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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

As my Presidential term completes this month of our chapter, I would like to first thank the members, volunteers, and board members for giving me an opportunity to serve as your president for the past 1 year. I would also like to thank my family for the support as you know volunteer work takes some time off from family time so it's always important to have them behind the work. It truly has been an honor to be in this position and great experience, I really enjoyed every day of it. With the help of the board, we successfully accomplished many things together. I am excited to welcome incoming President Steve Haack. Steve and I will transition over the next month and Steve will officially take the reins at the beginning of July. Under Steve's leadership chapter will continue to move forward in providing best learning experience in project management. World is changing so important to bring in new creative and innovative ideas to move forward to the next level. I also take this opportunity to congratulate newly elected board members for the next term.

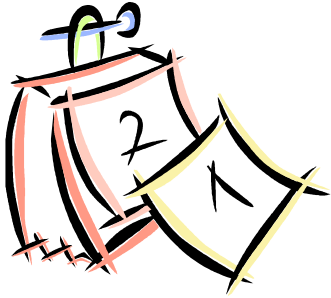
Our Chapter reached a major milestone this year by completing 10 Year Anniversary. Along with completing key strategic initiative we continued to make improvement in our operations activities. We had been focused in providing value by advancing project management best practices through education and networking. We successfully completed Chapter name change project this year, New URL

www.pmilacrosse-rochester.org was created for the website. We started Student discount on chapter membership fee. In total we hosted 15 Dinner, Lunch or Breakfast Meetings, 1 Webinar and 2 workshops, 1st time hosted 2 free Holiday event to provide membership value at both Rochester La Crosse locations. Workshop co-hosted with RCTC was again a great success; we had a record turnout of almost 80 participants, facilitated by some very good speakers. Our chapter also celebrated International Project Management day, by inviting founder of IPM day Frank Saladis to Mayo Clinic, Rochester. It was well received event.

To end with I encourage each and every one of you to become actively involved in chapter activities, please send your ideas on how we can do better. Your involvement can be participating in an online discussion on social media or attending one of our meetings and let's not forget volunteering for our organization. Join one of the many PMI Communities of Practice (available to all members at no additional cost) to stay engaged, Through all or any of those activities you have the opportunity to help mold our profession, every small movement or engagement adds up to movement forward. I hope to see all of you at our up-coming events. Thank you again for the opportunity and awesome experience. As past President I will continue to do my best for chapter's growth.

Thanks,

Ajay Singh, PMP, MBA, PMI La Crosse—
Rochester Chapter President



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR FALL 2014

- ⇒ Ruffin Veal is scheduled to speak at the September meetings in both Rochester, MN and La Crosse, WI. Dates are to be determined.
- ⇒ Coming in October/November will be the re-scheduled May 2014 meeting and all-day seminar, “Project Management That Works!” from Rick A. Morris

REMINDER OF BENEFITS AND RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO PMI CHAPTER MEMBERS :

- ⇒ Learn new project management techniques
- ⇒ Share work experiences via networking with you peers
- ⇒ Help advance the level of project management professionalism within your community
- ⇒ Free monthly PM Network magazine with PM articles, PM Journal with white papers, PMI Today newsletter with PMI headquarters offerings, changes and events
- ⇒ Free copy of PMBOK
- ⇒ Access to the PMI Web Knowledge and Wisdom Center
- ⇒ Save money on PM books and other learning materials and seminars
- ⇒ Visit/tour area businesses
- ⇒ Find out about regional training events and seminars
- ⇒ Get a discount on enjoyable monthly chapter meetings
- ⇒ Practice your project management vocabulary with other members
- ⇒ Support the financial ability for your chapter to exist!

CHANGING OF THE GUARDS

We would like to announce the PMI Chapter Board Membership for the 2014-2015 season.

President—Steve Haack

Vice President—Jackie Wright

VP of Communications—Sara Peplinski, continuing to 2nd term

VP of Events—La Crosse—Stephanie Downey, re-elected

VP of Events—Rochester—Tom Aronhalt

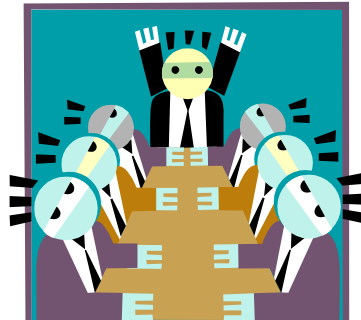
VP of Finance—Ryan Tranel, continuing to 2nd term

VP of Marketing—Ingy Salib, re-elected

VP of Membership—Kay Wais

Past President—Ajay Singh

Thank you to all of you for voting! We look forward to next year of events!



Project Management Reminder:

“A good plan today is better than a perfect plan tomorrow.” - Proverb

WHAT HAVE **YOU** BEEN UP TO...

Congrats to new PMP's!

- Mrs. Sarah Kosel, PMP
- Sara Peplinski, PMP
- Mark Thole, PMP



New and Current PMPs - Don't forget to submit your PDUs!

More information on how the "Calendar of Events" section at www.pmilacrosse-rochester.org



Welcome New PMI

Chapter Members!

