



April 2010

NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

May 19, 2010 (Wednesday)

6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

The Yard

Manchester, NH

**Managing and Adapting to Changes
in Scope, Requirements, People
and...Well, Everything!**

**Speaker: Star Dargin,
Star Leadership, LLC**

Discount cutoff date: May 14, 2010

Please visit www.pmi-nh.org/meetings.htm
for additional details about this upcoming meeting.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Greetings,

It finally looks like spring has made it back to New England; change is all around us as mother earth puts on her new clothes, just like mom, the chapter has it "spring" things to do and change is on the horizon. We have been gearing up for the election of chapter leadership. I would like to thank the candidates in advance for accepting the nominations to office and wish all good luck in the upcoming election. Many thanks to the nominating committee for your service!

As always we are looking for volunteers, to fill various roles. Most jobs open because someone moves up; happily we have had very few openings for any other reason. The chapter relies totally on the board to create, prepare and deliver the monthly dinner meeting, Journal, Newsletter, Networking and various learning opportunities to the membership. I would encourage anyone that has interest; talent and a little spare time to share, come join us, in can be very rewarding! You can contact any board member for more information.

Social Networking is all the rage in the world today, conversations about status on Facebook or words about tweets on Twitter, or connections on LinkedIn, are common place cross-generational topics and terms. I think in many ways it helps soften, the one way, here it is, take or leave it, nature of websites, allowing the free bi-directional flow of ideas and information. In the old days, we called it "communicating"; today it is more like entanglement, as we have so many ways to keep, friends, family and peers up to date. The chapter has established representation and embraced all those social mediums and would like to invite you to be a Fan, Follow, or Connect with us!

As always our continued mission this year will be to provide networking and education opportunities that deliver real value, to you our members. This is your chapter and we are always we are open to, comments, ideas and suggestion, please feel free to contact me or any of your chapter leadership.

See you at the next chapter meeting!

Sincerely,

Raymond C. Peeples Jr.
President
PMI New Hampshire Chapter



**PMI New Hampshire Chapter's
Networking Group**
*Networking by Project Managers for
Project Managers*

- Regular bi-weekly meetings held in Derry, NH.
- No cost to chapter members.
- Visit the chapter website at PMI-NH.org for more information and contact details.

CHAPTER NEWS

Volunteers needed:

Vacancies

Several Board positions are open. These include:

- **Director of Programs**
- **Chairman of Sponsorship**

If you are interested in serving, please contact Ray Peeples at president@pmi-nh.org for more details.

PMP Certification:

The Board of Directors of the NH Chapter of the Project Management Institute (PMI-NH) congratulates you for recently earning your PMP certification:

Mr. Karl Thulin, PMP

New Members:

We wish a warm welcome to our newest members:

Ms. Patricia Ascanio
Mr. Douglas Berry
Mr. Jason Dieffenbacher, PMP
Ms. Constance Lowell, PMP
Ms. Debbie Maguire
Ms. Jill Perry
Ms. Terri Peyton
Mr. Andre St. Louis
Ms. Frances Straccia, CAPM
Mr. Patrick Streck
Mr. Karl Thulin, PMP
Mr. Steve Wengert

Other News ...

PMI-NH Journal Announcement

We are looking to publish 2 journals: a Fall 2010 and a Spring 2011 journal. For these publications, we are looking for volunteers to write articles pertinent to members.

No experience required. You will be paired with an "editor" who will shepherd you through the publication process.

Submissions for the Fall 2010 Journal are due by August 27, 2010. If we receive your article after that date, we will include it in the Spring 2011 journal. PDUs are available for writing articles.

Join the PMI-NH Journal Editorial Board

If you have a penchant for the word and looking for PDUs, please volunteer to be a Journal Editorial Board member. Job includes working with writers to finalize articles for the Journals. PDUs are available.

If you are interested in participating with the Journal, please contact Nora Colliton, Director of Communications at: communications@pmi-nh.org for more details.

PMI Career Center

PMI Launches Career Central on PMI.org –

Need an easy place to find career-related resources and information? PMI now has such a place—Career Central on PMI.org, devoted to managing your project management career.

