

Greetings All,

My Summertime frame of mind is creeping in and has delayed the sending of this and minutes from recent regional conference call.

Thanks to all who contributed this month, and to Nancy Berlin from Atlanta for helping to put this together. She was on time and thanks to everyone else who was, I was the bottle neck.

Thank you to all who joined in and participated in the conference call. I am planning to change the conference call schedule and will be targeting 6:30 PM EST for the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

If you have any suggestions or comments for our calls, please let me know.

Conference call recap

2014 Region 14 meeting Proposal

If you are interested in your chapter hosting the 2014 Regional conference, please review the template section, on the region 14 site. The proposals from Last year will also be made available to you. Jim Devine the incoming Mentor for 2014-2016 will be taking the lead on this event. Exact dates to be provided soon. We are trying to move the process up a couple of weeks, with decision made at the by the first week of October. Based on Labor day weekend, we are planning to have the proposals submitted to Jim and myself by Sunday Midnight Sept 8, 2013. A regional conference call to present your proposal will be scheduled for Tuesday September 10, and copies of your proposal will be distributed after the call to be shared with the boards. There will one vote allowed per chapter with the voting taking place the last week of September- and the winning chapter will be announced October 1, 2013.

If you are interested in hosting and would like more information, please contact us.

2013 Conference Closeout-

All contact information from the breakout sessions have been posted and also the items that were discussed. Feedback from the call, indicates there has been some ongoing communication and the sharing of information. It was also discussed, that the ongoing collaboration is tough when everything else you are trying to balance is considered. There is a discussion board on our regional site if you care to ask and share or check out the contact information from the groups you participated in, or if were not there, reach out to your counterparts if you so desire.

LIM Registration open-

The New Orleans LIM registration is now open. The event is scheduled for Oct 24-26. One complimentary registration code will be sent to the chapter presidents. For additional information please visit the link below

http://www.pmi.org/Get-Involved/LIM/LIM_NA.aspx

Virtual Seminar Series-

Beginning July 12, 2013 , The Chapter Development Department at PMI GOC, will be offering a Virtual Seminar Series. This is for all chapter leaders, with topics related to chapter and board development.

They will be offered 3 times live a month and then made available on PMI Learn. Please make sure you and your leadership teams are familiar with PMI Learn as it is a great source of information and is truly a benefit from being a volunteer chapter leader.

The library of topics will be added to and continually evolving. Plan is to have 4 topics this year and 6 more next year.

Have a great week !

Look forward to hearing from all chapters by the 28th of the month for the newsletter and July 9th for our conference call. If there is anything that you need before then, please call or write!

Take care!

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CHAPTER UPDATES:

NORTH ALABAMA - [HTTP://WWW.NORTHALABAMAPMI.ORG/](http://www.northalabamapmi.org/)

With membership finally breaking the 600 hurdle, PMI-NAC continues to offer a robust schedule of Monthly Luncheons and the on-going PMP Exam Prep Course. On April 30th we had our Spring Networking Social at Bridge Street's The Scene Lounge. This outreach venue provides us an opportunity to invite non-members who may be interested in PMI Membership and/or the PMP. The 40-some attendees, most of whom were not Chapter Members, enjoyed an informal venue for discussion of the benefits of PM certification and Chapter Membership. These recurring Spring-Fall continue to be one of our most rewarding venues for exposing non-members to the chapter. We do not charge for attendance, and we provide heavy hors d'oeuvres. The cost to the chapter is worth having the venue to bring non-

members in for networking.

From May 2nd-4th, Our President and Pat-President attended the Region 14 Meeting in Augusta. We had budgeted for up to 6 attendees from Chapter, had gotten interest from 4 possible attendees, but only managed to bring 2 due to last-minute work commitments. We continue to struggle with how to increase our chapter presence at Region 14 events, even when funding is not an issue. However, we enjoyed the networking opportunity as well as discussing collaboration, and we thank the Augusta Chapter for hosting the great event.

