



PMI WA-Chapter Newsletter

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WA PMI Chapter's President Address

Dear Members,

Your new Board has taken office. I welcome and congratulate four new Directors:

Alan Griffiths
(Marketing Director);

Galen Townson
(Education Director);

Richard Pragasam
(Communications
Director); and,

Brett Anderson
(Certification Director).

Congratulations are also in order for Alden Lee who is taking up a new position on the Board Executive as Vice-President. And congratulations to Tara Shah, our Finance Director. The full list of Board Members and their offices appears in the box at the bottom of this page.

I thank the outgoing directors for their commitment and service:

Nenad Susic, CAPM;

Graham Colborne, PMP;

Greg Gelfi, PMP; and,

Herman Veltkamp, PMP.

NEW MEETING VENUE (DEC):

November 11 2009 will be our last meeting held at the Celtic Club on Ord Street in West Perth.

Our December meeting will be at City West.

Please invite all the people you know who are involved in project management. We are excited about our new venue and we want to share that with as many as can.

And do say hello when you

see me and introduce me to those you have invited.

As always, at any time, do let us know what we can do to help you and to make your membership more valuable to you.

Nigel Rarp, PMP
PMI WA-Chapter President

Special Point of Interest!!

Projects-in-Action Program 2009

The Essentials and Science of Negotiating Skills will be held Wednesday November 20.

Todd Hutchison, PMP will facilitate this workshop.

For further information, please go to <http://www.wapmi.org.au/education/index.php#pia>

Galen Townson
Education Director
PMI WA-Chapter

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Your Board (Nov 2009 to Oct 2010)

Following the election of officers at the Chapter meeting in November 4th, your Board from November 2009 to October 2010 is as follows:

Position	Name	email	Term ends
President	Nigel Rarp, PMP	president@wapmi.org.au	Oct 2010
Vice President	Alden Lee, PMP	vicepresident@wapmi.org.au	Oct 2011
Finance	Tara Shah, CPA	finance@wapmi.org.au	Oct 2011
Secretary	Jan Bryson, PMP	secretary@wapmi.org.au	Oct 2010
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The Virtual Community Project (VCP) reached an important milestone a few weeks ago with the launch of seven new PMI Communities of Practice. For a limited time, all PMI members will automatically have complimentary access to all the currently-launched Communities of Practice.

The VCP is an opportunity created by PMI volunteers and supported by the PMI Global Board of Directors to transition PMI's current virtual Communities – 'Specific Interest Groups (SIGs)' and 'Colleges' – to 'Communities of Practice' by the end of 2010. 'Communities of Practice' are knowledge-driven sites where practitioners can connect through blogs, wikis, discussion boards, shared document areas, and opinion polls.

The 'Communities of Practice' now available include:

- Agile (actual launch date 24 July)
- Consulting
- International Development
- Organizational Project Management
- Project Human Resource Management
- Retail
- Utility

PMI will continue to transition current SIGs and Colleges into Communities of Practice over the coming months, as well as creating newly-formed Communities. The organization will evaluate customer satisfaction with the limited-time access during the first quarter of 2010.

Pages on both the public-facing pages of PMI.org and the "My PMI" Member Section have been updated to allow members easy access to the Communities of Practice. To read more about the Communities of Practice, click on the "Get Involved" tab on PMI.org and navigate to the new section labelled "PMI Chapters and Communities of Practice." Please note: In order to access the Communities of Practice, you need to be a PMI member with a PMI.org username and password.

By engaging with a global virtual Community, PMI members will be able to share ideas and insight, and benefit from other practitioners' advice and experience. As you interact with PMI members, please encourage them to get involved with the Communities of Practice!

Refer to the FAQ on this page.

We hope you will encourage all PMI members to utilise this opportunity.

Website : www.PMI.org

PMI Virtual Community Project and its Frequently-Asked Questions

Q: What is the status of the Virtual Community Project (VCP)?

A: VCP reached an important milestone on 1 October 2009 when seven new PMI Communities of Practice launched to the full PMI membership.

Q: What is a PMI Community of Practice?

A: Communities of Practice are knowledge-driven websites where PMI members can learn about particular aspects of the project management profession. Members can connect with others and contribute thoughts, ideas and expertise through blogs, wikis, discussion boards, shared document areas, and opinion polls, and participate in webinars.

Q: What is the limited-time access?

A: As of 1 October 2009, all 300,000+ PMI Members will automatically have complimentary access to all the currently-launched Communities of Practice. The limited-time access will include SIGs that have transitioned into a Community of Practice and newly-formed Communities.

Q: When will the limited-time access end?

