



Emerald Coast Florida Chapter

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President's Corner

by

Cheryl Archer, PMP

Fellow Program Managers

In my first President's Message as the new president for 2011, I really wanted to write something inspiring to our membership. I wanted to reach out and touch everyone. I wanted to motivate everyone to attend meetings and volunteer. I wanted to encourage them to pursue PMP certification and involvement in the chapter.

But...I have discovered that I am not a writer (For those who know me, this is no secret). What I can do is share my excitement about our chapter and it's possibilities.

Our community is full of potential for this chapter and it's up to us all to make the most of it! I would like to ask you each to take a moment to think about what you are looking for in our PMI chapter and how you would like to be involved to help make those things happen.

We are all volunteers and this chapter is going to be what we make of it. It takes some work, I won't kid you. But the more folks involved and helping, the less burden on the few. Please consider volunteering in some way this year. Even if you don't know exactly how you can help, contact me or one of the other chapter officers and we will help you find your place.

I remember taking risks and not being afraid of much as a child. I sometimes wonder where my courage has gone. I feel like I am afraid to do things and that I take fewer risks as I have gotten older. But when I sit back and think about it, I realize that I do take risks at times and try new things from time to time, e.g. coaching youth soccer and running for PMI president. I invite you all to take a risk this year, to try something new, to volunteer.

We have a business plan for our chapter. It contains all of the objectives and goals for the first 4 years. We have fallen short on a few, met most, and exceeded some as well. There is a summary of our chapter goals and status later in this newsletter. We will be focusing this year on where we failed to meet a goal and how we can improve this year. We specifically will be working on planning activities, communication, and diversity of educational opportunities. Please join us – we meet monthly and the schedule is posted on the website.

Don't forget to keep your membership up to date, both with PMI and our Chapter. This is how we make sure that you have access to our communications and information about what is going on.

Sincerely,

Cheryl

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January/February 2011

Membership Stats
as of
January 2011:

Members: 220 Milestone!
125 PMP & 4 CAPM

121 Main Chapter Members
33 Panama City Branch
Members
19 Mobile Branch Members

Membership Activity:
26 New Members
19 Renewals

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Director of Public Relations	Melissa Williams
Director at Large	Jim Lawrence

2010 PMI Emerald Coast Chapter Report Card

PMI Emerald Coast Strategic Objectives	Current PMI Emerald Coast Activities	Component Performance Against PMI Target by Year (Met/Exceed/Short)		Component	
		2009	2010	Year 2 - 2010	
				Targets	Actuals
Be the chapter of choice for the Emerald Coast region by continuously improving the value of chapter services to our members.	Conduct membership surveys to determine needs and satisfaction	N/A	Exceed	70% of respondents on a five point scale reports 3 or better	78.30%
	Strive to meet member needs identified in the survey and through other methods	N/A	Exceed	70% of respondents on a five point scale reports 3 or better	78.30%
	Ensure excellence in regular communication with the membership through e-newsletter, website and other methods	N/A	Exceed	70% of respondents on a five point scale reports 3 or better	78.20%
	Provide suggestion box on website for member suggestions	N/A	Short	Suggestions are reviewed and statused within 45 days of submission	Not implemented yet (Contacts are listed, but no suggestion box yet)
	Expand number of PDU events to meet demand	N/A	Exceed	4 contact hours annually	17 hours 2010
	Member retention rate	N/A	Exceed	70% calculated annually	75.00%
	Conduct monthly dinner meetings	N/A	Short	20 contact hours annually	Not very good member support for dinner meetings in our community. 2 hours offered this year.
	Conduct PM Tools meetings prior to dinner meetings	N/A	Met	5 contact hours annually	4 hours offered at annual conference
	Conduct seminars and courses	N/A	Met	4 contact hours annually	8 hours offered at annual conference
	Conduct knowledge exchange programs	N/A	Short	8 articles annually in the Chapter Newsletter	3 in 2010
Be a resource for business and civic organizations on the benefits of project management and certification by participating in government, commercial, and civic events to present PMI literature and promote project management.	Develop and maintain presentation slides on "PMI Emerald Coast Value Proposition". Maintain a cadre of speakers who are qualified to deliver presentations on PMI, the chapter, and the benefits of project management.	Met	Exceed	Presentation completed and updated annually in November	This presentation is maintained and updated monthly. It is presented at the monthly membership meetings.

