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May 13, 2015

PMI Thumb Chapter August Dinner Meeting
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May 11, 2016

Friday, 03 April 2015

The Thumbprint – Quarterly Newsletter PMI - Michigan Thumb Chapter

April 2015

Welcome

Welcome to the spring edition of the Thumbprint newsletter! In this issue, you'll find information about the upcoming Professional Development Day, upcoming chapter meetings, Opportunities to server the chapter, connecting with us on Social Media and much, much more!! Hope you enjoy our new format – feedback as always is welcome.

2015 MTC Professional Development Day (09-14-2015)

The PMI Michigan Thumb Area Chapter invites you to a day filled with education, learning, and networking. . .

Changing of the Guards

Early Registration (through May 1, 2015)
PMI Member: \$150.00 Non-PMI Member: \$150.00

For more info visit the chapter website: [2015 MTC PD](#)

Message from the President

Hello everyone! PMI-Michigan Thumb Area Chapter Board elections are right around the corner. This year the Vice President of Administration and the Vice President of Professional Development positions are up for nomination. If you are looking for a way to give back to your Chapter, this is a great choice.

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Stay Connected with our Chapter on Social Media

Our Chapter has Twitter account (@pmimtc), which will be used in conjunction with the website to provide up-to-date information to our members. Feel free to check it out and let us know what you think or if you have any suggestions!

You can also Like us on Facebook!!

Connect With Us :



Job Opportunities:

If you or a fellow PM are seeking employment check out these opportunities.

Open Positions - Orchid Orthopedic Solutions (2015-03- 05)

Get Online PDUs:

**Not a member? Receive
communications on
upcoming events by**

Volunteering for the Chapter is a way to earn valuable PDUs, but even more, it is a chance to provide input into the way things are handled. A volunteer, especially a Board member volunteer, has direct influence over decisions that are made that affect Chapter operations. If you have never volunteered before, please consider this opportunity!

On February 12, 2015, the Chapter Board and Directors met at our annual strategic planning meeting in Frankenmuth. During this meeting we discussed initiatives to undertake for the 2015-2016 calendar season. A season runs from August through May. We talked about our 2015 Professional Development Day coming up in September and identified PMI meetings (Region 4 and LIM) that we will be attending. We are also working on a plan in conjunction with other PMI chapters to attract millennials to our membership. Millennials possess new and exciting ideas about approaches to project management that we need to help grow and invigorate our Chapter. As always, we have ensured there will be PDU opportunities for our members.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! OUR NEXT PDD IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2015!!

Please join me in welcoming Najla Mamou as our new Director of Education!! We are looking forward to seeing what Najla will develop for our academic offerings going forward. Also, Laurin Hawkins has officially joined the Board as the Director of Marketing. Laurin is working to broaden our reach and attract potential new members through selected promotional activities. Please help me in letting Najla and Laurin know that we are happy to support them and are glad they have volunteered!

Don't miss our next dinner meeting! It is scheduled for Wednesday May 13, 2015, and will be our annual Business meeting. You will want to see how the Chapter has performed over the past year and what our plans are for the future. If you have never joined us in Frankenmuth, or you haven't joined us in a long time, consider coming to the next meeting. Please show your support by attending.

As always, Chapter members, please give some thought to taking on a leadership role for the Michigan Thumb Area 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 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 results, both at work and for your Chapter!

Thank you to all who are helping to keep the PMI-Michigan Thumb Area Chapter a vital part of the community! If you have an idea as to how we can be of service, or how to help us grow, please let us know. We welcome your comments!

Board - It's election time!

PMI Michigan Thumb Chapter Board Nominations Sought

The PMI Michigan Thumb Chapter is looking for a few good men or women to help run the chapter. Being a board member not only provides you an opportunity to get more involved with the Project Management Profession, but also provides you with an opportunity to make a difference. If you currently belong to this chapter, please consider running for a board position. You can nominate yourself or anyone you think would be a wonderful steward for the Chapter.