On May 12th, we enjoyed an engaging presentation by Dr H. Sam Cooke on Continuing Education for Professionals. Dr Cooke, who has worked in the Federal Arena with Huntsville customers for over 40 years, tracked the history of the Huntsville-area workforce to point out that basic Algebra & Calculus skill sets have been on the wane even though formal education has increased. He poses that Continuing Education can span the gap and arm Project Managers who possess Liberal Arts degrees with enough of a mathematics background to be effective in the Engineering Realm.

Our Spring PMP Exam Prep Course, running from April 2nd through May 23rd, continues with a record number of 30 students. This low-cost prep course has fast become our Flagship Offering and we have had a few businesses and government entities asking if we can conduct a separate prep course for them. Because we do not have unlimited instructor resources and do not want to exhaust our volunteers we have been declining to conduct any courses other than the open venues twice a year. However, we are in discussions with Lockheed Martin to begin using their facility in the Fall which seats up to 50. In exchange for hosting, we would provide them 10 seats at reduced cost slightly above our own expenses. We hope to use this venue to build a bridge with the larger companies which are not typically as well represented in our membership.

We continue to look into the feasibility of starting a Bi-Monthly or Quarterly Breakfast Speaker to provide the option for those who cannot make the Monthly Luncheons. From discussions with larger chapters at Regional and National PMI events, we have determined that we need to offer more than just a lunch venue to support the larger membership basis as we grow. However, since we have never done other venues we are still discussing the appropriate location and type of speaker. We look forward to reading the reports from those chapters who have successful breakfast and dinner programs.

MONTGOMERY ALABAMA - [HTTP://WWW.PMIMONTGOMERY.ORG](http://www.pmimontgomery.org)

Bruce Ward, Denny Rea and Karen Stankard of the Montgomery Chapter offer a big “thank you” to everyone who played a role in hosting the Region 14 Conference in early May, starting with John Watson, our “Fearless Leader,” and congratulations to the Augusta-Aiken Chapter for a job very well done. Steve Shapiro of the Atlanta Chapter gets a “thank you” also for supplying us with guidance in the area of social networking and its appropriate place in marketing and communicating chapter activities to our target markets. Thanks to all.

Presentations at our monthly chapter meetings this summer will include: June 13: “SEE, SPEAK, & HEAR as Project Managers Should”, a recap of lessons learned from the Conference presented by our attendees, and July 11: “Project Management in Mobile Application Development”, presented by chapter / team members from CACI International Inc (which is also an important sponsor of our Chapter). Later in the year chapter members will be treated to both a presentation from and a tour of Hyundai Motor

Manufacturing Alabama, LLC (the manufacturer of the Hyundai Sonata). Our Professional Development team is set to introduce the Personal Professional Development Tracker (PPDT) to Chapter members on a trial basis for implementation in 2014.

We are also preparing to announce a program of webinars to be made available on a regular basis, as well as a "Job Hunt Interest Group" which will be available exclusively to Chapter members. We welcome two new member volunteers to our Chapter organization this month: Mr. Tommy Kile will serve as our new PMIEF liaison, and Mr. Joe Baker will serve as our analyst and advisor on the use of social media within the Chapter. Preparations have begun for our annual planning meeting, set for 24 August. Many ideas gleaned from our interaction with other members of our Region will be discussed for consideration. The work done by our whole board this year in the area of strategic planning places us on a firm footing to grow our ranks and expand our presence and impact on project management in Montgomery and Central Alabama. Late summer is an active time for our Chapter. In addition to our planning meeting, annual "State of the Chapter" meeting, and officer elections, we participate in the Annual Information Technology Day hosted by Auburn University Montgomery as an exhibitor and panel host, and we host our own Job Fair, giving priority to our Chapter sponsors, the support from whom we greatly appreciate.

BIRMINGHAM ALABAMA - [HTTP://WWW.PMIBIRMINGHAM.ORG](http://www.pmibirmingham.org)

May was a busy month for PMI Birmingham! We hosted a fabulous Symposium on May 9th with speaker Jennifer Whitt Bridges who entertained our membership with her talk on "The Whole You". She stressed the importance of self branding and finding the qualities that make you unique and tantalizing to employers and peers. This event had 90+ attendees and raised 68 donations to the Weekend Backpack charity which supplies our local schools with backpacks filled with food for our students. PMI Birmingham also sponsored the Spring 2013 PMP Exam Prep Course. This course consists of 8 regular sessions and 2 extra sessions that will help prepare students for the PMP exam. The course covers key components of the exam, including the nine knowledge areas, and is facilitated by experienced Project Management Professionals. We are also looking ahead to June's chapter meeting. We will hear a presentation from Abhay Trivedi about Conflict Management & Resolution.