A: At this time, there is no firm end-date for the limited time access. PMI will evaluate customer satisfaction with the limited-time access during the first quarter of 2010.

Q: How can PMI members access the Communities of Practice websites?

A: Log in to PMI.org with your PMI.org username and password. If you are not currently a registered user on PMI.org, click on the link "New User Register Now" in the upper

left corner of the home page.

1. Click on the new "Communities" section
2. Follow the links to the Communities of Practice
3. Click on the Community you wish to access.

PMI members also can access a specific Community of Practice via that Community's URL (for example: <http://agile.Community.pmi.org>), which will take you to a landing page. At the landing page, PMI members can log in to a Community using their PMI.org username and password.

Q: Can non-members access the Communities of Practice?

A: At this time, the Communities of Practice are a benefit of paid PMI membership.

Q: How can a person learn more about the Communities of Practice?

A: Visit the "Get Involved" tab of PMI.org for more information, including videos and Community demo.

Q: Why is PMI making Communities of Practice available for free to PMI members?

A: Members are receiving complimentary access in order to see and contribute to value that Communities of Practice offer through a global network of practitioners.

Q: If a member paid for Community access prior to the limited-time access, are they eligible for a refund?

A: Individuals who paid from 1 June 2009 through the launch of their Community of Practice website will receive a credit and will be contacted in a forthcoming communication before 1 December.

Q: Why have certain specific interest groups (SIGs) been removed from PMI.org?

A: PMI specific interest groups (SIGs) or Colleges that have transitioned to a Community of Practice appear in the Communities Sections of PMI.org, located under the "Get Involved" tab. As Communities of Practice are part of PMI membership,

one will not find them available for purchase through the PMI Marketplace. These new Communities of Practice will be made available to PMI members at no cost as part of the limited-time access.

Q: Can a PMI member still purchase a membership to existing SIGs or Colleges?

A: Yes – memberships to SIGs and Colleges that have not yet transitioned into Communities of Practice are still available, but will expire on 31 December 2010 when PMI retires SIGs/ Colleges.

Q: If a person's PMI membership expires during the limited-time access, can that person still access the Communities of Practice?

A: If a person's membership expires during the limited-time access, his or her access to the Communities of Practice is suspended. However, if the person renews his PMI membership during the limited-time access, his or her access to the Communities is restored.

Q: Can a Community of Practice website support advertising?

A: Yes - all Communities of Practice will have advertising opportunities built into their site. Advertising sales and management will be coordinated by the PMI Global Operations Centre. Advertising on the Community of Practice websites is governed by the PMI Advertising Policy.

Q: Can Communities of Practice be personalized with colours, graphics, etc.?

A: All Community of Practice sites will come under the PMI brand and will use the PMI logo. However, each Community will maintain its own identity, using its own language, imagery, and content.

Each Community may choose from several different colour scheme options (known as "skins") that fall within PMI brand guidelines, yet allow the Communities to have flexibility to customize their sites.

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The Western Australia Chapter of the Project Management Institute (PMI®) was established in December 2001 as a not-for-profit Australian organisation.

PMI is the largest international professional organisation for the project management profession and is well known for its international defacto standard publication called the "Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge" (PMBOK®).

The WA Chapter's vision is "To be the leader in promoting Project Management best practice, professional development, and standards in Western Australia."

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Member contributions welcome.

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Project Management Institute

Our 2009 Projects In Action (PIA) monthly workshops have been a great success thus far, with more than 120 PMI members and other guests attending the various sessions since April of this year.

As we near the end of 2009, it is important that we start early planning for the 2010 PIA schedule. So please read on and consider your involvement in 2010 – PMPs can earn valuable PDUs.

Projects in Action Call for Presenters !

- If you would like an opportunity to facilitate the growth of your fellow PMIWA members;

- If you value your education and the education in project management in others; and,

- If you can stand up in front of a group of delegates, eager to learn from you and you are happy to share your know-how

*then join the ranks of those who **make the difference that matters!***

Proposed Subject Matter Topics and Meeting Slots

The New PRINCE2 2009 Edition – A Revised Methodology – January 2010

Demystifying Earned Value – February 2010

Communication Skills for Project Success – March 2010

Negotiation Skills for Effective Project Management – April 2010

Agile Project Management – May 2010

Dealing With Disruptive Behaviour – June 2010

Matching Project Management Competencies to the Right Projects – July 2010

Business Analysis and Project Management – Is There A Difference? – August 2010

Project Risk Management – September 2010

Understanding Critical Chain and is it Different to Critical Path – October 2010

Effective Presentation Skills for Project Managers – November 2010

Building Quality into Projects – Meeting Customer Requirements – December 2010

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