

# PMI WA-Chapter Newsletter

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## Our President's Remarks

Dear Members and Friends,

As always, there's a time to arrive and a time to leave. My term as Chapter President ends 31st December. It's been a sheer privilege serving you over the past 4 years and 2 months as the Secretary, Treasurer and President. I am grateful to all of you for your support and trust over this period. However, I intend to help with role transitions, strategic planning and other national projects in the New Year so I will not be far away.

Our last Chapter meeting for this year is on 10<sup>th</sup> of December and it is then that the election of the new Board members will be finalised. Following the meeting, we have put on a bit of a spread for our members and guests so it's a good time to use those left over VIP cards we sent out earlier this year and invite people you know to come with you. We are expecting a record turn out so register quickly as registration places are limited.

During my involvement with the Chapter, I have seen the membership numbers grow from X to 465 as at October 2008. I am more than confident that the incoming Board will successfully serve in the best interest of the Chapter. However, it must not be forgotten that the Board members are volunteers in their positions and the Board may rely on you for more support

to cover all the value adding initiatives and projects the Chapter endeavours to implement. You can register your time and support with various Board members to help with some of the programs.

Volunteering to the Board is an opportunity to experience first hand how the Board functions. As Board appointments occur at times, your contribution may put you in good stead for a position on the Board, when one becomes available. This also looks great on your resume. PDU's are also earned when you do volunteer work in the Chapter.

On that note, the Board and I personally, thank Dr. Eben Sholarin PMP for his efforts in the Education portfolio over the past 2 years. He's done a brilliant job at managing the PIA Program and initiating the Chapters Scholarship Foundation programme which will carry forward into 2009.

In other news, the Australian PMI Council representatives met with the PMI Region 10 Mentor in Canberra on the 29th November to discuss various topics of national and common interest to all Chapters in Australia and New Zealand which represents approximately 6000 PMI members. Please note: The PMI 2009 Asia Pacific Region international Congress will be held on 9-11 February 2009 Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

One of my final observations as the President, is that to my knowledge, there's no community of support and networking programs for Prince2<sup>TM</sup> practitioners in the form of Chapters as we have, so if you are one or know any Prince2<sup>TM</sup> practitioners, please feel free to invite them to join PMI and the WA Chapter, as we welcome one and all in the world of Project Management.

There's a common misunderstanding that PMI, with the PMBOK and other PMI Standards, are competition to Prince2<sup>TM</sup>'s methodologies. Actually, the PMBOK as a "Framework", is complemented by Prince2<sup>TM</sup> "Methodology" in the same way a cars outer shell (PMBOK), complements the sum of it entire undercarriage (Methodologies).

Kind Regards and Sincerely yours,

Steve Meintjes, PMP  
Outgoing President  
PMI WA-Chapter



### Special Point of Interest!!

#### Projects-in-Action Program 2008

**Risk Management Using Pertmaster** will be held on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> of December, 2008 .

**Lawrie Gibson** will facilitate this workshop.

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

Dr Eben Sholarin, PMP  
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WA-Chapter  
Board, we wish  
you all a healthy,  
happy, and  
prosperous  
festive season  
and look  
forward to  
seeing and  
supporting you  
in 2009 !!**

**Be well; be safe.**

## eMentoring — Closing Thoughts

*In the five-part series, our Michelle Matthews shared with us her journey with eMentoring. In this final instalment (Part-6!), Michelle provides her closing thoughts.*

*If you have a topic or issue that you feel would benefit PMI WA-Chapter members, please send an email to [communications@wapmi.org.au](mailto:communications@wapmi.org.au)  
Thank-you  
"Ed"*

### On carrying a reasonable load:

Don't commit to this program at the same time as studying for your PMP exam, offering to write articles for your chapter newsletter, working full time, coaching sport part-time, and planning a wedding! I did not anticipate planning a wedding at the same time! Poor risk analysis!

### On sequencing eMentoring:

I would personally recommend people pass the PMP exam first, not only to gain credit for all the time they spend on this program, but also so they have a basic understanding of the framework from the outset. They can then build on this in the coaching sessions. Or alternatively do this program as a preparation, completing it before starting/undertaking the PMP courses.

### Reading the whole menu first:

There is probably more to offer by the eMentoring group than I have been using, and I would have liked to have been even more involved with this program, and the discussion forums, but have not had the capacity (see first point!)

### Taking eMentoring home:

There is no reason why you cannot set up a similar type of program at your workplace, provided there is mutual trust and respect. Although, I have enjoyed having a mentor who is so completely independent by way of geography and professional circles, and therefore objective and impartial.

Michelle Matthews,  
PMI WA-Chapter Member