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Facilitate innovative thinking and exchange of ideas by sharing what we know and learning from others	Create and support outreach programs to reach members and the project management community	N/A	Met	Program Exists	Program has been instantiated.
	Provide innovative networking opportunities such as golf tournaments, ect.	N/A	Short	Program Exists	Not implemented yet.
	Maintain a chapter to chapter program	N/A	Met	Program Exists	Informal in 2010. Correspondence occurring between president and other nearby chapters.
Provide members with the opportunity to grow as project managers through networking, volunteering and supporting project and program management certification	Conduct CAPM, PMP and PgMP preparation courses	Met	Met	Outsourced to a REP during years one and two, internal thereafter	2 classes offered - only 1 held due to lack of participation
	Provide opportunities for those seeking employment to meet those seeking to hire; including job postings on the chapter website	N/A	Met	Postings placed on Chapter Website within 30 days of notification	Yes - Link on Website
	Provide opportunities for members to engage in fulfilling volunteer roles	Met	Met	Post volunteer position availability on Chapter Website	Yes
Develop and enhance relationships with other organizations, as appropriate, to support the adoption of program and program management	Share information with other chapters	N/A	Met	Establish Chapter Office Network via the Region 14 Website and at Regional and National LIMs	Information sharing with Region 14.
	Maintain a strong volunteer coordination program	N/A	Met	Volunteer position are posted and filled within 60 days of notification of need	Informal program - volunteers are solicited and filled adequately, but program needs to be formalized in 2011.
	Maintain a productive relationship with GOC	N/A	Met	Positive feedback from Community Relations Team at GOC	
	Offer a leading rolls in Region 14 activities	N/A	Exceed	Positive feedback from Region 14 Mentor	Received exceptional feedback from Region 14 mentor. Region 14 mentor provided support for Spring Conference.
	Support Region 14, GOC, LIG and SIG initiatives	N/A	Met	Create a Webpage to share Region 14, GOC, LIG and SIG events with the Chapter members	Links and opportunities available via Chapter website and monthly program slideshow at member meetings.
	Support the Tallahassee and Montgomery chapter activities and events	Met	Met	Create a Webpage to share Regional Events with the Chapter members	Activities and Opportunities posted on chapter webpage.

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Champion project management through effective management of the chapter as a mature not-for-profit business	Keep bylaws current with best practices	N/A	Met	Review the By-laws in October annually and update is required	Reviewed and updated bylaws
	Ensure conformance with the chapter's event management process	N/A	Met	Meet checklist	No formal documentation of process defined at this time.
	Map all Board activities to meeting strategic objectives of the chapter	N/A	Met	Competed annually at the Strategic Planning Session to be held in November	Yes
	Continually communicate advantages of project management	N/A	Met	Website information updated quarterly	Yes - website updated monthly
	Establish and maintain Board teambuilding events	N/A	Met	Events planned in conjunction with the Strategic Planning Session	Yes
	Maintain a speaker database	N/A	Met	To be completed by the end of the first year and updated quarterly thereafter	Yes. Maintained by VP Programs
	Focus on achieving and enduring relationship with members by providing opportunities for them to let us know how we can better serve them, taking action to meet their needs, and delivering on our promises. Use feedback loops to ensure that members are both informed and heard.	Conduct membership and volunteer surveys	N/A	Met	70% of respondents on a five point scale reports 3 or better
Encourage members to participate in PMI and chapter activities		N/A	Met	Certificate for attending all events	Yes
Support PMI Activities and contribute to initiatives such as developing standards and providing opportunities for volunteers		N/A	Met	Opportunities posted on Chapter Website within 30 days of notification	Yes
Chapter Website		N/A	Met	Updated monthly	Yes
Chapter Newsletter (or e-Newsletter)		N/A	Short	9 issues per year	3 in 2010
New Member and PMI Credentialed Recognition		N/A	Met	9 issues per year	10 postings this year at membership meetings. (part of monthly updated slideshow)
Marketing and Benefits Package		N/A	Met	Update annually	Yes
Establish and maintain a mentoring program		N/A	Met	Program Exists	Not implemented formally yet - but we have supported and brought on board 2 branches and several volunteers.

