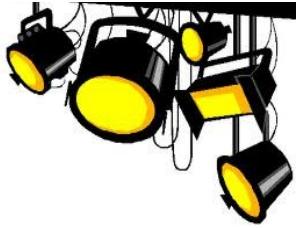


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March Events:



PMI San Diego Lunch Event

- Every 2nd Thursday of the month
- Cozymel's Mexican Grill - Westfield UTC, 4303 La Jolla Village Drive

North County Roundtable Breakfast

- Every 3rd Wednesday of the month
- The Crossings at Carlsbad - 5800 The Crossings Drive

Professional Development Breakfast Meeting

- Every 3rd Friday of the month
- Coco's Bakery Restaurant - 4280 Nobel Drive

Career Development Breakfast Meeting

- Every 4th Friday of the month
- Coco's Bakery Restaurant - 16759 Bernardo Center Drive

Toastmasters—San Diego

Meets every Tuesday
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Location: See pmi-sd.org

Monthly 2-PDU, Networking & Dinner Meeting

Date: March 25, 2015

Location: USD
La Gran Terraza Restaurant
USD Hahn University Ctr

Chapter Dinner Event The Road to Negotiating Success

Presented By: Jonathan Seitz

2-PDU Event

Volunteering as a Networking
Technique for Professional
Success

Presented By: Kevin Reilly

San Diego Annual Project Management Conference



To infiltrate the local project and program management operatives to gather key insider intelligence.

Learn from top agents to hone and master your skills.

Complete your mission and you will be greatly rewarded.

The bonus, you will collect PDU's along the way.

June 3rd through June 5th

Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina—Bay Tower

1590 Harbor Island Drive • San Diego

Additional Information can be found at:

www.pmi-sd.org/conference

Questions:
conf.cochair@pmi-sd.org

Sponsorship:
conf.sponsorship@pmi-sd.org

Speakers:
conf.seminars@pmi-sd.org, or
conf.breakouts@pmi-sd.org



Scan for more information!

Volunteer Opportunities



Operations Team

- Audio/Video Specialist – (5-10 hrs/month)
- Data Analysts – (5-10 hrs/month) – Support the data and reporting requirements requested by all functional areas of the chapter to make informed decisions in order to best serve the chapter and its members.

Programs Team

- Icebreaker Coordinator - responsible for designing and conducting a short (10-15 minutes) Icebreaker event for the beginning of each monthly dinner meeting and should consist of a puzzle, quiz, riddle or other simple challenge to be solved as a team at each table to encourage interaction between the team members.

Membership Team

- Administrative Director / Documentation Coordinator – (10-15 hrs/month)
- Happy hour Networking Event Coordinator – (5-10 hrs/month)
- Member Messaging – (5-10 hrs/month) – Responsible for answering questions and redirecting email to appropriate parties in PMI.

Annual PMI-SD Conference

- Marketing Copywriter – (10-15 hrs/month) – Create engaging copy content to be used in all advertising, marketing collateral and communications
- Exhibitors Manager– (10-15 hrs/month) – Identify, research and solicit prospective exhibitors, develop and nurture relationships with exhibitor clients, collect

exhibitor requirements

- Recognition Manager – (10-15 hrs/month) – enhance collaborations by celebrating team accomplishments and outfitting the team for visible recognition during the event.
- Day of Volunteers– (5-10 hrs/month)

To apply, submit the following information to:

volunteers@pmi-sd.org

- Name and Phone Number
- First AND Second choices of Volunteer position
- Three sentence of why you're interested in the position
- Describe your previous volunteer experience

PMIEF— Setting the stage for future Project Managers

By Geri Wales, PMP, CSM

What is PMIEF? The PMI Educational Foundation is a charitable nonprofit organization leveraging project management for social good. PMIEF develops, implements and delivers innovative programs including scholarships, awards and grants as well as educational resources that strengthen both teaching and learning.

PMIEF has achieved exponential progress in several strategic areas.

Project management has been brought into the classroom for youth. In the last year alone, nearly 10,000 youth have learned about project management. Nine new grants for a total of nearly US\$1.1 million were provided to other like-minded nonprofit and non-governmental organizations. These opportunities enable PMIEF to advance its vision to bring project management into school curricula.

Resources are now easier to download and scholarships are easier to apply for

with our new user-friendly website and new branding.

The PMI San Diego Chapter donates each year to PMIEF. Could you be this year's winner of the scholarship?

Take a moment and go to PMIEF.ORG to review all the scholarships and grants available . Be sure to look for the \$1100 scholarship being offered by PMI-SD!



Call for Donations - PMI San Diego Conference



Take advantage of getting your product in front of the largest Project Management audience in SoCal. The 12th Annual Conference of the Project Management Institute, San Diego Chapter is coming in June!

**The PMI San Diego Conference will be held at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina - Bay Tower, San Diego, California
June 3 - 5, 2015**

Each year this 2 1/2 day annual event draws over 200 project management professionals from through all Southern California and brings together the most valuable speakers of many different industries.

If you are interested in donating raffles or making a cash donation to get your name out there, please contact conf.donations@pmi-sd.org.

Sheraton San Diego; San Diego, CA



See you there, if not before!



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Find out more about the Project Management at University of Redlands.

<http://www.redlands.edu/>



University of San Diego's Project Management Professional Development Series provides experienced project management professionals with advanced tools and techniques to execute projects, programs, and portfolios.

Through this highly interactive curriculum, you learn to apply project management practices that are key to running your business.

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Professional Development



Cool things from PMI

Project Workflow Management: A Business Process Approach

Even if you have no prior project management experience, you can use this workflow-guided approach for managing the entire life cycle of any small to mid-sized project.

