

Next Chapter Meeting

May 20, 2009 (Wednesday)
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM
The Yard Restaurant
Manchester, NH

Topic: "Influence Without Authority"
Speaker: Seamus Gahan

Seamus Gahan has over 10 years experience working on large projects in various roles from application architect to project manager. He holds degrees in Electronic/Computer Engineering and Mathematics and is a Sun Certified Java Architect.

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

Register:
<http://www.acteva.com/booking.cfm?bevaaid=183147>

Meeting sponsor:



BigVisible Solutions

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From the President's Desk

Time flies so fast! It's already May – time for elections and preparations for new BOD leadership. If you are a chapter member, please check the announcements for instructions on how to vote on-line. You can also vote online at the May Chapter meeting. We've basically eliminated all excuses for not voting.

Attendance at chapter meetings has been wonderful. I'm so glad to see so many people taking advantage of the networking and education opportunities. Speaking of education....if you need help in preparing for the PMP exam, please check out our Education page for study group opportunities. The study groups have a high rate of success in helping people pass the PMP exam. If you have any questions, please contact Salvatore at education@pmi-nh.org.

Keep your eye open for a new networking opportunity at the July meeting. This meeting allows an opportunity to meet your new president and I think this year's meeting be a fun way to get to know your fellow chapter members better.

We are always looking for people to write articles for the newsletter. If you have an interesting project management or leadership story to tell, get that keyboard out and start typing. We'd love to hear from you and I'm sure your fellow chapter members would too.

I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming May Chapter meeting!

Diane George, PMP

President

PMI New Hampshire Chapter

Training returning to Nashua Certified ScrumMaster



BigVisible Solutions is please to offer a 2-day **Certified ScrumMaster (CSM)** class in Nashua on **June 24th & 25th**.

Members of the New Hampshire PMI Chapter can register at the **promotional price of \$995 if they sign up by May 25th**; that is a savings of \$400.

This intensive two-day course, taught by a Scrum Alliance Certified Scrum Trainer, provides participants with a practical guide to getting started with Scrum, one of the largest and fastest-growing Agile frameworks. Scrum is a simple, yet extremely powerful, technique to boost team productivity, elevate quality, and accelerate project delivery. This course comprises pragmatic, time-tested practices for managing product backlogs, long and short-range planning, project execution and progress reporting. The class provides an examination of the Scrum project lifecycle as well as an in-depth exploration of the Scrum roles, ceremonies and artifacts. Exercises, case studies and examples are interwoven to illustrate the principles and practices being taught. Upon successful completion of this course, participants will be designated "Certified ScrumMaster"(CSM), including a one-year membership in the Scrum Alliance with valuable materials and resources exclusively available to CSMs. PMPs will also qualify for 14 Category IV PDUs. For more information, or to register, go to:

<http://jun2009nashuacsm-nh.eventbrite.com/?discount=NHPMI>

Calendar of Events:

PMI Mass Bay Chapter

Monthly Chapter Meeting

May 21, 2009

Location/Time: Sheraton Colonial Hotel
- Wakefield , MA

(5:30PM - 8:30PM)

Topic: *Recognition and Team Building*

Presenter: David Connors, PMP

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

See Events – Chapter Meetings link for details.

PMI Central Mass Chapter

June 9, 2009

Location/Time: Doubletree Hotel
Westborough (5:30PM - 8:30PM)

Topic: **Get Off the Escalator: How to Resolve Conflicts Effectively**

Presenter: H Meeker Green

See <http://www.pmicmass.com/>

PMI Greater Monadnock Region Chapter

Monthly Chapter Meeting

May 19, 2009

Location/Time: National Grange
Mutual – Keene, NH

(5:30PM –9:00PM)

Topic: *Managing Virtual Teams for Real Results*

Presenter: Rick Brenner

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

PMI Ocean State Chapter

Monthly Chapter Meeting

See:

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

Education & Professional Development

Summertime is the right time to both hone brush up on your project management skills, as well as prepare for the PMP certification exam.

The PMI-NH Chapter is proud to offer two 13-week study group sessions at two locations:

Fremont – starting July 7, 2009

Merrimack – starting July 9, 2009

The sessions are 2 hours long and run for a total of 13 weeks.