CENTRAL FLORIDA - [HTTP://WWW.PMICFC.ORG/](http://www.pmicfc.org/)

NORTHEAST FLORIDA - [HTTP://WWW.PMI-NEFL.ORG/](http://www.pmi-nefl.org/)

Upcoming Events

In June, the NEFL chapter is pleased to have Neal Whitten join us for three high impact and inspiring events.

June 17, 2013 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Life Balance Seminar - 4 PDU Event

How's your Life Balance? Many people in their mid-years and later wish they would have been more on-point and deliberate much earlier in their lives so they would have experienced a more effective,

balanced and full life-both at work and personally.

The book "The Gift of Wisdom: Lessons for a Lifetime" is included with registration.

June 17, 2013 5:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

NEFL Dinner Meeting- Are You too Soft? – 1 PDU Event

Most project managers-most leaders-are not consistently willing to make the tough and unpopular project-related decisions, even though their instincts warn them that they are not taking the most effective action. Witness examples of project manager actions (or inactions) that are indicative of too-soft behavior. Will you recognize familiar behavior?

June 18, 2013 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Let's Talk Workshop - 7 PDU Event

Leadership, accountability, and professional maturity issues are common, on projects-too common. This will be highly interactive seminar addresses specific aspects of these issues head-on. A copy of the book is also included.

For more information see our website <http://www.pmi-nefl.org>

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SOUTH FLORIDA - [HTTP://WWW.SOUTHFLORIDAPMI.ORG/](http://www.southfloridapmi.org/)

The South Florida Chapter is planning the following June Events:

- Think Tank –**Jun 28**, a panel discussion on topics of emerging interests that promotes a synergy of ideas, best practices and strategies between project management professionals. This year's topic is: *"How Virtualization, Mobile Apps and Cloud Computing can help make Project Management more Effective."*
- 5-Day PMP Certification Prep Course – **June 17**
- 2-Day Project Management Negotiation course- **June 20**

Other Programs/Activities

- **New Mentoring Program.** One of the mentoring program objectives is to help professionals be more engaged in the emerging markets. We continue to work on the program structure, roles and responsibilities, ground rules, and mentor and mentee guides.
- **Web Site Upgrade.** We continue to update our website to improve our users' online experience. Our plan is to have a fresh new look with a more appealing site.

Day of Excellence, scheduled for September 28th

SPACE COAST - [HTTP://WWW.PMISPACECOAST.ORG/](http://www.pmispacecoast.org/)

PMI Space Coast Florida Chapter hosted another successful Lunch and Learn Webinar on May 7, 2013. Mark Laposky, PMP, Founder of Space Age Projects, LLC, presented "PMI Professional Certifications", an overview of the six Project Management Institute professional certifications. Participants learned about the levels of the benefits afforded by holding a PMI professional certification. Mr. Laposky highlighted the significance of each including: Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM), Project Management Professional (PMP), Program Management Professional (PgMP), PMI Agile Certified Practitioner (PMI-ACP), PMI Risk Management Professional (PMI-RMP), and PMI Scheduling Professional (PMI-SP).