- Mr. Melwin O. Gullickson, PMP, CAPM
- Bill Cook
- Rebecca Kottschade
- Mr. Bernard M Manning, PMP
- Mr. Steve Ransom, PMP
- Annette Renkly
- Ms. Tracy Louise Schramm
- Robert Cramer
- Mr. Jeffrey Gamez, PMP
- Michael Brown,
- June Moen
- Kindra Ramaker, PMP
- Mr. Stephen Smith



**A Special THANK YOU to the volunteers that helped with the
2013-2014 PMI Chapter Events!**

- Jared Peterson—Website Administrator
- Annette Renkly—Assist in membership services at Rochester
- Robert Cramer—Assist in membership services at Rochester
 - Matthew Barthel—Assist in Events at Rochester
 - Adam Lovelace—Assist in Events at La Crosse
 - Kay Wais—Assist in Events at La Crosse



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

We would not be able to hold the chapter events and activities without YOU! The PMI La Crosse—Rochester Chapter is always in need of volunteers to help with Board activities and Chapter events.

Contact us to see how you can get engaged at
www.pmilacrosse-rochester.org



SIX STEPS TO EARNING ALL YOUR PDUS

By Cornelius Fichtner, PMP - Making the PMBOK® Guide fun.

As a certified Project Management Professional (PMP)®, the last thing you want to happen is to have your certification suspended. This happens if you do not earn the required 60 [Professional Development Units](#) (PDUs) within your three-year recertification cycle. Often, once the stress of taking and passing the PMP® Exam is over, you step back into focusing on projects and other deadlines, and the need to earn PDUs is relegated to the back of your mind or even forgotten all together. You want to avoid a situation in which your recertification cycle is coming up and you have earned only a few, or worse yet, no PDUs. So, let's take the task at hand - "The need to earn 60 PDUs within the three-year recertification cycle" - and break it down as a 6-step plan of attack:

Step 1: Learn the Rules

The first thing you need to do is learn the rules for earning the required PDUs. Just like if you want to drive a car, it is best to start by learning the traffic rules. The best way to learn the rules for earning and claiming PDUs is to read the Continuing Certification Requirements (CCR) section of the Project Management Professional (PMP)® Handbook at <http://www.pm-prepcast.com/pmphb>

Step 2: Review the online CCR System

Every PDU earned needs to be reported through the Project Management Institute's (PMI)® online CCR System. You can report your PDUs through the CCR System, print a copy of your PDU transcript, review PDU category limits, and see your progress towards recertification. The best way to understand the CCR System is to check out the system for yourself. You can find it at <https://ccrs.pmi.org/>.

Step 3: Plan to earn PDUs from multiple categories

In Step 1 above you learned that

PDUs can be earned in six categories. The goal of this step right here is to plan how many PDUs you would like to earn from each category. You do not have to earn PDUs in all six categories, and you could simply earn all of your PDUs in category A (Courses offered by PMI REPs, Chapters and Communities). However, understanding each category may lead to you earning PDUs in categories you had not initially considered. Plus, as you plan your PDUs, you will see that working as a professional in project management will earn you 15 "free" PDUs for just for doing your job. That leaves you with only needing to earn 45 PDUs in the five other categories.

Step 4: Find providers that meet your lifestyle

Once you plan your PDUs, you need to find PDU providers that will best fit your lifestyle. There are many providers on the market that offer both free and commercial PDUs in a variety of formats. If you are a tech savvy, then online webinars may be for you. If you have a long commute to work, then subscribing and listening to free podcasts in your car on the way to work will be a good fit. If you are looking to get more involved with your local PMI community, then maybe volunteering as a board member for your local PMI chapter is good for you. If you prefer in person learning and the exchange of ideas with a personal trainer, then look into providers that offer traditional classroom training. If you are looking to mingle and to get to know those who are part of your local PMI chapter, then attending a local chapter dinner meeting will benefit you.

As you can see, there are many opportunities available to earn PDUs, and it is likely at least one or two will fit your lifestyle. And don't worry if you are not sure about how to find

training providers, because there are websites out there dedicated to helping you find PDU opportunities. These sites are free and run by dedicated volunteers. Check out <http://pdu4free.com/>, <http://www.pduotd.com/>, or <http://www.pdu-insider.com> (Disclaimer: the last one is my own website).

Step 5: Take Action!

Now that you know the rules, are familiar with the online CCR System, have planned your PDUs, and have found providers that fit your lifestyle, you need to take action to earn your PDUs. In most cases signing up for PDUs can be done online with your selected provider. Once you are signed up, all you need to do is attend your selected training event.

Step 6: Claim your earned PDUs immediately

You have attended a webinar, completed training, or maybe attended a PMI Chapter dinner meeting and have earned PDUs. Now you need to input that PDU information into the online CCR System at <https://ccrs.pmi.org>. You will have all of the information you need on the certificate you receive from each training event. Immediately inputting your PDUs not only keeps you from forgetting to claim the PDUs you have earned, but also each time you log into the system you can see how many PDUs you have earned and how many you still need to earn.

In conclusion, earning 60 PDUs within three years is really easy if you have a plan. And if you are not all that interested in following these six steps, I recommend that you at least complete the first step. Knowing and understanding the rules will elevate you above 75% of the PMPs out there who do not fully understand the PDU requirements. Knowing the rules will help you avoid making the mistake of not earning the 60 PDUs you need to maintain your PMP® Certification.



Earn 60 PDUs



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