



Project Management Institute  
Michigan Thumb Chapter

*Supporting Members Through Education and Training*

## MICHIGAN THUMB CHAPTER 1ST QUARTER 2014 EDITION

### Message from the President

Michigan Thumb Chapter

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

Start planning now to attend this years event

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

[Click here to register now!!](#)

### Chapter Openings & Upcoming Election Information Michigan Thumb Chapter—Board of Directors

**TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE—See page 7 & 8**

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

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

### REMINDER:

Register now for the Fall 2014 PDD for Great Pricing (see page 3)

Register for our April Dinner meeting

Don't Forget about our Free Guest Passes—check the website for details

# Message from the President

## Doug Kiracofe

Welcome to 2014! Due to the bad weather we've been experiencing this winter, the Chapter had to cancel the January meeting. I don't recall that ever happening before. I don't recall a past winter being as bad as this one. I've heard it is ranked as the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> worst winter we've had in this area since records have been kept. Let's hope springtime is not far away.

Did you know that the Michigan Thumb Chapter is a good networking mechanism? In addition to our monthly meetings in Frankenmuth and our annual Professional Development Day, we provide opportunities for employers to post job openings on our Website and for job seekers to inquire about potential job openings. The Michigan job market is opening up and there are more jobs popping up than you may be aware of.

Did you know that the Michigan Thumb Chapter is a good source for obtaining PDUs for PMP re-certification? We offer courses on a regular basis to our membership, but you also have the opportunity to develop a course and teach. You earn valuable PDUs for both the time you put into preparing the course as well as the hours involved in teaching it. It's a WIN-WIN! You win by gaining PDUs and the membership wins by gaining knowledge to use on the job, plus their own PDUs!

Did you know that the Michigan Thumb Chapter is supported totally by the volunteer efforts of our membership? Without our volunteers, there will be no Michigan Thumb Chapter. What do you gain by volunteering for a position in the Chapter? Here's a list:

- PDUs for every hour you invest in the position.
- The opportunity to provide the membership with your knowledge and expertise.
- The opportunity to learn from others.
- The ability to help our Chapter grow.
- The visibility of the position on your resume.

Along with this, I would like to thank everyone who has volunteered for Chapter positions over the past year and for those who helped out at special events. Your efforts have contributed to moving the Chapter forward and in making it a value-add for our membership!

As 2014 progresses, please consider what the Michigan Thumb Chapter means to you and how you might help promote its activities by volunteering. The organization is only as good as those who help execute it.

Michigan Thumb Chapter

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

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

Save the date -September 22<sup>nd</sup>

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

The PMI Michigan Thumb Chapter invites you to a day filled with education, learning, and networking. Global projects are difficult and complex by nature. Language, culture, and logistics are key issues and present challenges to our effectiveness as PM's. The Goal for the day is to provide tools and tips, in an interactive session. Come learn, network and earn eight PDU's towards maintaining your PMP certification, while gaining insights and ideas on how to think “Global” on your “Local” projects.

Sign-in / Continental Breakfast begins at 7:00am

PDD Presentations 8:00 AM to 5:00PM

**Register online at [PMI-Thumbchapter.org](http://PMI-Thumbchapter.org)**

**\*NEW\*Pre-Early Registration**

**ONLY UNTIL MAY 1**

**PMI Members ONLY \$150.00**

**Early Bird Registration**

**May 2 – August 3**

PMI Member: \$175.00

Non-PMI Member: \$225.00

**PDD Registration**

**August 4 – September 20**

PMI Member: \$225.00

Non-PMI Member: \$275.00

**Location**

**Bavarian Lodge**

**One Covered Bridge Lane**

**Frankenmuth, MI 48734**

**[Click Here to Visit the Thumb Chapter Events page to register now!!](#)**

## Board of Directors Strategic Planning meeting

The Board of Directors held their Strategic planning meeting in February of this year. Several topics were discussed including things such as our Chapter Objectives and long term goals. A quick review of our objectives:

- ◆ Promote PMI
- ◆ Grow the Membership
- ◆ Advance the Project Management Profession
- ◆ Provide Educational Opportunities
- ◆ Provide Effective Management of the Thumb Chapter

At this meeting your board members discussed many topics while planning out some events and strategies to help us reach our objectives. There was a review of our Chapter meeting and Educational class offerings—changes to come on both of these items as final adjustments are made and plans are clarified.

The current board of directors looks forward to the proposed changes and to continue to serve each of our members. If you have any feedback or suggestions please contact one of your board members.

We all look forward to a great 2014!!

# PMI Michigan Thumb Chapter Board Nominations Sought

It's that time of year again to start looking for new board members. Have you been thinking about getting more involved with the Project Management profession? Maybe you have some ideas that you'd like to see implemented. Please think about running for a board position and helping run the PMI MI Thumb Chapter. You can nominate yourself or those you think would be a wonderful steward for the Chapter.

The offices open this year include:

## VP – Finance

The Vice-President Finance shall oversee the management of funds for duly authorized purposes, manage chapter assets and lead the financial audits of the Michigan Thumb Chapter.

## VP –Membership

The Vice President of Membership shall be responsible for all member communications, reporting, and Welcome Letters to new members. This VP will work closely with the following directors; Dir of Volunteers, Dir of Newsletter and Dir of Marketing who work on such things as recruitment of volunteers, member recognition and appreciation, the development and delivery of the chapter newsletter and marketing of all events sanctioned by the chapter: chapter meetings, PDD, education opportunities and other special chapter events.

