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Our Mission

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

September 2006 - President's Message

"Leadership is the art of getting someone else to do something you want done because he wants to do it."

- Dwight Eisenhower

Every organization is as good as its leaders. It is time for our elections for the 2007 Board of Directors! Please see more information about the elections in this newsletter.

The board apologizes for its lapse in reporting PDUs for the program meetings. We have recently submitted March and April, and we are working on June, July, and August. (May was dark.) This is somewhat of a manual process on both our part and PMI's, so it is a good practice to audit your PDUs from time to time. Also, if you fail to enter your PMI ID when registering for a meeting, then the PDU will not be submitted.

Unfortunately, it was necessary for our VP of Education, Gopal Ramakrishnan, to step down from the PMI-SNC Board of Directors. The Board has appointed Pradeep Rath PMP as his replacement for the rest of the term.

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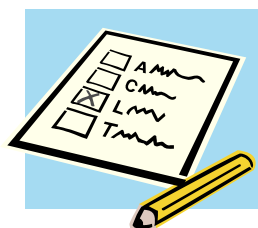
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2007 Board of Directors Elections

The positions that are elected are as follows. All positions are for a one year term with the exception of the Executive Vice President, which is a two year term. The 2007 Board term begins February 1, 2007 and ends January 31st, 2008. Board members earn 10 PDUs.

If you are interested in any of these positions and want to know more about them, please see or e-mail any board member, or read the board member action plans that are posted on the PMI-SNC website. The only requirement to serve on the board is that you must be a member of the Southern Nevada Chapter, in good standing.

- The Executive Vice President for the 2007 term fills in for the president (Greg Shaffer) when he is absent. The Executive Vice President becomes the president in 2008.
- VP of Programs, whose primary responsibility is to engage speakers for our monthly chapter meetings.
- VP of Education, whose primary responsibility is to organize training classes related to project management.
- VP of Membership, whose primary responsibility is to track our membership and e-mail announcements.
- VP of Public Relations, whose primary responsibility is to manage the chapter's advertising program on the web and in the newsletter.
- Treasurer, whose primary responsibility is to manage chapter finances.
- Secretary, whose primary responsibility is to record chapter and board meetings.



Election Schedule

The election schedule is as follows:

September 11 to September 22 – nomination period.

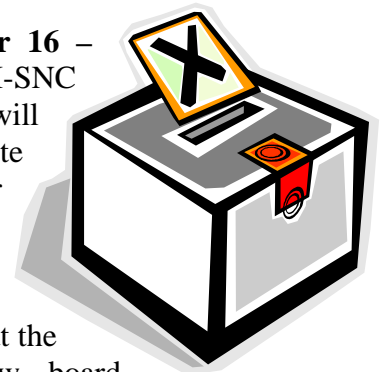
Please e-mail your nomination(s) to elections@pmi-snc.org.

Include the nominee's name, phone numbers, e-mail address, board position desired, and a brief description on why you

are nominating this person for this board position. Feel free to nominate yourself!

September 25 to October 16 – election period

via the PMI-SNC website. Each nominee will have the opportunity to write a brief bio for the October newsletter and the website.



October 19th – election results

will be announced at the chapter meeting. New board members will be invited to attend the board meeting that follows the chapter meeting.

- Karen Brown, President
- PMI-SNC

2006 Programs At A Glance

Thursday, September 21	Program Meeting
Thursday, October 19	Program Meeting
Thursday, November 9	Program Meeting
Friday, December 8	Holiday Party joint party with AITP

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

For information, contact:
programs@pmi-snc.org

Membership Update

The September 2006 Membership report finds a PMI-SNC chapter population of 322 members.



Welcome to 7 new members: Jennifer Potokar, Gene Johnson, Leon Siekerka, Caryn Basta-Hall, Carolyn Andrews, Jerry Buckler, and Lynn Carlson.

A total of 20 renewals during August: Alan Ashford, James Bly, Keith Cox, Gary Desler, Patricia Dues, Marinus Grootenboer, John Halas, Sunny Hill, Steven Lawrence, Paul Minto, Robert Pfaff, Bambi Pilley, Steven Rausch, Michele Sanders, Tamara Sieckman, Lynn Snyder, Klaus Steinke, Michael Sullivan, Frank Surina, and Richard Wellman.