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Demonstrate leadership in everything we do, and actively recruit and train future chapter leaders	Support Board participation in PMI leadership meetings, PMI Learn, and other means of developing leadership skills	N/A	Met	Attend one event per year	President & Vice President attended Leadership conference.
	Involve volunteers in activities to support the chapter by delegating work, monitoring progress, and celebrating success	Met	Met	Permanent Board Agenda item to be briefed monthly	Yes
	Develop a Board Orientation Handbook	Met	Met	Deliver to new Board members in annually in January	Yes
	Conduct Volunteer Orientation annually	Met	Met	Annually Session in January for new volunteers	December 2010 for new officers.
	Complete Strategic Alignment Worksheet	N/A	Met	Deliver to GOC annually	Yes
	Establish and support Leader Training Sessions	Met	Met	Annually Session in January for new leaders	December 2010 for new officers.
Identify and create new market and business opportunities to promote project management	Establish relationships with academic institutions and selected non-profit organizations	N/A	Met	Program Exists	NW FI State College, Pensacola Junior College
	Identify mutually advantageous opportunities with other organizations	N/A	Met	Program Exists	Chamber of Commerce support
	Establish an Executive Breakfast Series	N/A	Short	Program Exists	Not implemented yet
	Establish Corporate Outreach Program	N/A	Short	Program Exists	Not implemented yet.
Utilize chapter volunteers, support staff and financial resources to capitalize on opportunities in our geographical area of responsibility, and work with other chapters to synergize efforts	Promote corporate tables for diner meetings	Met	Met	2 tables per year	Yes - 4 tables at symposium
	Promote corporate sponsors for chapter activities and sustained chapter support	Met	Met	2 tables per year	Yes - 4 tables at symposium - 1 corp sponsor for Panama City Branch
	Promote corporate volunteer program	N/A	Short	Program Exists	Not implemented yet
	Establish and promote scholarships	N/A	Short	Program Exists	Not implemented yet
Conduct chapter activities on a solid financial basis to achieve our strategic objectives and provide value to out members	Develop business plans for all budgeted activities	Met	Met	Report annually	Yes - Annual Report Submitted
	Approve plans and budgets based on applicable criteria (mapping to strategy, addressing priorities, ect)	Met	Met	Report annually	Yes - Board Approved. Report Submitted
	Develop accurate and timely financial reports	Met	Met	Report annually	Yes - Board Approved. Report Submitted

PMP Examination to be Updated in 2011

Article from PMI Today December 2010 pg 33 &36

The Project Management Professional (PMP)[®] credential examination will be revised in 2011, based on updates to the professional role of a PMP credential holder recently found by PMI's Role Delineation Study (RDS). PMI conducts a Role Delineation Study for the PMP credential every five to seven years to ensure the credential reflects contemporary practice, evolves to meet current needs in the profession, and to comply with the PMP credential's accreditation against the ISO 17024 standard.

Exam Changes

Project managers pursuing the credential or preparing for the exam in the upcoming year should be aware that approximately 30 percent of the PMP exam will change. Education and experience eligibility requirements for the PMP credential will not change, however. As a result of the RDS, certain areas of the examination will be tested in a different way because an existing domain was seen to be common across all content areas of the examination. Specifically, the Professional and Social Responsibility content area (Domain 6) will now be tested in every domain rather than as a separate domain on the examination.

The RDS helped reveal that professional and social responsibility are integrated into all of the work of project management. PMI's Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct should therefore be viewed as now integrated into the day-to-day role of a project manager, emphasizing its importance in each phase of the project life cycle.