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, 2014, so please respond to [annette.blegen@hp.com](mailto:annette.blegen@hp.com) with your name and the position you are interested in by **Monday, April 14**. 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	<a href="mailto:president@pmi-thumbchapter.org">president@pmi-thumbchapter.org</a>
VP Administration	Anita Kenworthy	<a href="mailto:vpcommunication@pmi-thumbchapter.org">vpcommunication@pmi-thumbchapter.org</a>
VP Finance	Helen Myers	<a href="mailto:vpcomptroller@pmi-thumbchapter.org">vpcomptroller@pmi-thumbchapter.org</a>
VP Membership	Ed Turley	<a href="mailto:vpmembership@pmi-thumbchapter.org">vpmembership@pmi-thumbchapter.org</a>
VP Professional Development	Rick Crawshaw	<a href="mailto:vpeducation@pmi-thumbchapter.org">vpeducation@pmi-thumbchapter.org</a>

## *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.



# MS Project: Regaining Control of Your Schedule

With  
Jim Donovan, PMP

This four hour workshop will enlighten you in the ways of making schedule management, easier for YOU!

- Show you how to find the tasks that you need to update.
- To visually represent where tasks are slipping beyond their Baseline.
- How to find what has changed in your schedule.
- How to work with multiple schedules and interdependencies between them.
- How to set up a Master Schedule for those of you who have to deal with multiple schedules.
- Show you how to quickly provide executives with a high level picture of the project.

We are going to do this through the use of Views, Fields, Tables, Groups, Filters and Formulas. I will show you how to set up your schedule to make it easier for you. So bring your laptops, schedules, pencils and paper, this will be a workshop type of class.

**When: May 3, 2014 Location: TBD**  
**Time: 8:00 am to Noon**

# 2014 Training Opportunities

## Classes

[PMI Thumb Chapter April Dinner Meeting](#)

Location: [Bavarian Inn Restaurant](#)

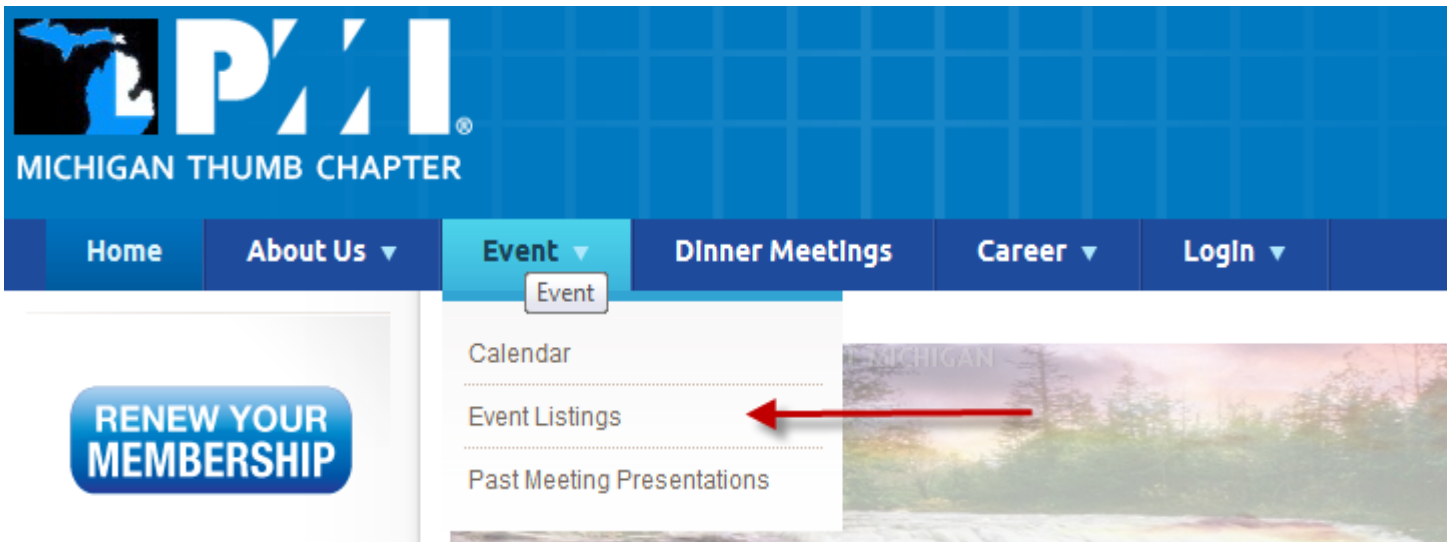
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More information on these classes and other activities can be found at the MTC website:

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



## MS Project Corner—TIPS & Tricks

When using Groups, the summary line will not show the correct earliest Start or latest Finish, unless you use: Scheduled Start and Scheduled Finish. If you want to see the overall duration of the group, then insert the Scheduled Duration column.



# Michigan Thumb Chapter Board of Directors

Title	Name	MTC Email Address
<b>President</b>	Doug Kiracofe	<a href="mailto:president@pmi-thumbchapter.org">president@pmi-thumbchapter.org</a>
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<b>Past President</b>	Jim Donovan	<a href="mailto:pastpresident@pmi-thumbchapter.org">pastpresident@pmi-thumbchapter.org</a>
<b>VP Finance</b>	Helen Myers	<a href="mailto:vpcomptroller@pmi-thumbchapter.org">vpcomptroller@pmi-thumbchapter.org</a>
<b>VP Professional Development</b>	Rick Crawshaw	<a href="mailto:vpeducation@pmi-thumbchapter.org">vpeducation@pmi-thumbchapter.org</a>
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