out with over 40 participants. The theme of project governance was given very high ratings on the evaluations. Thanks to project manager Eric Johnson, PMP for organizing this focused and cohesive program. Eric has volunteered to manage the September 26 seminar, and is interested in mentoring a PMP to serve as the project manager for the November 28, 2001 seminar.

SPECIAL SEMINAR ON BUILDING PROJECTS PRACTICE MANUAL

Chris Quaife, PMP, cquaife@sfu.ca has been leading a multi-association initiative to develop a project management practice manual for British Columbia building projects.

A formal issue of an Exposure Draft of the manual is targeted for this September. Authorization is required from one more association (which will make nine at this stage). Some PMPs have been involved with the framing of objectives and the writing of the manual.

A six-month period of industry review and revision of the manual is then anticipated prior to formal issue of an endorsed version. The objectives for the manual include recommendations of management practices for building-projects from concept to completion, and the advocacy of these practices by the participating associations. Together, these associations represent the breadth of management roles on building-projects.

The Society of PM Professionals, among other organizations and individuals, is invited to review the Exposure Draft. At the September 26, 2001 seminar this invitation will be discussed and the members will be asked to consider whether this suits the Society's purpose "to comment on matters affecting the public interest, in which the practice of project management is a factor".

If the invitation is accepted, and in all likelihood it will be, a special seminar would be held later this year to review the draft in a workshop setting. This would be a professional development opportunity for all PMPs, but likely would be of greatest interest to those who are involved in engineering, construction, and facilities development projects.

A full description of initiative to develop the manual, and the draft of the manual for download, can be found at <http://www.bcprojectsmanual.com/>.

PDU OPPORTUNITIES

Here are some events, advertised for the next two months, which will be opportunities to earn PDUs towards PMP recertification.

September 19, WCBC PMI Chapter meeting. 1 PDU, \$30 or \$35 with dinner, \$5 talk only. See <http://www.pmi.bc.ca/> The High Road & The Low Road: Tales of Motivation and Inspiration with Graham Anderson, Distinguished Toastmaster.

September 19, Professional Development Day Seminar, Regina Society of PM Professionals, Regina, 7 PDUs,\$7/PDU or less. Contact Thomas Coats TCoats@mah.gov.sk.ca .

September 26, Professional Development Day Seminar, Society of PM Professionals of Greater Vancouver, 7 PDUs,\$7/PDU or less. Contact Eric Johnson eric.johnson@bchydro.bc.ca

FALL PD DAY AND ANNUAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 28, 2001

The target date for the Fifth Professional Development Seminar in Vancouver is November 28, 2001. This will also be the Annual Meeting of the Society and the occasion for the election of officers. Candidates are invited for the positions of President, Registrar, and Secretary Treasurer. An Officer can earn 5 PDUs for each year of service.

Contact any officer for more information.

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If you have not yet filled in a membership application, contact Dale Hawley, or complete a form at the September seminar.

Regards,

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