Upcoming PMI Space Coast Florida Events:

• **June 4, 2013:**

PMI Space Coast Networking Event

- Location: **ndtHOST Melbourne Data Center**
8635 Holiday Springs Road
Melbourne, FL 32940
- Date/Time: June 4, 2013, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- Provided: Light appetizers and drinks
- Cost: Free to members, guests and prospective members
- More info: <http://pmispacecoast.org/meetinginfo.php?id=92&ts=1368566835>
- Please bring: Business cards and an eagerness to meet other PM professionals

• **June 10, 2013:**

Monthly Chapter Dinner Meeting

- Location: Holiday Inn Melbourne, Viera Conference Center, Melbourne, FL
- Speaker: Anthony Reed, CPA, PMP, MBA, MS
- Topic: Nailing Gelatin to the Wall or How to Gather Requirements
- More info: <http://pmispacecoast.org/meetinginfo.php?id=87&ts=1366724459>

• **August 22, 2013:**

PMI Space Coast FL Professional Development Day

- Location: Holiday Inn Melbourne, Viera Conference Center, Melbourne, FL

More info: <http://pmispacecoast.org/meetinginfo.php?id=87&ts=1366724459>

For additional information on PMI Space Coast FL Chapter, please contact Chapter President Rick Baker, PMP at president@pmispacecoast.org.

SUN COAST - [HTTP://WWW.SUNCOASTPMI.ORG/](http://www.suncoastpmi.org/)

Suncoast Chapter Updates for the month of May 2013

- Our speaker this past month was Jerome Coleman from ATK. His topic "Communication and Leadership: A Winning Team"

Jerome taught the Membership how these two traits can make or break a project! He presented five tools that foster the development of communication and leadership over time. This skill set will not only benefit your career in Project Management, but in all areas of life. He further illustrated this by discussing the benefits and potentials that come out of being a part of Toastmasters.

- Our speakers next month will be Martin Kleiner and Stephan Athan. Their Topic will be "Re-engineering Engineering Education"
- We have had at least one of our ACP Exam Prep Class attendees achieve their ACP last week! We are looking for updates from the other three attendees soon!
- This month our BoD will meet for our bi-annual strategic meeting on June 15. This allows our Team to re-assess the budget and initial direction for the year and update or change if necessary.

For information and to register see our website www.suncoastpmi.org

For additional info contact: president@suncoastpmi.org

TALLAHASSEE - [HTTP://WWW.PMITLH.ORG/](http://www.pmitlh.org/)

PMI Tallahassee provided the application fee for a PMI Tallahassee Toastmasters Club, both to provide a monthly opportunity for Chapter members to improve essential communications skills, and as a way to reach beyond the Chapter to anyone interested in developing their communications skill and possibly finding out more about project management as a profession or life skill. The first "official" meeting was in March, and we are already within two members of being officially chartered by Toastmasters International!

Chapter members enjoyed the "Change Sponsor Engagement – A must-have for successful change projects!" April dinner meeting presentation by Joyce Carroll, and look forward eagerly to the June 3rd dinner meeting presentation "How to Optimize People, Processes and Technology in Business Operations" by Karen Scott, CEO of Healthcare Project Management Partners.

Meanwhile, the Professional Development Committee is acquiring the new PMBOK and reference materials to update our PMP Prep class for the new exam, to be taught (again) this Fall by volunteer PMP Chapter members.

TAMPA BAY - [HTTP://WWW.PMI-TAMPABAY.ORG/](http://www.pmi-tampabay.org/)

We're hosting a Summer Networking Event Monday June 17, 2013 at the DoubleTree in Tampa prior to our June Dinner. The networking even features an award for the Top "Networker" and a drawing for a free pass to the 2013 Symposium. In addition to the Summer Networking event, we've planned a "Project Management Across the Bay Networking Event on July 11, 2013 since Tampa, Clearwater, St. Petersburg and several other smaller communities constitute the Tampa Bay Area.

Our June Board meeting is scheduled for June 10, 2013. We had over 50 new members turn out for our

New Member Orientation on May 20, 2013. Our June Dinner is schedule for the 17th at the DoubleTree in Tampa and June Lunch is on the 18th at Keller Graduate School in Tampa.

We continue to promote volunteer opportunities for the chapter on our website, as well as through personal networking. At our May Board meeting we welcomed several new directors, including Director of the Newsletter; Jim Payne and Director of Website Content; Michele Mourer.

We've announced a PMI Tampa Bay Golf Tournament for June 22, 2012 at The Eagles Golf Club in Odessa (North Tampa), FL. The format is Scramble with a shotgun start. Check out our website if you're interested. We've announced a 2013 PMI-ACP Exam Prep Class for June 21-22, 2013 in Tampa at the West Shore Hyatt Place Tampa Airport. Please see our website for registration and details.