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PMI Career Center (continued from Pg. 3)

There is no need to search all over the web or PMI.org to find tools and information to assist your career “project.” The page — located at PMI.org/CareerCentral — is designed to provide project management practitioners with a comprehensive resource for career information.

Whether you are a practitioner seeking employment advice or are looking for knowledge on how to move your career to the next level, Career Central makes accessing information easy. The hub centralizes career-related content, credential and professional development information, and other resources from PMI.

Along with the new hub, PMI has launched the PMI Career Central LinkedIn group - the first official PMI group on this popular professional networking site.

On LinkedIn, we will share and expand on the features in the hub and cultivate a vibrant forum for engagement that complements PMI’s current social spaces, and those planned for the future.

Valuable Take-Aways for Immediate Action

In addition to links, Career Central provides access to content related to career advancement.

Much of this original content is focused along the lines of industry, specialization, particular career stages and trends according to regions. Content includes text articles, interactive features, illustrated slideshows and podcasts.

Among the types of information you will find are:

- Career advice and interviews with experts in career management;
- News and analysis to help guide your career decisions;

- Counseling features to help you negotiate a raise, improve your networking skills and position yourself as an expert; and
- Information to help you stand out to current and potential employers.

Career Management with PMI

Links take you to a variety of PMI programs and services designed to aid your career, including:

- Certifications and credentials;
- Academic program information to advance your education in project management;
- Career Headquarters jobs and résumé service; and
- Professional development opportunities such as SeminarsWorld®, eSeminarsWorldSM and PMI global congresses.

Please visit PMI.org/CareerCentral often to find the information and resources you need for your career in the project management profession—and to contribute to the dialog.

Source: *Friday Facts* – a weekly report on PMI events and opportunities.

The Alternate Angle...on Risk Management

by Steven Lapinskas, PMP

Editor – PMI NH Chapter Newsletter

The Alternate Angle is a commentary on issues in project management.

Feedback is welcome at newsletter@pmi-nh.org.

Two events this spring, one local to New Hampshire and one far away, demonstrate a tie between project risk and the unpredictable natural environment.

In March a spring rain created unexpected difficulty on the Interstate 93 widening project here in New Hampshire in the town of Windham. Engineers were expecting rainwater runoff during the project and put measures in place to deal with it. However, this rain storm event that flooded the North East was probably not on the list of risks. This event was something that fell far outside what was expected and was the trigger for some quick thinking to minimize the overflow of water from the project site into local streams and ponds. Tank trucks saved the day by removing the excess water on the site and minimizing the amount of overflow.

The volcanic eruption in Iceland, which closed air travel over Europe for days afterward, is the latest event with impact on both people and projects.

While teleconferencing can substitute for face to face meetings, more often meeting in person is best for working on difficult issues and gauging perceptions. Also, the increased reliance on a mobile workforce, especially for IT related projects, means travel disruptions hold up progress on projects that touch every part of the economy.

What about the task of project risk identification? One instinct may be to focus on what's well known to go wrong and how it affects project outcome. Typically these are issues such as a vendor who may be late delivering, software untried and risky, or the loss of key individuals on a project.

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The PMBOK discusses the tools and techniques for identifying and managing project risk. But the PMBOK also recognizes that techniques such as checklists can't be complete with absolutely every risk identified. Natural events like these might be on someone's checklist in an area affected by volcanoes, such as Alaska or parts of Indonesia, where eruptions occur and interfere with flying. Here in the northeast United States there's very low probability for chance of a volcano. But, the indirect effects of one are far more severe especially with an interconnected world as shown with the recent eruption in Iceland.

Heavy winter snowstorms are a regular occurrence in this part of the country. There's at least one every year that's memorable and after a few days of inconvenience business returns to running as it did before the storm. Other recent events such as two feet of snow in Washington D.C. during February, the recent rain deluge in New England during March, and now the unpredictable behavior of the volcano in Iceland all suggest the need to consider how natural events may directly or indirectly impact a project.

It looks like now is the time to take the wide view on what constitutes project risk as a result of natural events and develop the ability to respond. Whether it's carrying away water ready to overflow by truck, or flying back home the long way around the world, dealing with risk now seems to require creativity in overcoming obstacles that may occur naturally.

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