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*Supporting Members Through Education and Training*

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Website: <http://www.pmi-thumbchapter.org/>

<http://www.linkedin.com/groups/Project-Management-Institute-Michigan-Thumb-4427050>

**Mark your calendars for the upcoming dinner meetings**

### REMINDERS:

Find us now on Facebook & Twitter!!! :)

2014 PDD presentations can be found on the web site.

Dates for Future PDDs are now available

Dinner meeting Bonus Programs can be invaluable—check them out!

# Message from the President

## Doug Kiracofe

Hello everyone! I am writing this on the heels of our 2014 PMI-MTC Professional Development Day which was held on Monday September 22, 2014. It was a highly successful event with wonderful speakers and great networking opportunities with fellow project managers. If you were a part of it, we welcome your feedback and look forward to providing more chances to earn PDUs as the year moves forward.

Along these lines, I wish to thank our speakers, Scotty Bevill, Ana Russo, Myles Miller, and Jessica Soroky, for engaging and insightful presentations into the global nature of project management and for providing helpful practices we were able to bring back to the workplace with us! Thanks again, folks! Please check out our Website for their presentation materials.

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! NEXT YEAR'S PDD IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2015!!**

As the Michigan Thumb Chapter prepares to enter 2015, we want to remember things we are truly appreciative of. One thing is our Board members. Your Vice Presidents and Directors work very hard all year long to ensure the Chapter not only provides services and continuing education for our members, but they also strive to advance the profession of project management in the workplace. They believe in the principles of sound project management and carry the reputation of the Chapter with them every day.

Another thing we truly appreciate is the opportunities PMI provides for us to be a vital part of Region 4. Even with the fact we are a smaller Chapter, we still represent a large part of Michigan and are highly regarded in the region.

Finally, the Chapter could not progress without our members. Our member base contributes to our success by supporting our activities, upholding our core values, and by propagating the PMI organization to others which helps to build and strengthen our membership.

Changing gears... please check out our Website! Stephanie Hawkins, our Director of IT and Webmaster, has been working diligently with Proteon to deliver the latest release of software. There is a new look and feel and we are anxious for feedback on its usefulness and ease of use.

The 2014 North American Leadership meeting (LIM) is coming up in October in Phoenix, Arizona. We are pleased to be sending three of our officers (Dave Verbeek, Jim Donovan and Rick Crawshaw) to the LIM this year. The LIM provides specialized training for the PMI global chapter leader community. Jim and Rick will participate in this intensive training event with other project professionals from around the world and will share their experiences with the rest of us upon their return. Thank you, Jim and Rick, for representing us in this year's meeting!

Chapter members, please consider taking on a leadership role in your Chapter. PMI volunteer leaders are committed individuals who spend much of their personal time on professional activities, giving back to their profession while also developing skills to advance their own careers. Team leadership, effective communication, and the ability to coach and mentor—these are just some of the valuable skills that PMI volunteer leaders can bring to our organization. Good leadership helps make project teams work together more effectively and therefore get better project results, both at work and for your Chapter!

## Michigan Thumb Chapter

### ***Professional Development Day (PDD)***

**“Global Project Management – Solutions to the Challenges of Being a Global Project Manager”**

### ***Event Review & Comments***

It was a bright sunny day that brought many people to the Bavarian Inn Lodge to actively participate at the 2014 PDD - "Global Project Management" presented by our local chapter. To kick start our day, we had Scotty Bevill as our keynote speaker, who made us think about our human responses when things happen and how can we change our responses as we manage teams. Next, Anna Russo presented cultural changes and how communication is critical in how we relate to people and teams (changing from negative to positive). Myles Miller gave a lively presentation on virtual team and what techniques project managers can use to communicate effectively with our global virtual teams. Jessica Soroky spoke how to use innovation games as a tool to quickly obtain 'lessons learned' from your team members. Lastly, our day wrapped up with 'global quality' is everyone's responsibility presented by our President - Doug Kiracofe.

### ***Event evaluations***

The board of directors received some great instant feedback as a result of one of the speaker activities—please continue to provide your feedback to any of our board members as our goal is to continue to improve year over year. Looking forward to our future dates already.

### ***FUTURE DATES - MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!***

September 14th, 2015 & September 26th, 2016

at the Frankenmuth Bavarian Lodge.

## *Volunteer Opportunities Open Director Positions*

The chapter is seeking a volunteer for the **Director of Education**.

Some of the responsibilities are listed below.

If you are interested in helping with some of the tasks listed below please let me know. This is a good opportunity to network and find interesting speakers for the Dinner meeting. Also to teach classes and also great fringe benefits PDU's for your volunteering.

Some tasks for Director of Education:

- Coordinate Speakers for the Dinner meetings.
- Assist / Run Training Classes / Coordinate
- Help identify potential sponsors for PDD
- Attend monthly board meetings
- Help create a plan to retain and grow membership
- Give back to your profession and receive PDU's

If anyone has questions or would like to help out the chapter please let a board member know.

# 2014 Training & Other Opportunities

## TAKE NOTE & Plan now to attend: PMI Thumb Chapter November Dinner Meeting (11-12-2014)

**TOPIC:** Finance Data Readiness for a Global ERP Implementation

**SPEAKER:** Cheryl Campbell, Dow Project Manager

### PRESENTATION DESCRIPTION:

### SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY:

Cheryl Campbell is an Associate Accounting Director at Dow Chemical. She has 27 years of experience in various roles within Finance at Dow. Her career started as a Business Cost Accountant in Texas in 1988. She subsequently worked in Midland in a variety of global roles, including the Finance Technology Center, Information Systems Controller, North America Customer Invoicing/Accounts Receivable Leader and her current role of Global Leader for the Finance Data Readiness team, supporting the Corporate Next Enterprise Architecture project.

**Meeting Location:** Frankenmuth Bavarian Inn

**Dinner and Presentation:** 6:00 - 8:00 PM

### DON'T MISS OUT:

**PMI and the Michigan Thumb Chapter are offering a Free Guest Pass for individuals that are already PMI members but not yet members of our Chapter.**

This will allow non-members to engage with our almost 140 strong members to see value and benefits of Chapter Membership. The program is meant to introduce PMI members, who are not chapter members, with an opportunity to join a chapter for the remainder of their PMI membership. In order to participate in the program, the following criteria must be met:

- 1) The prospective participant member must be a PMI member in good standing. (PMI members in good standing have paid their PMI membership dues)
- 2) The Chapter Guest Pass is valid for one time use from the point of initiation through the end of the member's current PMI membership cycle.
- 3) The participant in the program is responsible for participating in, and attending, local chapter events such as the monthly dinner meeting, and/or the PDD. These events are the delivery of core services by the chapter.

To be a participant of the program and receive a promotional code for a Free Guest Pass, Please e-mail [vpmembership@pmi-thumbchapter.org](mailto:vpmembership@pmi-thumbchapter.org) with your name, PMI #, e-mail, phone #. Directions and the promotional code will follow in an email.

More information on classes and other activities can be found at the MTC website:

<http://pmi-thumbchapter.org/>

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