The new examination is scheduled to be released on 31 August 2011. This means that the last day to take the current PMP exam is 30 August 2011. Candidates who would like to take the current version of the examination are advised to schedule early to ensure that they are able to obtain a test date before the update.

Wide Participation Reflects Contemporary Practice

The changes in the PMP exam reflect the maturity of the role as defined in the RDS. More than 3,000 PMP credential holders from 97 countries participated in the process of updating the role. A steering committee and a task force of volunteer PMP credential holders led the RDS effort. These volunteers included project managers from every global region, and also demonstrated diversity in industry, job roles and other demographics.

PMI started the eight-month RDS process in late 2009, working with Professional Examination Services, a thirdparty organization with expertise in this process, to complete the study. Michella Dantas, PMI-RMP, PMP, of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, served as the PMP representative for the Role Delineation Study Steering Committee. She said, "The process as conducted by PMI brings high value, as it involves a wide diversity of experienced professionals coming from different business areas and countries who can bring to the table their views on how the profession is evolving and what might have to be reviewed as far as knowledge, skills and abilities." Ms. Dantas also participated in the PMP Role Delineation Study in 2004.

Timely Recalibration Ensures a Meaningful Credential

"Because it provides timely recalibration of the certification requirements with the experiences of global project managers across a wide array of project types, sizes, industries and complexities, the RDS ensures that PMP [credential holders] can measure and chart their own development based on internationally accepted criteria," said task force team member Grace E. Solas, PMP, of Jamaica. "By doing this, a PMP [credential holder] should always have a distinct advantage toward providing value adding services to their employers."

"Project management is still not as easily recognized as some older professions. An RDS makes the role clearer and shows the difference between a skilled technical specialist and a skilled project manager," said Sergey Rakovskiy, PMP, of Moscow, Russia, who served on the RDS task force.

"By performing an in-depth look at the current PMP [exam] and comparing it to what project managers in the 'real world' are doing, a Role Delineation Study results in a more meaningful credential," said task force participant Julie Paradise, MSM, PMP, East Longmeadow, Massachusetts, USA.

"In a world that's so dynamic, it is important [for a project manager] to have fresh information in order to adapt to many circumstances," said task force member Gabriel Perez Huesca, PMP, of Puebla City, Mexico. "The Role Delineation Study helps project managers be sure that the information that is shared with them is updated based on the experience that other project

PMP Examination to be Updated in 2011, Continued

Article from PMI Today December 2010

project managers have faced in daily work. Conducting a Role Delineation Study gives a huge amount of certainty that the project management practices are adaptable to the current markets.”

To reflect exam modifications, PMI has created and released a new PMP Exam Content Outline that will replace the current *PMP® Examination Specification*. You can find more information about the RDS and related examination changes on PMI.org.



February 2011 Membership Meeting February 16, 2011

Time: 11:00AM—12:30PM

Two Trees Restaurant, 1955 Lewis Turner Blvd, Ft. Walton Beach, FL

Speaker: Mr. Tom Sanders

Topic: Resource Estimate in the Real World of Construction Management

Earn **1 PDU** for attending!

The meeting will start at 11:30 and will conclude at approximately 12:30 with networking, lunch ordering from 11:00am—11:30am. Let Server know upon arrival what you would like for lunch, orders will be paid by attendee at time of meeting. Requirement for use of Two Trees Restaurant at no cost to the chapter is EVERYONE must have lunch (see registration site for menu).

Please RSVP your attendance at <http://pmiemeraldcoastflfeb2011.eventsbot.com/> or visit chapter website at <http://pmiemeraldcoastfl.org> for additional information.



Mobile Branch Hosting Weekly PMP Study Group

Open to ALL Chapter Members

Mobile Hosting:

PMP Study Group

Every Tuesday night starting February 8, 2011 via netmeeting

Start Date: Tuesday, February 8, 2011

(skipping March 8, Mardi Gras)

End Date: April 5, 2011

Time: 6:00PM—7:00PM

Registration has already taken place, so if you would like to join please see contact information below.