We've planned an additional PDD Interactive Seminar on "The Practice of Program Management" on July 19, 2013. Our attendee's to the Region 14 Conference reported back to the Board about their experience; including agenda items, at the May Board Meeting.

We've announced a Non-Academic Scholarship Program, designed to financially assist Chapter Member Applicants in contact hours for PMP, CAPM, PgMP, PMI-SP or PMI-RMP, admission to PMP,,CAPM, PgMP, PMI-SP, or PMI_RPM exam preparation courses or PDU required hours for maintaining PMI Certification.

Registration as well as more details about our 9th Annual Symposium September 13th and 14th 2013; this year's theme is "Passport to Excellence", are available on our web site (PMI-TampBay.org). The Sheraton East is the site of this year's Symposium, located at 10221 Princess Palm Avenue in Tampa, FL. Keynote Speakers our Mike Weber "Breaking the Unwritten Rules" on Friday and Joe Navarro "Nonverbals for Exceptional Organizations" on Saturday Morning.

EMERALD COAST FLORIDA CHAPTER - [HTTP://WWW.PMIEMERALDCOASTFL.ORG/](http://www.pmiemeraldcoastfl.org/)

It's hard to believe - but we'll soon be at the mid-point of our year. Soon our Nominating Committee will be actively recruiting volunteers to place on the ballot for the 2014 Board of Directors. Once again we hope to have many members express interest in filling Board positions next year! And - if you're interested in serving on the nominating committee - I hope you'll let us know that as well.

If you have not visited our new Chapter website yet, I hope you will do so in the near future and send us your feedback. The website in its current form is just the beginning of a process of continuing improvement in one of our most visible communication tools. It is basically our old (original) website transformed into the new site utilizing more modern technology and website design; and is hosted by a company that provides this service to many other PMI chapters. There is much more to be done to realize our collective vision of what the site should be - but it's a very good start! Since it's your website too, we value your opinions and suggestions for improvement.

Has anyone ever asked you why you joined PMI and/or the Emerald Coast FL Chapter? What's in it for you to attend meetings and join any professional association for that matter? I had that experience not too long ago; and I thought I would in turn pose the question to all of you today to help you think about

it, as I did then.

When first starting out as a young professional or as a seasoned professional, what better opportunity to meet people who share a common background in your chosen field such as project/program management? By attending meetings and volunteering to serve the local chapter in some capacity (board of directors, nominating committee, session speaker...) you have an opportunity to build your network of professionals in your area of interest. You can also broaden your knowledge through the professional programs presented, mentor others (or be mentored), and improve your public speaking skills by sharing your knowledge with others in an atmosphere of professional friendship.

For more information on the PMI Emerald Coast FL Chapter, please contact Chapter President, Caroline Pepa at president@pmiemeraldcoastfl.org or visit our website at <http://pmiemeraldcoastfl.org/>.

ATLANTA - [HTTP://WWW.PMIATLANTA.ORG/](http://www.pmiatlanta.org/)

The PMI Atlanta Chapter continues to be a leader with Education/Academia. Multiple scholarships have been established and are available to members and organizations. On Friday April 12, 2013, DeVry University held their first Industry Advisory Council meeting of 2013. The purpose of the meeting was to gather together DeVry faculty and working Project Management professionals. Committee members represented PMI well in roundtable discussion topics which included a critique of the undergraduate and graduate project management programs and suggestions for improvement based on industry experience.

Agile Comes to You!!! On Tuesday, May 21st, the Agile Forum was held at AT&T Lenox Campus. "The Agile PMO – From Process Police to Adaptive Governance" by Sanjiv Augustine and Arlen Bankston." received rave reviews from AT&T Executives; everything was buzzing all around AT&T days and weeks later. AT&T wants more of LitheSpeed's training and webcasting opportunities that would allow them to reach a broader AT&T audience beyond just NP&E, E2E IPMO. Plans are to coordinate these events soon incorporating more divisions, such as, IT, Marketing and more. The biggest impact was to the AT&T NP&E, E2E, IPMO Executives – The executives are interested and thankful for PMI Atlanta Chapter bringing Agile forums personally to their Atlanta AT&T Campus – most employees are eagerly looking forward to the next set of Agile events! The Chapter is looking into more "...Comes to You" events for Corporate companies for the future.

