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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

## The Thumbprint - Quarterly, Q1 2017

Welcome to the first Thumbprint newsletter for 2017! This issue is full of how we spent our 2016 and some of the exciting things we're planning for 2017. Let us know your feedback – we hope to see you at one of the many upcoming Chapter dinner meetings soon.

### Join us for the PMI Thumb Chapter Dinner Meeting – May 10th, 2017

**Event:** Review of PMI-MTC chapter highlights/statistics for 2016-2017

**SPEAKER:** Doug Kiracofe, PMI-MTC Chapter President

**Meeting Location:** Frankenmuth Bavarian Inn Restaurant, 713 S. Main Street, Frankenmuth, MI 48734

**Registration:** View more details and register online.

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## Message from the President - Doug Kiracofe

Hello everyone! I hope you are enjoying 2017! This is my final message to you as President of the PMI Michigan Thumb Chapter. It has been a good four years as we have celebrated our 20th anniversary as a chapter in Michigan. We've introduced "Adopt a Highway" for chapter community engagement and recognition. We've held networking events and wonderful professional development days providing our membership with PDU opportunities. We've introduced "Course on Demand" for training needs, and we've continued our support of PMI through annual attendance at Region 4 meetings and the North American LIM.

Now it is time for a new leader to take the helm and lead the Chapter into new challenges. Please help me in welcoming Anita Kenworthy as your new incoming president! I have worked with Anita in the chapter for several years and let me say she will do a great job as president! She is currently the Vice President of Administration, but has been the President-Elect for the past year taking charge of many things. At our yearly business meeting on May 10th she will be formally introduced as our new president. Welcome, Anita and thank you!

In February, the Board convened for our annual strategy planning meeting. We were able to make a lot of decisions including the establishment of our 2017 PDD, which may be the last one held at the Bavarian Lodge in Frankenmuth. Doug Boebinger will be the sole presenter for the day and will be taking us through multiple areas of project management with a fun and insightful approach that will leave us feeling well educated. The tips and techniques he will expose us to can

our members. Feel free to check it out and let us know what you think or if you have any suggestions!

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be applied to actual projects the very next day. There will be break-out sessions and other activities that will make for a wonderful day of learning and networking.

Look for our chapter bylaws to be revisited this year. We are looking to review and update these bylaws to ensure proper chapter operation. We also have decided not to pursue hosting the 2018 PMI Region 4 meeting. We have hosted this meeting in the past, but felt there were other things to attend to that would not provide much time to plan an event such as this.

We've had interesting and informative speakers for our dinner meetings most of whom spoke about projects they conducted and the project management techniques they employed to make them successful. We feel instead of only hearing about PM techniques, it is also beneficial to see them in action. Please continue to support your chapter and if you've never attended a chapter meeting, or if it has been a long time, I urge you to consider attending. Our chapter is only as strong as our members make it.

As always, thank you to our members and thank you for the privilege of being your chapter president! It has been a great four years! .

## Upcoming events

### Board Elections!

The PMI MI Thumb Chapter Election Committee is looking for a few good people to run in this year's election. Please consider 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 by emailing [pastpresident@pmi-thumbchapter.org](mailto:pastpresident@pmi-thumbchapter.org) with your name and the position you are interested in by Monday, April, 3.

The VP positions open this year include:

#### VP-Administration

#### VP-Professional Development (Must be PMP certified)

Ballots will be finalized and distributed by April 19, 2017, and the election results will be announced at the Chapter's May Business Meeting.

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## [PMI Thumb Chapter Meeting – August 16, 2017](#)

**TOPIC:** The Project Manager Leadership Dilemma: Candid versus Creative Communications

**SPEAKER:** William A. Moylan, Ph.D., PMP, FESD, DTM - Professional Biographic Sketch

**ABSTRACT:** A key responsibility of the project manager is to communicate reality during project execution. Candid communication exhibited with brutal honesty may cause the project manager to be executed prematurely. Alternatively, the project manager as political spin-doctor spews creative deceit about project progress and performance. The presentation addresses the communication challenges and ethical leadership dilemmas that confront the project manager, and proposes suggestions for astute project communications and project stakeholder management.