Leaders: Wayne Hooton and Mark Nichols

Materials: PMBoK Guide v4, Rita Mulcahy's PMP Prep Book 6th Edition (Please note: materials are to be purchased by attendees.)

Cost: Free to Chapter Members, \$25.00 Non-Chapter Members

For more information contact Wayne Hooton at waynehooton@aol.com and Mark Nichols at nicholsm@us.ibm.com



SAVE THE DATE!

Annual PMI Emerald Coast Chapter Spring Symposium

Date: April 16, 2011

Location: San Destin Beach Resort-Baytowne
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Watch our website and our next newsletter for more information.

PDU Category Structure Update

Since research has shown that people did not fully understand the PDU categories and how to appropriately report their PDUs using that structure, we are pleased to respond to this customer feedback to make the structure more user-friendly and better serve our certification holders and the stakeholders who support them. The updated category structure implementation begins on 1 March 2011.

Steps you need to take BEFORE 1 March 2011

- Register your earned PDUs in the CCR system under the current PDU categories.
- After 1 March 2011, credential holders will need to report any earned PDUs that have not been claimed using the new categories.

Please note that you will not lose any PDUs during this transition

Overview of changes to the PDU category structure for your information:

- CCR category structure has been simplified, thereby reducing the number of categories from 18 to 6
- All categories use the rule that one hour of learning activity is equivalent to one PDU
- Categories have been expanded to include Web 2.0 learning opportunities

There will be limits on certain categories to require that all credential holders pursue project management continuing education as part of maintaining their credential

It is also important to note what is not changing in the program:

- The three-year renewal cycle and number of PDUs required to maintain the credential will remain the same

The re-certification fee structure will remain the same

For more detailed information, access these documents:

[Compare new to old categories](#)

[Read the Frequently Asked Questions document](#)

Mobile Branch



February 2011 Membership Meeting

Date: February 17, 2011

Time: 6:30 pm—7:30pm

Location: ITT Technical Institute

Speaker: Toby C. Logan

Topic: ITT's PM Degree, course curriculum and future relationship with PMI

Register Online at: <http://pmiemeraldcoastfl.org/Branches/Mobile/MobileBranch.html>

Earn **1 PDU** for attending!

Look for more information on the [Mobile Branch](#) page of the Chapter website or contact Carrie French, PMP Director, Mobile Branch at directormobilebranch@pmiemeraldcoastfl.org

Panama City Branch



February 2011 Membership Meeting

Date: February 24, 2011

Time: 5:30 pm—7:00pm (5:00pm—5:30 pm networking)

Location: L-3 Communications Main Conference Room

17104 Laird Street (across from the Navy Base on Thomas Drive, Panama City)

Speaker: Bobby Lago

Topic: The Program Manager's Oracle—Risk Management: Oh' Oracle...How do I Respond? (...To My Program Risks)

Register Online at: <http://pmiemeraldcoastfl.org/Branches/PCB/PCBBranch.html>

Earn **1 PDU** for attending!

Look for more information on the [Panama City Branch](#) page of the Chapter website or contact John Dawson, PMP Director, Panama City Branch at directorpanamacitybranch@pmiemeraldcoastfl.org

Chapter Website

www.pmiemeraldcoastfl.org

Check the website often for information regarding Chapter Events (and registration for Events), Newsletters, as well as PDU-earning opportunities such as Webinars, Classes and Bootcamp sessions that might be of interest to our members. You will also find the Monthly Training Session presentations on the website; these are posted within a day or so after the monthly membership meeting.

We encourage suggestions and other input regarding Newsletter and/or Website content. If you have an item or an idea for Newsletter or Website content —please send it to: info@pmiemeraldcoastfl.org or webmaster@pmiemeraldcoastfl.org

Academic Resources

To advance the teaching of project management in higher education, PMI offers a range of programs and services for students, professors, researchers and educational institutions.

Student Resources: For students, PMI continues to develop educational resources to help them achieve their academic goals. PMI also offers discounted student memberships, tuition scholarships, professional credentials and the ability to get involved in communities to learn and network with other students and project management practitioners.