Atlanta Chapter sent 15 members of the Leadership Team to the Region 14 Leadership meeting held in Augusta. Very positive feedback from all who attended.

On June 10th, PMI Atlanta will present Project of the Year awards to outstanding projects submitted. Categories include Government, Manufacturing, Retail, and Service. Winners and Honorable Mentions will present a short description of their project and receive their awards. Award winners will be included in the July Newsletter.

Atlanta Chapter will hold a Strategy Meeting at Stone Mountain on June 21-22. We have engaged with Debbie King as Facilitator. Each committee will present their goals and objectives for the remainder of 2013 and into 2014. We will be using some of the items that we learned from the Region 14 Leadership Conference, such as: Organizational Health presentation to re-evaluate Core Values. Watch for some new and exciting things to come from the Atlanta Chapter.

Back by popular demand...the Atlanta Chapter will present a Recruiter Panel at the July Dunwoody Dinner Meeting. This was very successful in 2012 and promises to be even better this year.

COLUMBUS - [HTTP://WWW.PMICOLUMBUSGA.ORG](http://www.pmicolumbusga.org)

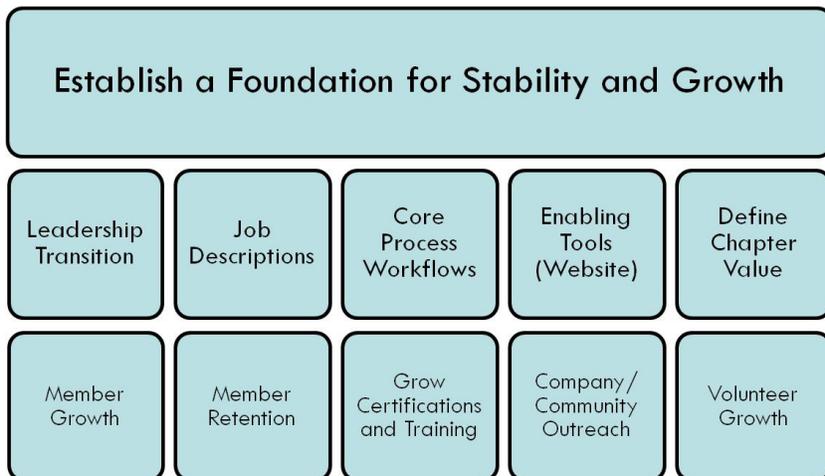
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. May Meeting Recap:

Dr. Reinhold Gerbsch, DSC, PMP, highlighted events from the 2013 Region 14 Annual Leadership conference held in Augusta, GA May 2-4, 2013. Topics included resolving the “Death by Meeting” downward spiral, the state of Agile Project Management adoption and a structured process for resolving ethical dilemmas. Then, using Discipline 2 – Create Clarity, from The Advantage, Patrick Lencioni’s latest book, the components of the PMI Chapter’s singular temporary focus and operating objectives were discussed.

The Coastal Empire section is using the framework presented by Kristen Kern of The Table Group, Inc. to focus its efforts for the remainder of 2013. The Central Theme is: Establish a Foundation for Stability and Growth. The theme has five Defining Objectives: Leadership Transition, Job Descriptions, Core Process Workflows, Enabling Tools and Defining Chapter Value. These are supported by five Standard Operating Objectives: Member Growth, Member Retention, Certifications and Training Company/Community Outreach and Volunteer Growth. These are illustrated in the following figure..



Upcoming Meetings:

June 21, 2013 Socy Howell, Gulfstream Aerospace Corp. - Project Cost Estimating Risk and Solutions July 19, 2013 Dr. Shera Ramey-London (abd), M.H.R. - "Corporate Min / Max Portal"

August 23, 2013 Andrew Hoenig - Skidaway Bridge Project

CHARLESTON - [HTTP://WWW.PMI-CHARLESTON.ORG/](http://www.pmi-charleston.org/)

May events:

May Monthly Meeting (5/16) – Dan Furlong, PMP, PMO of the Office of the CIO of Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC). Mr. Furlong provided a presentation of the many changes in the 5th Edition of the PMBOK. Dan was both entertaining and informative!

