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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear PMI La Crosse—Rochester Chapter Members,

Spring!

It seems that spring has finally arrived in the La Crosse – Rochester area. Isn't it funny how there are so many more activities and events now that spring is here? Sometimes it seems there are too many. "What did I do with all my extra time this winter?" "Why do I have all these things on my calendar when all I want to do is work in my yard." Or how about, "Why am I so busy at work when I would like to enjoy this nice weather?"

As project managers, we know our schedules are more concentrated during some periods than others. But we know how to prioritize and make the best use of our time. We have a pretty good handle of what we can squeeze in and what we cannot! As you get busy this spring, please remember the PMI La

Crosse – Rochester Chapter's final events of the season on May 12 and 18. They will include our end-of-season business meeting and we will welcome our board for next year. It has truly been my pleasure to serve you as chapter president.

Also, remember that we will be having a special and fun event on a boat to tour the Winona bridge project (worth a PDU) on July 25. Visit our Calendar of Events page on our website ([www.pmilacrosse-rochester.org](http://www.pmilacrosse-rochester.org)) for more info!

Sincerely,  
Steve Haack, PgMP, PMP  
President  
PMI La Crosse - Rochester Chapter



Don't forget:

## UPCOMING PMI LA CROSSE— ROCHESTER CHAPTER EVENTS FOR 2015

- ⇒ **May 12, 2015**— “Organizational Agility - Why having a set of teams practicing Agile doesn't make an Agile organization ” with Mike Stuedemann, PMP, PMI-ACP, CSP presenting at this dinner event in Rochester, MN
- ⇒ **May 18, 2015**— *Back by popular demand!* “Program and Project Information Management Systems ” with Mark Thole, PMP presenting at this dinner event in La Crosse, WI

**\*\*Join us for the May 2015 events for the PMI La Crosse—Rochester Chapter business meetings. We will be discussing our year in review addressing our financials and goals looking into the next season! We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our WONDERFUL volunteers! Lastly, this is when we will be announcing the NEW PMI Chapter Board Members!**

- ⇒ **July 25, 2015**— “Special Event: Winona Bridge Boat Tour & Project Presentation ” with Terry Ward, MnDOT Project Manager presenting and taking attendees on an actual boat tour of the Winona bridge. This event will be in Winona from 10 a.m. to noon with an informal lunch to follow!

***More information to come on our website : [www.pmilacrosse-rochester.org](http://www.pmilacrosse-rochester.org)***

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**FOR LIMITED TIME ONLY!**

Become a PMI La Crosse - Rochester chapter member, and earn a **FREE PASS** to one of our upcoming monthly events in Rochester, MN or La Crosse, WI. Earn a globally recognized credential. Access our local professional network.

**New members, as of April 1, 2015, please register for the next PMI Chapter event with the free pass registration option!**

Check out our upcoming events at: [www.pmilacrosse-rochester.org](http://www.pmilacrosse-rochester.org)

Good things happen when you get involved with PMI.



Looking for a great resource on what your fellow Project Managers are doing and learning in today's ever-changing environment?

Check out this PM blog for interesting articles from your peers:  
[www.projectmanagement.com/blog/Voices-on-Project-Management/](http://www.projectmanagement.com/blog/Voices-on-Project-Management/)



## WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO . . .

# Welcome!

### New PMI Chapter Members!

- Aaron Pendl
- Leslie Redinger,
- Charyl Dutton Gibbs
- Karpagam Maran
- Cynthia Clement-Bergland
- Kimberlee Adam
- Jeffrey Roepke

### Renewing Membership Update:

The Chapter currently has 176 members (wow!) with our retention rate about 70% . Thank you to all that continue to join us in the PMI

### New PMP Certifications!

- Tammie Schultz PMP®
- Sarah Dudas PMP®
- Chris Coulson PMP®
- Roger Weeks PMP®

**CONGRATULATIONS!**



## SAMPLE PMP QUESTIONS FOR REVIEW

**Question**—You are a project manager in the IT department of an organization that has established a directive type of PMO which has oversight of IT projects as well as many other types of projects. Which of the following is not an accurate statement?

