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PROGRAM  
MEETING**

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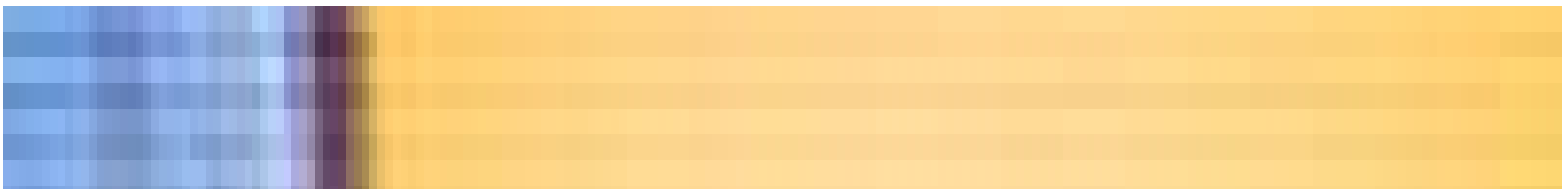
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#### Our Mission

*Provide an active forum for  
promoting Professional Project  
Management knowledge and  
standards in Southern Nevada.*

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# January Program & Business Meeting

*Presenter* Tim Stanley, CIO of Harrah's

- ❖ Induction of new Board of Directors
- ❖ Member of the Year Award
- ❖ Volunteer of the Year Award
  
- ❖ Sponsored by Advanced Information Systems Featuring Mark Wayman, Exec VP and "The Godfather's Career Guide: What to do if you get Whacked!"

## Bio of TIM STANLEY

Mr. Tim Stanley has an extensive professional biography that reads in part:

As CIO of Harrah's Entertainment, Tim Stanley is responsible for all of Harrah's World-Class Information Technology functions. This includes the development and enhancement of all IT enabled business capabilities for Harrah's, including their leading edge customer relationship (CRM) and business intelligence (BI) systems, and the systems that power the award winning Total Rewards® loyalty program.

Tim was recently honored as the CIO Insight "Partners in Alignment" award winner for the most successful linkage of business strategy and technology at Harrah's, and was recognized as one of "The Top 25 Unsung Heroes of the Internet" by Interactive Week magazine.

He holds graduate degrees in International Business and Technology Management from Thunderbird, (AGSIM) and Arizona State University and an undergraduate degree in engineering from the University of Washington.

**Registration:**  
**\$20 members**  
**\$25 guests**  
**\$ 5 program only**

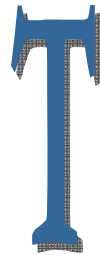
### Palace Station Hotel-Casino

5:00 – 5:30 p.m.	Registration and Networking
5:30 – 5:45 p.m.	Introductions and Chapter Business
5:45 – 6:45 p.m.	Dinner Served and Feature Presentation
6:45 – 7:00 p.m.	Conclusion and Door Prizes

Please see our Chapter website at [www.pmi-snc.org](http://www.pmi-snc.org) to RSVP

# President's Message

By Amy Moore, PMP



The goal is to balance a life that works  
with a life that counts.

*-Peter Block*

Welcome to a brand new year and my final message installment as President of this Chapter. I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays and are refreshed and ready to tackle 2006.

This past year has been incredibly rewarding, educational and frustrating! Rewarding to see how our chapter continues to grow in numbers and strength, educational from a leadership standpoint and frustrating because there never seemed to be the time to tackle all the projects I wanted to accomplish for this chapter.

I challenge all of our members to step up and volunteer with our organization and find your potential as a leader with PMI.

I am very pleased to announce your new Board of Director's for 2006:

Karen Brown – President

Greg Shaffer – Executive Vice-President/President-elect

Annette Levin – VP of Public Relations

Gopal Ramakrishnan – VP of Education

BJ Willeford – Treasurer

Peter Fiala - VP of Programs

Veronika Green - Secretary

Swadha Rath - VP of Membership

Congratulations to everyone!