**MEETING LOCATION:** Frankenmuth Bavarian Inn Restaurant, 713 S. Main Street, Frankenmuth, MI 48734

**Registration:** View more details and register online.

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## PMI Thumb Chapter PDD – September 18, 2017

**THEME:** Back to Basic in Project Management

**SPEAKER:** Doug B. Boebinger, PMP

**ABSTRACT:** TBD

**MEETING LOCATION:** Bavarian Lodge, One Covered Bridge Lane, Frankenmuth, MI 48734

**Registration:** Will open for Early Bird registration by May 1st. More details will be forth coming. Check out our website for the latest details.

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## SPOTLIGHT: Volunteering

### Adopt A Highway



Over this past winter, the trash and debris has been piling up along our stretch of I-475 (the 1.74 mile stretch south of Hill Rd to I-75). We've had great successes with our first couple of clean up days in July & Oct 2016. However, we still have our work cut out for us as the next clean up day is fast approaching. We are responsible for keeping that area clean for at least the next year and a half, and as such we will be looking for volunteers on a Saturday, April 22nd and could really use your help. MDOT has warned us that the April clean-up day tends to require more effort due to the length of time since Oct & the wintery weather trapping more of the trash. We need a minimum of 3 people over the age of 12 but as April will most likely have the most to pick up looking for 8-12. As we get closer to the

event more details will come out and if you would like to volunteer you would contact [Ed Turley](#) (Director of Volunteers). If you cannot make it out in April we will have more opportunities on July 15th and Oct 23rd this year and in April again next year too.

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## Other Volunteer Opportunities

### Open Board Positions

We are currently have two open Board positions and are seeking volunteers to fill them. You must be a member of the PMI Michigan Thumb chapter to volunteer for one.

**Director of Newsletter** - Responsibilities include:

Creating, publishing, and sending the Chapter's quarterly Newsletter

Attending the monthly Board meetings and annual strategy meeting

Feel free to contact our past Director of Newsletter ([Kevin Steele](#)) to any questions about the position.

**Director of Education** - Responsibilities include:

Research and bring project management education classes / opportunities to our membership, not necessarily conduct the classes (unless we cannot find an instructor).

Be the main contact to match the requestor with an instructor in order to conduct any of our 'on demand' classes.

Enhance the profession of project management, reap the benefits of expanding connections, and leverage career advancement opportunities all while volunteering with PMI-MTC. Build your professional network by forging lasting relationships with thousands of other PMI volunteers and professionals within our local area and worldwide. Develop and sharpen vital new skills, including leadership, collaboration and team-building techniques. Leverage opportunities to develop your personal leadership skills while making a difference in your profession, community, and life. The time commitment varies but PDUs can be earned.

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## Things You May Have Missed

### **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to Kevin Steele as he has accepted our Director of Techonlogy position.

### **Past Meetings**

**Jan 11, 2017:** Jay Davidson from Price Waterhouse Cooper spoke to us on Transforming to Agile or "How to be agile while trying to go Agile." Jay's message

described what Agile is and explained that going Agile isn't about checking a box, it's more about the process and journey to get there.

**Mar 22, 2017:** Sheila Stamiris from the City of Frankenmuth spoke to us about the Frankenmuth Fishway "A Dam Project." Sheila explained to us about the decades long journey the City of Frankenmuth took to implement their new Fishway Dam while working with several governmental agencies at the local, state & federal.

### Intersting Article

**Feb 15, 2017:** PMI issued a press release regarding the Program Management Improvement and Accountability Act of 2015 (PMIAA), which was signed into law on December 14, 2016. The article is about Project Management Institute and Members of Government Efficiency Caucus Discuss New Law Aimed at Improving Federal Government Efficiency. Follow this [link](#) to read the complete release.

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