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NEXT PD SEMINAR - NOVEMBER 28, 2001

November 28, 2001 is the date for the Fifth Professional Development Seminar in Vancouver. Once again at the Holiday Inn, Metrotown.

Sandra Walker, PMP has volunteered to serve as Project Manager for the event.

Confirmed presenters so far include:

Feri Demehri, PMP, " Survey of PM Scheduling Tools"

David Truman, PMP, "Software Tools for the PM Office"

Danny Chak, PMP, "Estimates and Metrics Software for Software Development Projects"

Also on the program: a panel on "Real vs. Superficial Project Planning" and a planned presentation on "Web-based Project Central".

Sandra is recruiting panelists with experience from the trenches; presenters to share their experiences using any web-enabled/web-based PM software; and facilitators for the workshop sessions. Contact her at sandra_walker@telus.net .

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.

September 26 PD Seminar Report

Twenty-eight PMPs participated in the September 26, 2001 PD Seminar at the Holiday Inn Metrotown. Once again high, positive ratings were given to the presentations and workshops. Vijay Verma, PMP, stepped in with a presentation on Cross Cultural Teams when Lucy Guest, PMP, was called away on business. We look forward to Ms. Guest's presentation on implementing a PMO in a non-projectized, functional organization at a future seminar.

The other presenters were Bryan McConachy, PMP, David Truman, PMP, and Ron Lee, PMP.

The meeting approved a motion authorizing a one-day workshop on January 23, 2002 to evaluate and comment on the Building Projects Practice Manual and, if appropriate,

to endorse the document.

In a workshop on Professional Development Planning, the participants prepared plans for the next three PD Seminars in Vancouver. The plans for February and May, 2001 are reported in the next item.

PD DAYS PLANNED FOR 2002

Chris Quaife, PMP will be the PM for the January 23, 2002 workshop on the Building Projects manual. Contact cquaife@sfu.ca . The planned format is a series of prepared presentations, each examining a section of the manual, followed by workshop discussions and evaluation by the participants. The aim is to provide a consensus evaluation of the manual and, if appropriate, to endorse the manual on behalf of the Society. All PMPs are invited to register for the workshop and to participate in the evaluation as a professional development opportunity.

In addition to the November 28, 2001 seminar and the January 23 workshop on the Building Projects Manual, two more PD seminars are planned for 2002:

February 27, 2002: The PM position is still open for volunteers. Two of the presenters have been confirmed: Roger King, PMP and Blake Johnson, PMP. Additional presenters are invited to volunteer.

May 22, 2002: Peter Leekha, PMP has volunteered as PM. Contact pleekha@sandwell.com . Presenters are invited to volunteer.

REGINA SOCIETY CONFERENCE - AN OVERWHELMING SUCCESS

The Regina Society of PM Professionals held its second professional development conference on September 19, 2001. The program featured presentations by local PMPs and participatory workshops. Seventy-one PMPs and practitioners attended this second event in Regina. This follows an inaugural conference on May 16, 2001 with more than 40 PMPs in attendance.

The next Regina conference will be on November 21, 2001.

The number of PMPs in the Regina area is about 150, roughly equal to the number in Greater Vancouver.

PDU OPPORTUNITIES

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

October 17, 2001, PMI West Coast BC Chapter dinner meeting. Speaker: Michelle Ray "How to Deal with Difficult People at Work " One PDU. Speaker and coffee only \$5. Dinner plus speaker \$30 PMI Member/\$35 non-member. Reserve at reservations@pmi.bc.ca

November 21, 2001, PMI West Coast BC Chapter dinner meeting and Chapter AGM. One PDU. Speaker and coffee only \$5. Dinner plus speaker \$30 PMI Member/\$35 non-member.

November 21, 2001. Professional Development Day Conference, Regina Society of PM Professionals. Regina, Saskatchewan. 7 PDUs for under \$50. Contact : Ginny Nisbet, PMP gnsisbet@serm.gov.sk.ca or Thomas Coats, PMP tcoats@paradigm.sk.ca

November 28, Professional Development Day Seminar, Society of PM Professionals of Greater Vancouver, 7 PDUs for under \$55.

PDUs FOR SEMINAR VOLUNTEERS

With four more Professional Day events now identified for Vancouver, there are abundant opportunities, and needs, for PMPs to volunteer.

A Project Manager is needed for the February 27, 2002 seminar. For all four events, we have a list of some volunteer PMP presenters, but more are needed, as are volunteers to facilitate the workshop discussions which will follow the presentations.

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 either for the currently identified seminars, or for future seminars, should contact Walter Wawruck or the Project Managers.

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Seminar participants can claim seven PDUs for the day. We now have confirmation from PMI on the PDUs that presenters, facilitators, and the PM can claim, in addition to the time they spend as participants.

Seminar Presenter: 10 PDUs
Workshop Facilitator: 5 PDUs
Seminar Project Manager: 5 PDUs

PMI CHAPTER ON PROBATION -
NOT SUSPENSION

In my August 9, 2001 message, I advised that 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 consequences are apparently not as severe as first reported. There is no withholding of membership dues received by PMI Headquarters on the Chapter's behalf. The Chapter, however is ineligible to receive any PMI awards until the probation is lifted.

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 apparently 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 probation period apparently will last until the chapter completes the incorporation process and forwards the appropriate documentation to PMI Headquarters. So the probation period could be for one month or a year, depending on how long the process takes to be completed. It is not clear if more drastic measures, such as withholding fees or denying permission to use the mailing list, will come into effect if there is still no compliance by the Chapter at the end of one year of probation.

Subsequently, Pamela Hollington has resigned as Chapter President, apparently because she could not in good conscience sign the Charter agreement with PMI. Brian Barsalou, PMP has taken the role of Chapter president. At a meeting of the Chapter Board on October 2, 2002, a Task Force was appointed to explore the optional courses of action available to the Chapter, and to make a recommendation to the Board on the best method of proceeding.

The Task Force is Chaired by Max Wideman. There may be some news from the Task Force at the October dinner meeting, but it does not seem likely that the Chapter members will be asked for a formal approval for a course of action any sooner than the November 21, 2001 Annual General Meeting and Election.

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 or to the Task Force Chair max_wideman@sfu.ca .

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

Regards,

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