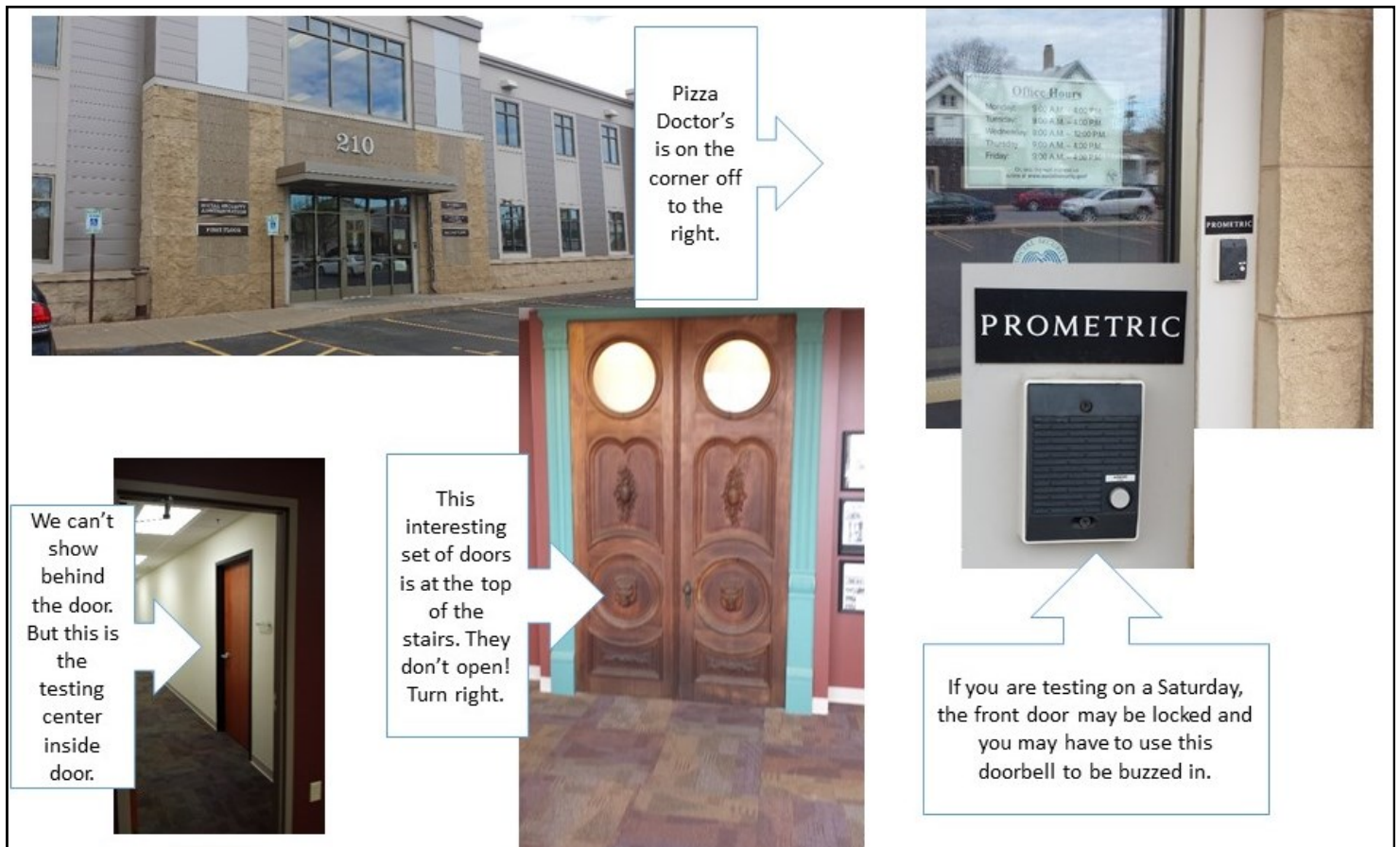
- A. The PMO delegates full control of approved projects to project managers external to the PMO.
- B. The PMO is responsible for the management of multiple projects and programs.
- C. The PMO will likely manage the interdependencies between projects at the enterprise level.
- D. The degree of control provided by the PMO is high.