# 2006 Programs *at a glance*

January 19, 2006

Program/Dinner- Business Meeting

February 16, 2006

March 16, 2006

April 20, 2006

May 18, 2006

June 22, 2006

July 20, 2006

**(All 2006 programs will be dinner meetings.)**

**All programs are held at:** Palace Station Hotel & Casino, 2411 W. Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89102

For information, contact: Karen O'Dell via e-mail:  
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# Introducing Changes for PMI-SNC Monthly Meetings

## PMI – SNC Announces the Voucher Program!

What is it? It is pre-paid vouchers for admittance to PMI-SNC Program Meetings including meals. (This excludes special events.)

What is the cost? For members, the cost is \$100 for 6 vouchers, or a savings of \$20. For non-members, the cost is \$100 for 4 vouchers (no savings, only convenience).

Who can use them? Anyone. Use them yourself, or give them to friends, clients, employees, spouses, etc.

What is the benefit for the chapter? It provides a savings for members; hopefully, it will improve attendance; it minimizes cost transactions both on-line and during registration; it provides more efficiency in the registration process; it provides the purchasers with a promotional mechanism to easily invite others, while paying for their admission; hopefully, it provides an incentive to be a member; and it provides the PMI-SNC board with an auditable method for promotional meals, i.e., speaker, sponsor, etc.

Each voucher is pre-numbered and tracked. When using a voucher, there is a voucher registration on-line (at no cost), in order to submit your Program Meeting RSVP. This is important, so we know you're coming and to order a meal for you. This also provides a receipt for your PDU tracking. At the Program Meeting, turn in the voucher at the registration desk for admittance.

You can order a pack of vouchers at the PMI-SNC Program Meeting registration desk, or better yet, reserve a pack of vouchers on-line (at no cost), so we can have them ready for your pick-up at the registration desk. In either case, payment for vouchers is at the registration desk in cash or check (no charge cards).

That's it. Try it, you'll like it!

## NEW RSVP POLICY

Effective with the October meeting, PMI-SNC will no longer provide a meal to attendees who have not RSVP'd in advance. Palace Station is unable to accommodate last minute requests for lunch or dinner and it places an undue burden upon board members checking in attendees.

In addition, if you RSVP and are unable to attend, refunds will not be issued.

We appreciate your cooperation with these policies that enable us to continue to operate efficiently as an organization.

# Members Corner

Please welcome the following  
**New Members:**

John J. Lynch  
Dawei Jiang  
John T. Denlay  
Steven W Rausch  
Munianthangal J Baranikumar  
Swadha Rath , PMP  
Sanjay Palherkar  
William D. Reif  
Michala A. Joels  
Kathi J. Petrocco  
Gary W. Carriger

Sorry to see you leave  
**Expiring Memberships:**

Henry Caldwell  
Edward Cowle  
Sam Fratto  
Graham Giles  
Jeffrey Moore  
Mandy Lee Nicholson  
Scott Ringler  
John Stowkowski

Thank you  
**Renewing Members:**

Raymond Brady  
Richard Wellman  
Eduardo Aching  
Julia Barish  
Harold Begley  
Melody Bliss  
Patrick Ford  
Robin Goldie  
Andrew Hartnett  
James Haufler  
Catharine Leonard  
Thomas Leonard  
Jeffrey Levering  
Terry Nelson  
Tess Nelson  
John Painter  
Bruce Pientka  
Pedro Vazquez  
Alan Will  
Donald Woods

# PMI-HQ NEWS

## **"And ... they're off!" The 250,000th Member Race is up and running.**

PMI's 250,000th Member Race is underway and anyone may enter! The individual (member or nonmember) who guesses closest, without exceeding, the date and time that the 250,000th member joins PMI will be the winner. If no one guesses correctly, then the contest winner will be the individual who guesses closest without exceeding the actual time the 250,000th member joins.