Upcoming events:

Destination Charleston | PMI Seminar @ Sea

October 23 – 28, 2013 Wednesday to Monday – in case you didn't know, Charleston was voted the top tourist city in the world in 2012. In conjunction with local business partners, we are hosting our 3rd Learning Cruise. We encourage people to visit Charleston, jump on a 5-day cruise, and earn 16 PDUs. We are offering the top destination in the world, a cruise, and PDUs – who could ask for more? Please visit our website for more information. www.pmi-charleston.org

Monthly Meetings: all on 3rd Thursday of Month 11:30 – 1:00

June 20 – Russ Darnell - Developing a Project Profile and Applying the Appropriate Execution Approach

- Venue - Crowne Plaza, North Charleston

July 18 – Rick Brisbin – Topic TBD

- Venue - Crowne Plaza, North Charleston

August 15 – Red Cross/Project Management in Extreme Conditions

- Venue - Crowne Plaza, North Charleston

September 19 - PMI Charleston Scholarship Awards and Student presentations

- Venue - Crowne Plaza, North Charleston

October 17 – TBD

- Venue- Crowne Plaza, North Charleston

November 21 - Susan Meevers, Chas. County Aviation Authority

- Venue - Crowne Plaza, North Charleston

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EAST TENNESSEE - [HTTP://WWW.ETPMI.ORG/](http://www.ETPMI.org/)

MEMPHIS - [HTTP://WWW.PMIMEMPHIS.ORG/](http://www.PMIMEMPHIS.ORG/)

NASHVILLE - [HTTP://WWW.PMINASHVILLE.COM/](http://www.PMINASHVILLE.COM/)

Commencement ceremonies, farmers market with fresh fruit and vegetables stand, the CMA music festival all signifies summer here in Nashville; and the start of a chance to breathe and relax a little as we unwind from the hectic pace of the school year. The board of directors had a great opportunity to represent the Chapter at local colleges this fiscal year. We represented PMI at the Department of Leadership, Policy, and Organizations at Peabody College at Vanderbilt University and the Center for Executive Education at Belmont University. We had the opportunity to showcase to a group of graduating students and future leaders the project management profession, benefits of membership and joining PMI Global and local chapters, CoP events, certifications, etc. We shared our own experiences as project managers, leaders, and roles on the board and as volunteers. We found this community outreach opportunity very rewarding and look forward to the upcoming school year.

In addition to continuing to make an impact at local colleges, the PMI Nashville Chapter is excited to be working with Fort Campbell on the upcoming Project Management Workshop and Career Fair scheduled for June 20. Project management is a growing field and can be a great career path for many service members. Many service members already possess the skillsets and characteristics of a project manager such as leadership, attention to details, logistics, delegation, risk assessment, communication and stakeholder support. The challenge is in the translation and repackaging of their skillsets so that hiring managers recognize their potential. The intent of this workshop is to assist returning service members with their transition into the civilian workforce. The PMI Nashville Chapter has several veterans that are members of our chapter that will be joining us to share their experiences. We are proud of our service members, and honored to partner with Fort Campbell Warrior Transition Battalion.

June upcoming events:

Night at the Sounds Baseball Game

— Saturday, June 15, 2013, 06:35pm - 09:30pm

Join your fellow chapter members at the Nashville Sounds game!

You and your family are invited to watch the Sounds play the New Orleans Zephyrs. This event is open to members and non-members. You may also bring a guest and minor children. The cost includes your ticket, plus a voucher for a hot dog and soda.

June Luncheon - Creating a Sense of Urgency: The People Side of Change by Mark Kenny

— Tuesday, June 18, 2013, 11:30am - 01:00pm

In this presentation, Mark Kenny once again brings live actors with him to create a fun and engaging presentation that brings alive the research and his own experiences on how to create a sense of urgency, speak to the feelings and emotions of your people, recognize productive urgency vs. business, and become effective in a world of constant change.