**ANSWERS ON PAGE 6!**

## WHAT'S NEW IN THE AREA FOR PROJECT MANAGERS?

- ⇒ **PMP PREP COURSE**—Frank P. Saladis and Kay Wais are going to hold a PMP exam prep workshop in La Crosse on **June 29th, and July 6th thru 11th, 2015**. Details are at the link below—please copy into URL:  
<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=hrgqvxbab&oeidk=a07eaxfl0ic43453ad0>
- ⇒ **PMP TESTING IN LA CROSSE**—For those looking to take tests for PMI certifications will be very happy to learn that La Crosse now has a Prometric Testing Center. Located at 210 South 7th Street, Suite 4 (2nd Floor).

Below are pictures and notes about this new Center—Thank you Kay!



## Sample PMP Question for review—ANSWER

By: Frank Saladis and Kay Wais <http://www.successfulprojects.com/MockExams>

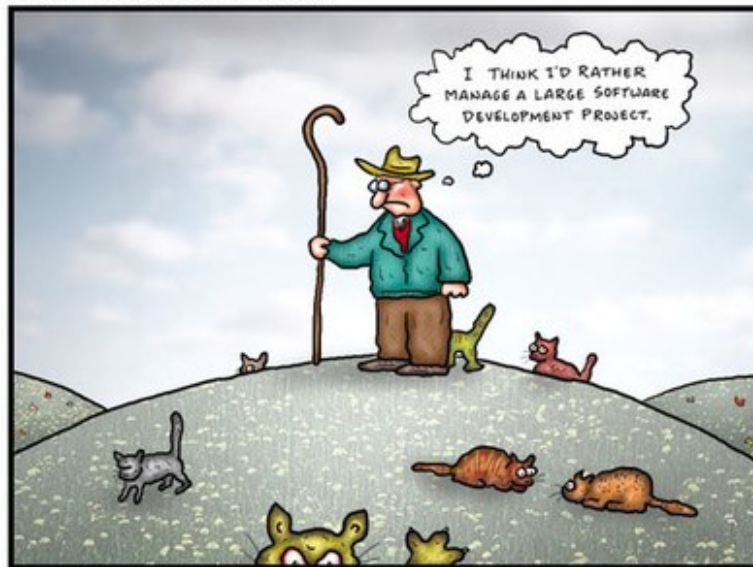
**Question**—You are a project manager in the IT department of an organization that has established a directive type of PMO which has oversight of IT projects as well as many other types of projects. Which of the following is not an accurate statement?

**Answer: A.** If you got this wrong, make sure that you noticed that this is an exception question. So you have to select the one answer that is wrong – which is A. All of the other statements are true.

**For reference, see 5th Edition PMBOK p. 11.** Directive PMOs take control of the projects by directly managing the projects and degree of control is high. The directive PMO does not delegate full control of approved projects to project managers external to the PMO. They retain the control inside of the PMO.

## Project Manager Fun!

### DOCTOR FUN



The daydreams of cat herders

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<http://pixgood.com/project-management-funny.html>

## Discover the Benefits of PMI Chapter Membership

REMEMBER by becoming a member, you'll have access to a variety of benefits:

- Reduced rate for monthly chapter meetings • Access to an informative chapter newsletter
- Professional development opportunities • Subscription to PMI Global publications

### GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Here's a few ways you can get the most out of your membership:

- Come early to monthly chapter meetings for extra opportunities to network with fellow project managers.
- Consider submitting an article to the chapter newsletter. One of the best ways to learn is to teach others—and researching and writing about a specific project management topic is an excellent way to hone your expertise. And, it provides a great way to get your name out in the project management community!
- Attend a professional development opportunity like a workshop or seminar. Attending these functions is a great way to further your project management skills and network. Have a suggestion for a speaker or topic? Submit it here: [VP of Events La Crosse](#) or [VP of Events Rochester](#).
- Take the time to read—or at least browse—the PMI Global publications. Look for specific areas of interest or relevance to you and your role as a project manager. Also be sure to check out the [pmi.org](#) website—as a member, you get access to additional helpful resources and tools.

## About PMI La Crosse–Rochester Chapter: Global Knowledge – Local Networking

**OUR VISION:** Providing value to the practitioners, the organizations and the communities we serve by promoting project management best practices.

**OUR MISSION:** Advancing project management best practices through education and networking.



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