The offices on the ballot this year include:

subscribing here...

Code:

VP – Administration: Will Coordinate, facilitate and document minutes for board meetings

Responsibilities include:

- Determine board meeting dates & location, create & distribute agenda, document & distribute minutes
- Determine dates and pricing of chapter meetings
- Attend strategic planning and monthly chapter meetings & board meetings

VP – Professional Development: Will provide professional development opportunities for the chapter members (**must be PMP certified**)

Responsibilities include:

- Determine dates of educational/special events, work with director of education on location, pricing
- Provide guidance/work closely with Director of Education and Director of Special Events
- Obtain speaker gifts
- Attend strategic planning and monthly chapter meetings & board meetings

Both positions have a two year term and provide the future opportunity to be nominated as President of the Chapter. Please note that in order to serve as a Board member, you must be a member of the Chapter. You do not have to be in the Flint area to be a board member, as we conduct virtual board meetings.

Ballots will be finalized and distributed by April 16, 2015, so please respond to annette.blegen@hp.com with your name and the position you are interested in by **Monday, April 13**. The election results will be announced at the Chapter's May business meeting.

If you have any questions regarding a Board position, or would like to help the Chapter by volunteering your time, feel free to contact any Board member listed below:

President	Doug Kiracofe	president@pmi-thumbchapter.org
VP Administration	Anita Kenworthy	vpcommunication@pmi-thumbchapter.org
VP Finance	Helen Myers	vpcommunication@pmi-thumbchapter.org
VP Membership	Dave Verbeek	vpmembership@pmi-thumbchapter.org
VP Professional Development	Rick Crawshaw	vpeducation@pmi-thumbchapter.org

Upcoming events

Join us for the **PMI Thumb Chapter Meeting - 05/13/2015**

TOPIC: Annual Business Meeting

SPEAKER: Doug Kiracofe, President

ABSTRACT: Annual business meeting to discuss the state of the PMI Thumb Chapter.

Meeting Location: Frankenmuth Bavarian Inn

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

For more info visit the chapter website: [May Dinner Meeting](#)

Chapter Members - Login to simplify registration

Survey Requests

Request 1:

A member of our chapter is teaching an introduction to Project Management course and would like to survey the chapter on the following 2 questions – please take the time to assist:

1. Now that you have been a PM professional, what advice would you give to someone who is starting their career as a PM?
2. Are there any specific tools that you use daily that make your PM easier or more efficient?

Please send all responses to deofreelance@live.com, I'm hoping to improve the course curriculum with real life experiences.

Request 2:

Our chapter has received the following request – please take the time to assist our fellow PM:

My name is Jason Shontz and I am a doctoral candidate at Sullivan University in Louisville, KY. For my dissertation I am investigating occupational stress within the project management profession to determine the effect that it has on both the job satisfaction and turnover intention of project managers working within the United States. As you are likely very aware, project management can be quite stressful and research shows that there are many negative side effects associated with prolonged exposure to occupational stress. My goal is to obtain a better understanding of the sources of stress within our shared profession so that interventions can be developed to improve the quality of work life for project managers. I am writing to ask for your help and to see if you would be willing to share the survey link below with your chapter members. The survey is estimated to take about 15 minutes to complete and asks questions about the types of projects managed by the individual, working conditions and job activities, and about the participant's level of job satisfaction.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PMSTRESSSTUDY-PMI>

All responses will be kept confidential, and participants will have the ability to provide their email address if they are interested in receiving a copy of my final research report and/or an individualized analysis of their own occupational stress level. The study has been approved through my university's Institutional Review Board, and I would be happy to answer any questions you or your members might have about my research. I sincerely appreciate your consideration of this request. Having worked as a project manager for many years I have experienced many stressful projects and am hoping this study will shine some light on the unique pressures faced by those in our profession.

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