Faculty Resources: Classroom resources such as teaching case studies, journal articles, *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge* and other global standards have proven invaluable to instructors. PMI also offers a scholarly journal and research grant opportunities.

Institutional Resources: Because higher education plays an important role in advancing project management, PMI offers programs that give recognition to universities and colleges that meet quality standards for project management education and training.

From: PMI website - see “Academic Resources” under “Academic Degree Accreditation” on the “Career Development” page on the PMI.org website: www.pmi.org.

Chapter Communications

If you are receiving e-mail communications from the PMI Emerald Coast Florida Chapter - your e-mail address is on our distribution list. You have been added to this list because - (1) you have requested notification of chapter events (2) we have received notification from the PMI that you have joined/renewed your membership in our chapter (includes contact info) and/or (3) you are a PMI member in our area and we hope to interest you in an upcoming chapter event (including Chapter Branch formation). Also—when you renew your membership - please ensure your contact information is current!

It is not our intent to contact anyone who wishes to be excluded from our distribution list. If you receive unwanted e-mail from the PMI Emerald Coast Florida Chapter- please contact the VP Communications at vpcommunications@pmiemeraldcoastfl.org and request to be removed from this distribution list.

For new members who may not yet be receiving chapter e-mail notices - depending on the day of the month you join it may take a couple of weeks for us to receive your information from the PMI. Please feel free to contact the VP Communications to have your e-mail address added to our distribution list rather than waiting for PMI to send us their notification.

Looking for Sponsors!!!

Would you or your company like to Sponsor our Annual Symposium or the Chapter?

Sponsorship offers tremendous opportunity to support the Project Management profession while exposing your company’s product and services to our members.

For more details on sponsoring meetings, symposiums, chapter or branches, please visit the [chapter website](#) for more details or contact info@pmiemeraldcoastfl.org

Where do I take the PMP Exam?

If you are not taking a PMP training class that includes taking the exam, you may be wondering how/where you will take your test. The PMI website provides the name of the testing company but not much more in the way of specifics. You might start your search using the following URL: <http://www.prometric.com/default.htm> As you drill down to find a testing site, be aware that the one most convenient for YOU may not be in Florida; for instance, the site in Mobile Alabama is more convenient if you live near Pensacola. Another possibility is Tallahassee—depending on your location.

Interested in forming a PMP Study Group?

Keith Yockey, VP Professional Development would like to hear from you if you are interested in participating in a study group to prepare for the PMP Exam. Some details remain to be resolved, such as finding a suitable location; but the Board has access to study materials and is willing to name a POC if sufficient interest is shown. Also, this would provide another way for current PMPs to earn PDUs—by leading a session.

So—if you are interested in forming a PMP Study Group or leading a session, please contact Keith Yockey, PMP at: vpprofdevelopment@pmiemeraldcoastfl.org

PMI Emerald Coast FL Chapter Needs YOU!

If you are interested in volunteering, the Chapter has many opportunities for Volunteers and you can earn PDUs at the same time. The Chapter has a continuous needs for volunteers to help board members with planning and executing Chapter activities.

Volunteering is an excellent way to expand your contact network, and to increase your skills and qualifications as a leader.

Board Members earn 10 PDUs for their service. Chapter volunteers also earn PDUs to help you meet your continuing certification requirements for your PMP. However, having a PMP is **NOT** a prerequisite!

NOT a member of PMI® or the Chapter?

When you become a PMI member, you'll gain access to knowledge, networks and resources that can help you to improve your work and advance your career in project management. Membership means you'll be recognized as someone who is:

- Serious about professional and personal development
- Enthusiastic about good practices in project management
- Dedicated to practicing your profession in an ethical manner

All of these factors give you an edge in the job market and distinguish you to employers, colleagues and stakeholders. Go to <http://www.pmi.org/en/Membership/Membership-Benefits-of-Membership.aspx> for more details on how to become a member of PMI and the Emerald Coast FL Chapter