Mid- and senior-level project managers can also benefit from this book to more effectively navigate complexity in projects and programs.

Title: Project Workflow Management: A Business Process Approach

Author: Daniel Epstein and Rich Maltzman

<http://marketplace.pmi.org/>

Project HEADWAY: A Practical Guide To Managing Quality

PREMIUM ON-DEMAND WEBINAR

If you struggle with how to manage quality, are concerned with how to demonstrate success or are overwhelmed with what is necessary (and what is overkill), then this is the webinar for you. Mark Mullaly introduces a practical, pragmatic approach to managing quality that will provide a lot of value without an entirely reasonable amount of effort.

<http://www.projectmanagement.com/videos/290299/Project-HEADWAY--A-Practical-Guide-To-Managing-Quality>

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<http://www.pmi.org/learning/career-development.aspx>



12 Functions of a PMO

(Shared from <http://www.projectmanager.com/pmo-functions.php>)



The Project Management Office (a PMO) is the beating heart of the project function in many businesses. If

you don't have a PMO you still probably have someone doing many of the things that a PMO does as they are all important for successfully managing projects.

Each PMO is as unique as the business it operates in and the projects it supports, so what your PMO does will be different to what the PMO in the company across the street does. Here is a list of 12 of the main things that PMO managers find themselves doing day to day. Which of these does your PMO do?

1. Project Tracking

PMOs most effective tool is for the PMO team to produce project dashboards for the current open projects. This gives everyone a high level view of what is happening and lets project managers and their stakeholders monitor status.

2. Delivery of Projects

Project managers may report to a program manager who is also part of the PMO management team.

3. Coaching and Training

Many PMOs take on responsibility for project management training. This could involve technical and soft skills classes, coaching, mentoring and training on project management software tools and other applications.

4. Delivery of Programs

A program is a collection of related projects and some 'business-as-usual' work that all contribute to the same corporate objective.

5. Process Development

Projects use a lot of processes, and from time to time these need to be refined. As your project management team gets larger you may need to introduce new processes too. The PMO can do this and be the custodian of the departmental processes.

6. Managing Benefits Realization

PMOs can be responsible for managing the process to identify and track benefits. This can involve setting up benefits tracking tools, making sure all the benefits in the business case are being measured somehow and helping the end users track whether they are seeing the benefits that they expected from the project.

7. Software Selection and Implementation

Selecting the right tools for the needs of the project management community is also a task that falls to the PMO. They will be involved with choosing the best project management software, implementing it and supporting it.

8. Governance

Governance support is something that many PMOs do. This ranges from carrying out peer reviews and audits to checking that the project schedule has the right amount of milestones on.

9. Managing Best Practices

Most companies will use a standard project life cycle and methodology. Even if there is nothing that formal in place most will have a set of templates or require their project managers to do things in a way that fits with other business practices.

10. Communications

The PMO is also often the team that handles a lot of project communications. These could go out to the wider business, particular stakeholders or just one project team. They are the experts on how things work and typically have a good knowledge of the different business areas involved so they are well placed to communicate effectively.

11. Knowledge Management

Knowledge management is about making sure that what is learned in post-project reviews is shared with other project managers. This helps the business avoid making the same mistakes twice!

12. Portfolio Management

Finally, PMOs can manage organizational portfolios. Typically only the largest, most mature firms will be set up to do this, but you can have small companies and small PMOs successfully managing portfolios. A portfolio is a collection of projects and programs that involve an investment decision and the PMO will help executives decide if the money is being spent wisely in pursuit of the organization's strategic goals.

Lighter Side of Project Management

Don't worry, be happy By Peter Taylor

"How many project managers does it take to change a light bulb?" A better question to ask is perhaps "how many project managers does it take to have a good project?" I'd argue that just one is enough – especially if they have a real sense of humor and an appreciation for the value of 'fun' in a project team.

There is the commonly shared piece of wisdom that declares that 'it takes more muscles to frown than to smile'. Well it is rubbish. You will hear a whole range of numbers of muscles used, but the truth is that medically there is no such balance for or against the 'smile'.

Reason to put on your happy face:

1. Happy, positive people tend to live longer. A number of studies have shown this. So be positive and you might make it to the end of that never-ending project.
2. Happy, positive people have the 'bounce back' factor. It seems that happiness and an attitude of optimism tend to go hand in hand. Optimistic people see bad things as only temporary and good things as mostly permanent. Their positive expectation helps them see and

act on opportunities faster and to overcome set-backs easier.

So be positive and you can deal with all of that [insert expletive of your choice here] that heads your way on the projects from hell.

So be positive and your project team members will be all the better for it.

So be positive and enjoy your chosen profession of project management.

So be happy. And have fun!

For more details: <http://www.management-issues.com/opinion/6699/dont-worry-be-happy/>

Richard Branson, Virgin Group said "Have fun, success will follow. If you aren't having fun, you are doing it wrong. If you feel like getting up in the morning to work on your business is a chore, then it's time to try something else. If you are having a good time, there is a far greater chance a positive, innovative atmosphere will be nurtured. A smile and a joke can go a long way, so be quick to see the lighter side of life."

Comics



Quotes:

"Bad planning on your part does not mean an emergency on my part." - Anonymous.

"Data is like garbage. You'd better know what you are going to do with it before you collect it."

- Unknown

Project managers function as bandleaders who pull together their players each a specialist with individual score and internal rhythm. Under the leader's direction, they all respond to the same beat.

- Unknown

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MISSION:

To promote the success of project practitioners and increase corporate awareness of the PMI San Diego Chapter.

VALUE PROPOSITION:

Increase the visibility, involvement, and alliances of the PMI – San Diego community through active Chapter growth and compelling personal experiences.

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