Healthcare Community of Practice CoP event - What does it take to break into the PM space within the Healthcare field by Onora Group

— Thursday, June 27, 2013, 05:30pm - 07:00pm

What does it take to break into the PM space within the Healthcare field? And once you're there, how do you navigate your career?

Recruiters and Hiring Managers from local Healthcare Companies will speak and take questions on the topic of breaking into PM roles in the Healthcare industry.

Submitted by Ruby Reyes, President- Nashville Chapter

DOCTOR BIRD -JAMAICA [HTTP://WWW.PMIJDBC.ORG/](http://www.pmijdbc.org/)

Jamaica's May 2013 Chapter Meeting featured a presentation by one of our Executives, Jana Bent, PMP on what she called the biggest project she has ever done – build-out and management of all infrastructure for the historically significant Jamaica 50 Golden Jubilee Village held last year August 1 – 6. She highlighted the pride she felt working along with a large team of national leaders to bring this 6 day celebratory event into reality.

The Chapter's 'Baseline' networking 'lyme' for the general public, under the theme: "Make a link, Build the link, Keep the link", held on April 27th at Chaser's Café was a major success, raking in more profit than was projected and a good time was had by all. Plans are afoot for the next social event, sure to build on the success of Baseline.

For additional information and subscription to our Newsletter, please contact: support@pmijdbc.org

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SOUTHERN CARIBBEAN CHAPTER (TRINIDAD/TOBAGO) - [HTTP://WWW.PMISCC.ORG/](http://www.pmiscc.org/)

The Inauguration of the Barbados Committee "Branch" of the PMI Southern Caribbean Chapter was held on May 17th at the Marriott Hotel in Bridgetown, Barbados. The President and VP Membership were in attendance.

Since its launch and first Technical Session on International Project Management Day November 01 2012, the core group of ten members work diligently to grow and strengthen the Branch, Technical Sessions were held each month thereafter with the PMI SCC membership in Barbados moving up to 34 by April 2013. We all extend our profound thanks to Dino Schmitz who served as Interim Chair for this interim period. This core group must be congratulated for taking ownership of this initiative they planned this project for their inauguration and even provided accommodation for the President and VP Membership at the Crane Hotel. Seventy (70) people were in attendance at this event.

The group's strategic focus is to increase the membership of the branch through the strategies to engaging the one hundred PMI members who are not members of the PMI SCC and to engage the public and private sectors to assist in developing a strong PM fraternity in Barbados. The team selected to lead the Barbados Branch are:

- ✚ Ms. Allison Holder, Chairperson
- ✚ Chris Lashley, Strategic Alliance Officer
- ✚ Ashish Uttamchandani, Publications Officer
- ✚ Fay Best, Marketing Officer
- ✚ Marianna Polacka, Technical Sessions Officer
- ✚ Colleen Inniss-Gittens, Membership Officer
- ✚ Peter Kerr, Sponsorship Officer
- ✚ Karen Walkes, Finance Officer

Membership

The chapter membership as at April 30, 2013 was Six Hundred and Fifty-seven; there is a strong likelihood of meeting our target of 700 members by December 2013. We are 7th in numbers out of 24 chapters in region 14; 4th out of 24 chapters for membership growth this year (last year we were 20th)

1st out of 24 chapters for membership retention this year - (last year we were 23rd)

Conference – Awards Function – Executive Level Panel Discussion

All chapters are invited to send representatives to our 7th Biennial International Conference on September 17 & 18, at the Hilton Trinidad, on the theme ***Managing Performance in Challenging Times: Transformation | Diversity | Sustainability***. *Feature Presenter will be Dr Harold Kerzner of IIL, Keynote presenters will be Khalid Hassanali, President/CEO of Petrotrin (TT) and Chip Elchelberger, CSP, (USA)*. Diane White, Board Member of the PMI will deliver greetings and be a member of the C'Level Executive Panel; Twenty-one other distinguished presenters will be in attendance.

For more information contact our Conference Secretariat at conferencesecretariat@pmiscc.org or visit our website at pmiscc.org.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you would like to be added to this