We're sorry to see you go: Raymond Daubert, Joseph Peter DeVore, Michael Effner, Patrick Casey Flanagan, William Gustafson, Patricia Hampton, Edmund Normand Hannifin, Zouheir Hashem, Raymond Kidman, Terry Koschel, Michael Marfino, David Palumbo, Brinda Prabhakaran, Gopal Ramakrishnan, James Roensch, Randolph Schreiner, Arun Singhal, John Stein, and John Vialpando.



And lastly, welcome Suzanne Rhodes who transferred into our chapter!



- Swadha Rath, VP Membership

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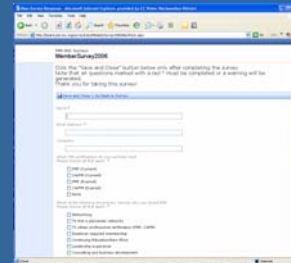
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2006 Membership Survey Reminder

We all joined PMI-SNC for some reason. I am sure each of us has some expectation from the chapter. We need to capture those expectations and make sure they are a part of the long-term strategy for the chapter.

How can we accomplish this task?

PMI Board and Volunteers have come up with a short, three minute survey. The survey can be taken online at <http://tinyurl.com/gtt78>. Please take the time to respond to the survey. We need your input and help to take the chapter to the next level. As a special thank you, one lucky respondent will win \$75! Take the survey today!



PMI-SNC 2006 Volunteer Event



PMI-SNC is sponsoring a volunteer activity with the Habitat for Humanity of Las Vegas on Saturday, October 21, 2006 and Saturday, December 2, 2006, from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. 25 volunteers will be accepted for each day. Sign-up will be available on the PMI-SNC Web site (<http://pmi-snc.org>). A PMI-SNC "Outback Cap", which is a great outdoor hat, will be given to each volunteer.

"The ultimate goal of Habitat for Humanity is to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from the face of the earth by constructing and building adequate and basic housing. Furthermore, all our words and actions are for the ultimate purpose of putting shelter on the hearts and minds of people in such a powerful way that poverty housing and homelessness become socially, politically and religiously unacceptable in our nations and world."

Please, join PMI-SNC in helping our community in a worthwhile effort!

Lexicon Project Will Unify Project Management Terminology

Last year, PMI chartered a project to develop a project management lexicon http://www.pmi.org/prod/groups/public/documents/info/pp_pmlexiconproject.asp (<http://tinyurl.com/z53bm>) that will be a dictionary to unify terminology for the project management community. PMI plans to publish the lexicon in 2008.

The lexicon will be a tool to help practitioners improve the exactness of communications and understanding. It will be a means to define, clarify and introduce new and evolving terms. It will support growth and maturation of the profession. It will be used in the development of standards and will reduce or eliminate terminology questions that arise during the certifications process. Ultimately, the lexicon will be translated into multiple languages and available through the online PMI Bookstore.

To adjudicate terms contained in the lexicon, PMI will establish a Lexicon Control Board composed of experienced project managers from varied disciplines with varied levels of experience in adjudication processes.

For more information about the lexicon, please contact PMI Standards Project Specialist Nan Wolfslayer at nan.wolfslayer@pmi.org with a subject of Lexicon.

-Source: PMI's Friday Fun Facts

Got Something to Say?

Contributions to Project Charter, the monthly PMI-SNC Newsletter, are greatly appreciated and can be email to Newsletter@PMI-SNC.Org. All items will be reviewed and the editor reserves the right to edit and/or include or not include articles as space may permit.

What is a TinyURL?

You may have seen recently that links such as <http://tinyurl.com/z53bm> have started appearing in the newsletter.

Why is it needed?

One of the problems of communicating long web addresses, such as http://www.pmi.org/prod/groups/public/documents/info/pp_pmlexiconproject.asp, is that typographically, the link gets broken apart on several lines. When a reader attempts to copy and past this URL into a web browser, the line breaks cause the link to break in the web browser and the wrong page is reached (or not reached at all.)

How does it work?

TinyURL is a free service that seeks to correct this problem by translating long links into shorter ones. Simply paste in the long url into TinyURL.Com and a shorter one, like <http://tinyurl.com/z53bm>, is popped out. Now when someone tries to browse to the tiny url, the service translates and redirects to the longer link. All for free.

TinyURL is really a great service and has processed more than 24 Million of these short URLs. Visit them at TinyURL.Com.

-Source: Charley Jones, Newsletter Editor

Last Word

Studying for the PMP exam? The Chapter is developing a formal PMP exam preparation class. In the meantime if you are interested in studying with other Chapter members in an informal study group, please contact Pradeep Rath at rath_pradeep@hotmail.com. Pradeep will coordinate the formation of the informal study group if enough people are interested.