**Components may also enter a guess on when the 250,000th member joins PMI. The winning component will receive three free registrations to a 2006 PMI Leadership Institute meeting of their choice.** (Just one entry per component will be accepted.)

Interest is high, so enter soon. Please contact [Drew Ihlenfeld](#) to submit your component's guess. Visit the [contest Web page](#) for information on rules, prizes, incentives and information on how members and nonmembers may enter the race. ***On your marks. Get set. Go!***

## **There is a new way to interface with PMI...**

The new Web-based Certification System is now available on the PMI Web site. Individuals who hold the Project Management Professional (PMP®) and the Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM®) are now able to access their records at any time, making it easier to maintain credentials and stay on top of deadlines for credential renewal. Applicants will find a more user-friendly online application (for both PMP and CAPM Credentials) as well as a self-service feature, allowing candidates access to copies of receipts, score reports and notification of eligibility status. Automatic e-mail notifications will advise candidates of their approved application as well as request additional information if needed. Future online features will include access to credential renewals as well as PDU submissions. If you hold a PMI credential (PMP, CAPM), visit the [Certification Program](#) section of the PMI Web site today.

### Deadlines

Web and Newsletter – due by the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month for posting/publishing by first week of next month  
Sponsorship – Programs only are as available, first come, first served basis.

# Highlights from December Meeting

Did ya'll have a good time? Wow! What a great party. Those of you who had the misfortune of being unable to attend missed the best PMI holiday party ever. Some of you probably believe that Elvis Presley and Marilyn Monroe are quite dead, but I'm here to tell you it ain't so. They were alive and well and having the time of their life at the PMI-SNC/AITP Holiday Gala Event.

A couple of Santa's elves showed up too. Sheila Fiala and Bonnie Shaffer, although not dressed in the traditional little green outfits with pointed toe shoes, saw to it that the slot tournament kept rolling. They were certainly kept on their not-so-pointed toes keeping track of points accumulated for all those winner wanna-be-s. Speaking of winners, congratulations to Margaret Tayler, Steve Swenning, Daniel Mitton, Linda Kozik, Dimitrios Zoitopoulos – they won lots of money by being the fastest, the best, or maybe it was just the luckiest of the slot players.

There were lots of other winners too – restaurant gift certificates and other nice prizes totalling about \$300 went to: Roberta Greene, Diane Virmani, Deb Clarke, Becky Carey, Zev, Bonnie Shafer, Kevin Rogers, Annette Levin, Larry Gabriel, Terry Warner.

Fred Astair and Ginger Rogers had some tough competition on the dance floor; Annette Levin and Paul Bruno would have given them a run for their money. I didn't actually see them dance together, but I know they could do it. What fun!

There were several professional (well maybe not professional, but awfully available) photographers roaming the event taking pictures of just about everybody. Getting all those pictures out of those little digital cameras and out where people can actually see them is a priority of the new year.

A very big thank you to Greg Shaffer for all the work he did in making this event happen. There is a lot of work involved in planning a successful party like this one, and Greg scored big. Everyone had a great time.

Here's hoping you all had a wonderful holiday, and wishing you all a very happy, healthy, and prosperous new year.

# The LAST Word

## **EMPLOYMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

PMI-SNC will now email job announcements that are brought to our attention to our members who are interested in receiving them. In order to opt in to this email list, please notify Jodi Wiseman, our VP of Membership, at [vpmembership@pmi-snc.org](mailto:vpmembership@pmi-snc.org). Emailing of these opportunities does not constitute endorsement of any particular employer by PMI-SNC.

## **2006 Chapter Dues Increase**

Our local chapter dues are increasing by \$5.00 beginning in 2006. The Board of Directors approved a \$5 increase in the SNC dues from \$20 per year to \$25 per year. This is the first dues increase in three years and is a result of increasing chapter operations expenses.

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