This is an outstanding value for both PMI members and non-members alike.

Mentors for these classes typically are individuals who have our training passed the PMP certification on their first attempt.

Take advantage of this exciting offer today. Go to the PMI-NH.ORG website for more details. Sign up early, classes fill quickly!

NOTE: Mentors are needed for both locations!

Contact: Salvatore Angelone, PMP Director of Education at:
education@pmi-nh.org for additional information or online at <http://www.pmi-nh.org/education.htm>

2009 Chapter Meeting PDU's

January:

Activity Title: Agile Project Management

Speaker: Giora Morein, co-founder of BigVisible Solutions

Program Number: C238-20090121

PDU's Awarded: 1

Date of Completion: January 21, 2009

February:

Activity Title: Agile SCRUM Is Not a Bad Word: A Traditional

Project Manager' s Agile Case Study

Speaker: Peggy McGrath, PMP

Program Number: C238-20090218

PDU's Awarded: 1.25

Date of Completion: February 18, 2009

March:

Activity Title: Project Lessons from the Great Escape (Stalag Luft III)

Speaker: Mark Kozak-Holland, PMP

Program Number: C238-20090318

PDU's Awarded: 1

Date of Completion: March 18, 2009

April:

Activity Title: Soft Skills: Beyond Agile

Speaker: Greg Chenevert

Program Number: C238-20090415

PDU's Awarded: 1

Date of Completion: April 15, 2009

Go online to

<http://www.pminh.org/PreviousMeetings.htm>

for additional professional development meeting PDU information and access to the convenient online PDU reporting link.

Chapter Board Profile:

Peg Duggan – Director of Operations

Director of Operations is now the new title for what was Director of Information Technology. One new change (and challenge) of this position is support for a “virtual setting” to support the Chapter Board.

Responsibilities of Operations include administration and updates to the member website, PMI-NH.org, as well as the workspace, email system and online voting that takes place for chapter board positions.

The “virtual setting” for the Board is now supported through use of a "cloud" workspace. This technology facilitates a number of activities. These include holding discussions, storing documents, sharing a common calendar, event planning, and managing chapter activities. While the “cloud” workspace has not totally replaced regular meetings by Chapter Board members, it has been an interesting experience to implement and presents a unique set of challenges.

Forward Thinking

As Director of Operations I've been able to help improve how the Board conducts chapter business and provide information to all chapter members.

Several new projects have been implemented or are underway. These include:

- o Selecting an email service provider and implementing a new process to create and deliver chapter communications
- o Developing a Privacy Policy for handling collection of personal information by the chapter.
- o Implementing online voting for chapter officer elections.
- o Review, selection and implementation of a new collaboration “cloud” workspace to facilitate business by the Board.

Chapter Website Update Project

Changes to the chapter website will begin in June. Recommendations will follow after an evaluation and review of the site.

Currently, website updates occur regularly with information for chapter meetings, PDU information, and study groups. There are plans to help enhance the web experience by adding new features such as an online calendar and RSS feeds.

Doing the Right Thing

The Director of Operations is a non-elected position with a 2-year commitment serving at the request of the President. As Director of Operations I have found the work challenging, the board supportive, and the experience fulfilling.

As Project Managers we all should contribute back to the organization and I urge you all to volunteer in some way, because we all have unique talents. It is a rewarding experience.

Editor's Note

BigVisible Solutions, May chapter meeting sponsor, is offering a **Certified ScrumMaster (CSM)** seminar. Consider the advantages of having the training from this seminar as part of your professional credential portfolio. PMI – NH Chapter members are eligible for significant savings when you sign up *before* May 25.

A number of people contribute time to the chapter and help make it what it is. Starting this month in the **Chapter Board Profile** section, Peg Duggan describes her role as part of the Board of Directors. The plan for upcoming editions is to have contributions by other Board members to let you know about their roles in the chapter as well.

The monthly chapter meeting is scheduled at the Yard in Manchester. The topic is very relevant for the project manager role where buy-in and cooperation of team members is needed for success.

PMP certification exam study sessions are set for both in Merrimack and Fremont. Check the **Education & Professional Development** section for details.

Do you have news or a short article that you'd like to see included in the newsletter?

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