



From the President's Desk

We had an awesome turnout for the January and February meeting. The topic for both meetings was agile project management using Scrum. If you are interested in more Scrum Training, consider the Big Visible Solutions seminar being held March 23rd & 24th, 8:30-5:00 at the Crown Plaza in Nashua. Registration also includes a one year membership in the Scrum Alliance and all attendees will be designated Certified Scrum Masters. PMPs will be eligible for 14 contact hours under category 4. More information can be found at <http://mar2009nhcsm-nhpmi.eventbrite.com/?discount=NHPMI>

I'm going to repeat some words from last month's newsletter regarding emails because this is becoming a serious issue for the chapter. The BOD has received some feedback that some members are not receiving the chapter meeting invitations. The BOD must depend on each and every one of you to update your email address by going to <http://pmi-nh.org> and update your

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address on the bottom right hand corner under "Sign up for our Email Newsletter". Many companies are filtering out our emails so please consider using a *non work* email to ensure you do not miss any important chapter mailings.

Nominations for President-Elect and Recording Secretary are being accepted. If you are interested in serving on the BOD in either an elected position or Director position for the upcoming year, please contact Ray at President-elect@pmi.org or me at president@pmi.org. Elections will be held at the May meeting. We need all members to participate in the election process. The BOD is very aware of the number of chapter members that are unemployed. The BOD is working on some ideas to reach out to you. Keep your eyes open in the coming weeks.

We do have a linked-in PMI-NH group. The BOD is working on a policy for usage. In the coming chapter meetings, we will have more information on its usage.

I look forward to seeing you at an upcoming March Chapter meeting!

Diane George, PMP
President
PMI New Hampshire Chapter

2009 Chapter Meeting PDU's January:

Activity Title: Agile Project Management
Overview: Introduction to Scrum
Speaker: Giora Morein, co-founder of BigVisible Solutions
Program Number: C238-20090121
PDUs Awarded: 1
Date of Completion: January 21, 2009

Mass Bay PMI Professional Development Day

Saturday May 2, 2009

Bentley University – Waltham, MA

Earn up to 5 PDU's as a PMI member

Featuring Keynote Speakers and over 20 workshop sessions covering Agile, Best Practices and other PM topics.

Registration *closes* on Thursday, April 23, 2009

(or earlier if sold-out)

Register today. Early bird rate of \$249 for members and \$299 for non-members.

After March 31st: \$299 for members and \$349 for non-members.

Mass Bay PMI Chapter Professional Development Day registration and details:

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Calendar of Events:

PMI Mass Bay Chapter

March Chapter Meeting

March 19, 2009 (Thursday)

Topic: *Project Value Drivers*

<http://www.pmimassbay.org/content>

See Events – Chapter Meetings link for details.

PMI Central Mass Chapter

See http://www.pmicmass.com/meetings_upcoming.htm

PMI Greater Monadnock Region Chapter

Chapter meeting

March 17, 2009 (Tuesday)

National Grange Mutual – Keene, NH

See <http://www.pmi-keene.org> for details.

PMI Ocean State Chapter

March 13, 2009 (Friday)

Topic: *"How to Manage Virtual (Remote) Teams"*

Presenter: Chuck Moulter, MBA, PMP

See: <http://www.oceanstatepmi.org/newsite/events.html>

PMI Professional Awards

Help us Honor Excellence in Project Management and Contribution to PMI

Every year PMI bestows its Professional Awards on those who manage successful, innovative projects, conduct research, publish excellent books, create outstanding training products and help their communities prosper through the use of project management.

Many of these award recipients are honored at the Awards Ceremony that has traditionally happened at the PMI Global Congress North America. Those who win the PMI Distinguished Project and the PMI Eric Jenett Project Management Excellence Awards are recognized at their organizational events or other occasions that make the most sense in each specific case.

Awardees receive coverage in electronic and print publications that PMI puts out. Information about them is permanently featured on PMI.org. Award winners also receive a PMI winner medallion, an emblem they can use on their websites and in other materials. They are also provided with the video that is specifically created to recognize their achievements and is played in their honor at the PMI Awards Ceremony. This video can be posted on their sites as well.

Most PMI Professional Awards nominations are due Monday, April 27, 2009.

Nominations for PMI Eric Jenett Project Management Excellence Award and PMI Distinguished Project Award are accepted throughout the year.

You can download the 2009 PMI Professional Awards Program brochure that highlights the eligibility requirements and deadlines for each award from the Component Leadership site. You can get all the information you need to nominate for a PMI Professional Award online at PMI.org/Awards. If you have further questions, PMI would be happy to help. **Please contact Awards Administrator at awards@pmi.org**

Agile Scrum Certification Training

**March 23 and 24, 2009
8:30 AM to 5:00 PM
Crowne Plaza Hotel
Nashua, NH**

A 14 Category 4 PDU Event for PMI members

Offered by Big Visible, this intensive two-day ScrumMaster Certification course taught by a Scrum Alliance Certified Scrum Trainer provides participants with a practical, fundamental guide to getting started with Scrum.

Registration and details:

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Editor's Notes

Expanding your horizons:

A number of NH chapter and local area chapter sponsored events are coming up over the next several months. All provide great opportunities to stay current and remain in touch with others in the project management field.

PM Certification really useful?

A thought provoking question raised by a well known management consultant questioning the usefulness of PMP certification.

The point overlooked with certification is that it measures understanding of principles presented in the PMBOK.

It's not meant as a measurement for success in project management, or how principles are applied.

Probably the most important part of PMP certification requirements are continued awareness of evolving PM practices through the PDU system.

Various upcoming programs are good examples of how this type of learning is supported through PMI chapters.

Your thoughts:

Your feedback and contributions for upcoming newsletter editions are welcome. **Contact me at:**

Newsletter@pmi-nh.org

Steve Lapinkas, PMP
Editor

Chapter Officer Nominations

PMI-NH elects officers at the May Chapter Meeting.

The two positions that will be elected this year are:

- President-Elect
- Recording Secretary

Job descriptions for these two officer positions as well as all BOD positions can be found at <http://pmi-nh.org/PositionDesc.htm>.

If you are interested in either of these positions, please contact Ray Peeples at president-elect@pmi-nh.org or president@pmi-nh.org or any Board member.

Next Chapter Meeting

March 18, 2009 (Wednesday)
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM
The Yard
Manchester, NH

"Project Lessons from the Great Escape (Stalag Luft III) "

Speaker: Mark Kozak-Holland, PMP

Info:
<http://www.pmi-nh.org/meetings.htm>

Register:
<http://www.acteva.com/booking.cfm?bevaaid=178573>

Meeting sponsored by:

