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Our Mission

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

May 2007 - President's Message

The PMI-SNC class, PMP Preparation, is well underway with 19 students. This is a first time endeavor for the chapter for conducting training without partnering with a vendor. If all is successful, hopefully this will be the trend for the future. The increased revenue from the class will enable the chapter to offer improved services.

PMI-SNC is planning a joint meeting in October with AITP-LV in order to share an esteemed speaker with a topic relevant to both organizations. The speaker is Sheleen Quish, CIO of Ameristar and a principal of her own consulting firm, and the topic is "Mastering the Art of Influence", which is something all project managers would like to accomplish.

The PMI-SNC volunteer activity for the Komen Race for the Cure was a success with 20 participants. Overall, there were over 190,000 participants in the event. In addition to the Komen t-shirt, the PMI-SNC participants received a PMI-SNC outback hat to help shade them from the sun.

PMI-SNC sent two board members to the Region 7 Conference. PMI-SNC is working toward an application for Chapter of the Year (medium size chapter) that would be submitted in 2008. In 2005, PMI-SNC won the award for the small size chapter. PMI-SNC has finished its annual budget work and is finalizing a strategic plan. A new chapter charter has been approved, as well.

Thanks for everyone's effort in making the PMI-SNC chapter the success it is today.

Greg Shaffer - President

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Next Program: May 24, 2007

Our May 24 2007 meeting will be a dinner meeting at the Palace Station Casino. The speaker for this session will be Mia Matisse, a Lead Project Manager for Harrah's Entertainment in Las Vegas. The topic will be "Brand Me! Personal Branding for the Project Management Professional".

The management guru, Tom Peters once said: "You can't move up, if you don't stand out". The competition is fierce and is increasing every year. With so much talent in the field, you need to ensure that you're getting both recognition and reward for the value that you offer.

It all starts with brand management. Companies invest heavily in ensuring that their customers can quickly identify their products, know the value it offers and their product's rank among the competition. Corporations are continuously communicating and promoting their 'value propositions'. And they get results. As a project management professional, so can you! What value to you offer? What are you known for? How do you stand apart from the competition? What do you *want* to be known for? You spend a great deal of time sharpening your professional skills: mastering complex methodologies, reviewing the best practices, learning new software etc. But guess what? So does the next guy in the office next door. In short, talent and skill are everywhere. You have to stand out, to move up! And it all begins with managing your unique personal brand. Personal branding is an intriguing concept that is applicable in virtually all professions. This presentation will provide an introduction to the concept of personal brand management. We'll do a quick inventory of what your personal brand is current 'saying', how to tune it, and then actively promote it.

The presentation will cover:

- What is personal branding: a breakdown of key components
- Recognize personal brands in action: Who's doing it; how they're doing it, who's effective
- Defining your value proposition, cultivate, strengthen and promote your personal brand

The presentation promises to be energetic and engaging. Handouts will be provided. You don't want to miss Brand Me!

Mia Matisse is a Lead Project Manager for Harrah's Entertainment in Las Vegas. With years of experience with Retail technologies, she currently manages point of sale implementations at the IT Corporate headquarters in Las Vegas. Prior to joining Harrah's in 2006, Mia has worked as a Project Manager for major organizations such as Turner Broadcasting, Limited Brands, The Home Depot and Siemens.

In addition to over 9 years of project management experience, Mia is also an experienced trainer and public speaker. She's facilitated numerous courses and

2007 Programs At A Glance

January 25	Jay Nichols, General Curator of the Las Vegas Springs Preserve, "The Springs Reserve Project – Preserving History, Conservinf Resources"
February 15	Chet Yarbrough , Habitat for Humanity, "Project Management in a Volunteer Organization"
March 15	John Barber, Aristocrat Technologies, "Leveraging Your Power as a Project Manager"
April 19	Kim Irwin, Bechtel SAIC, "Growing the Project Managers of Tomorrow"
May 24	Mia Matisse, Harrah's Entertainment, "Brand Me! Personal Branding for the Project Manager Professional"
June 21	Major Ivy Williams, Nellis Air Force Base
July 19	Speaker from NSTec
August	Dark - No Meeting
September 20	Rudolf Melik, "Empower Your Project Workforce"
October 18	Sheleen Quish
November 15	Speaker from NSTec
December TBD	Holiday Party

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

seminars through the US and Canada on personal development, organizational development, and project management topics. Mia holds a BA in Management and received her PMP certification in May, 2004.

Important Message on PDU Reporting for Dinner Meeting Attendance

Beginning May 2007, the board will no longer automatically report the one PDU earned for attending the PMI Monthly Dinner meetings. Although it was a great idea at one time, the reporting process was not "automatic" - and has been preformed manually by coordination among VP of Finance, VP of Education and PMI National. Registration of the dinner meetings on the Acteva did not automatically update the PMI Records database with PMI National. A lot of rework was involved to mine the attendance log collected from Acteva and the meeting walk-ins. All of this has been extremely time consuming and problematic. Please report your meeting PDU. Instructions are on the home page of www.pmi-snc.org.

Chapter Education Update

PMP Prep Class

PMI-SNC chapter, for the first time launched the PMP Prep class curriculum in spring 2007. Instructors were chosen from a volunteer pool of certified PMPs with a passion to teach.

The seed for starting a PMP Prep class curriculum germinated in my head during the Region-7 PMI forum held in Las Vegas in 2006 in which I was a volunteer attendee. I immediately spotted an opportunity for our chapter to grow and prosper. Not only the PMP Prep class would generate money for our chapter, but more importantly it would give an opportunity to some high caliber and talented PMPs to ignite their hidden talents and untapped potentials in teaching. Another very attractive and compelling proposition was that the curriculum would offer a low cost option for our chapter members to prepare for the PMP exams.

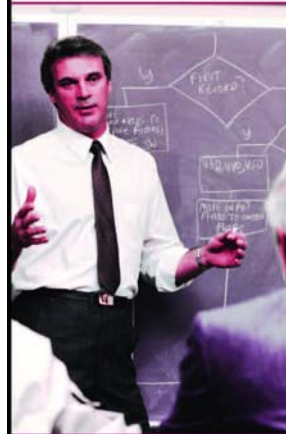
After a great deal of research and with a lot of help from PMI National and Outcore, and using best practices from other chapters I was ready to seek the blessings from our Board of Directors and launch our first class on April 14, 2007. The classes started as planned and are taught over six consecutive Saturdays and will end on May 19, 2007.

Nineteen students are enrolled in the class. Students are asked to fill out evaluation sheets at the end of each class. Positive and negative feedback from the students are summarized and shared with all instructors. The class focus is promptly adjusted by the instructors to meet the expectations of the students.

I thank our dedicated instructors who made all of this possible. They are Swadha Rath, Charley Jones, Emmit Lamb, Ken Warrix, Gopal Ramakrishnan, Ricky Henry, Brian Hoying, Jeff Jimenez, Lynn Carlson, Preston McDaniel, and Gordon Levick. I thank the PMI-SNC Board of Directors for their support in all matters relating to the PMP Prep class curriculum. I extend my special thanks to our VP of Finance, Pete Duignan for keeping track of the student registration and vendor invoices and to Karen Brown who helped in multiple ways as a volunteer.

Pradeep Rath, M.S., M.B.A, P.M.P
VP of Education
Southern Nevada Chapter

Regis University Offers MS Degree in Project Leadership & Management and a Graduate Certificate in Executive Project Management



Regis University's MSM program offers an emphasis in Project Leadership & Management. It is designed to meet the needs of students who require project management skills in addition to leadership and people management. The emphasis explores project management from a strategic management perspective focusing on development of leadership skills in the management of project teams.

All classes are available on-ground and on-line or a combination of both in **accelerated eight week sessions**. All courses are offered on-ground in the evening and Saturday mornings to accommodate the busy schedule of working adults.

Regis University is a Registered Education Provider (REP) of PMI. All courses in the Regis Project Management Degree and Certificate are approved by PMI for 32 PDU's EACH.



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Members may order a PMI name badge on our website at pmi-snc.org for \$16. Please contact the VP of Finance if you have any questions.

Volunteers Needed!

The strength of any organization lies with its volunteers. The board of directors continues to look for help with various activities that will keep our chapter growing, and continue to make it a worthwhile organization.

We are looking for help with this newsletter, the website, mentoring, and special events.

If you have some free time and are interested in making your chapter even better, please see our website for an application and contact information.

News from PMI - HQ

PMI Calls for Component Mentors

Component mentors serve as liaisons between PMI and the component leaders of specific regions. The mentors provide advice and information on administration and organizational practices and policies under the direction of PMI's Component & Community Relations (C&CR) Department. Skilled, experienced and knowledgeable component leaders are sought to serve as component mentors for the 2008–2010 term.

The [Component Mentor Program charter](#) details the objectives and deliverables for this volunteer position, however, for those interested in filling this role, the following skills are desired:

- Must be a PMI member in good standing for a minimum of three consecutive years
- Possess a minimum of five years professional experience in project management
- Must have served in an elected leadership role with a PMI chapter, SIG or college
- Must have attended at least two Leadership Institute Meetings within past three years
- Have a life-long commitment to learning and a long-term commitment to PMI
- Possess strong communications, organization, facilitation and leadership skills
- May hold honorary positions related to past positions as chair/president
- May not concurrently hold an elected or volunteer leadership position for any other PMI committee, component or project if selected
- Have no [conflict of interest](#) with PMI
- Must sign the Confidentiality Agreement, C&CR Code of Conduct, and Conflict of Interest Statement upon acceptance of role

If you would like to make a difference and mentor component leaders, register at [PMI volunteer opportunities](#). You will receive an application package once PMI validates that you meet the minimal requirements. **Applications will be accepted until 1 August.**

For more information, contact the Component Mentor Program Coordinator, [Nancy Berge](#)

Component Services Member Advisory Group Volunteers Are Needed

Join a group of international volunteers that advise and guide PMI on programs, products and services that support the component community and fulfill PMI's strategic and operational objectives. The Component Service Advisory Group (CS MAG) also

reviews component awards applications to select winners, and works with PMI's Component & Community Relations Department to enhance and evolve the awards program.

Volunteers serve on two-year terms and have the following skills:

- Strong understanding of PMI's goals, principles, strategic direction and of other Member Advisory Groups as they relate to the CS MAG
- A minimum of three years experience as a component board member
- Previous experience working on a virtual team and in a multicultural environment
- Strong presentation, analytical and communication skills

Register at [PMI volunteer opportunities](#) if you are interested in molding the future of PMI component programs, products and services. **Applications will be accepted until 1 August.**

Contact Component & Community Process Supervisor, [Danielle Ritter](#), for more information about a CS MAG volunteer role.

Leadership Institute Advisory Group Volunteers Sought

Leadership Institute Advisory Group (LIAG) volunteers provide guidance on the Leadership Institute Program and ensure that it aligns with PMI's strategic and operational objectives.

Individuals with the following qualifications, skills and experience would best fit the LI AG volunteer's roles and responsibilities:

- Must be a PMI member in good standing
- Must have served as a PMI component leader for three or more years
- Must have participated in at least three Leadership Institute Meetings
- Have the ability to provide neutral recommendations
- Possess a strong understanding of PMI's goals, principles, strategic direction and other Member Advisory Groups as they relate to the LIAG
- Possess strong presentation skills demonstrated at the PMI Global Congresses, Leadership Institute Meetings and/or regional meetings
- Have strong analytical and communication skills
- Have experience working with a virtual team
- Have experience working in a multicultural environment
- Graduation from the Leadership Institute Masters Classes preferred

Register at [PMI volunteer opportunities](#) If you are interested in volunteering with LIAG. **Applications will be accepted until 1 August.**

For more information contact Leadership Institute Planner, [Judy Brennan](#).

Outstanding Organizations

Are you part of an outstanding organization in project management? If your organization employs or invests in innovative project management practices, nominate it for the October 2007 Outstanding Organizations issue of *PM Network*[®], PMI's award-winning professional magazine.

The issue will profile organizations that have:

- Developed a project management career path
- Pioneered best practices or demonstrated innovation in project management principles
- Acknowledged project management at the executive level
- Attributed continuous improvement or return on investment to project management practices
- Placed value on project management credentials.

For-profit, non-profit, governmental and non-governmental organizations are all eligible. **The nomination deadline is 15 June.**

To nominate your organization, send a brief description of the nominee—including the organization's name and location—and why you believe it qualifies as an outstanding organization in project management to [Michelle Bowles](#), special projects editor for *PM Network*. You may also download an application form from [PMLentry.com](#)

Membership Update

The current membership report finds 363 members in the PMI Southern Nevada Chapter.



Please welcome these new members: Nehme Abouzeid, Katherine Alioto, Patricia Ayala, Sharon Beczak, Jeremy Brooks, James Campbell, Barbara Capers, Steele Coddington, Joseph Don

De Voss, Anna Earl, Karen Gentilcore, Christopher Hageman, John Hale, Jon Hoffmann, Scott Holmes, Bettina Howell, Maheswaran Jayaraman, James Jones, Ken Jones, Patrick Kooiker, Adam Koptowsky, Jesse Lara, Michelle Lindsay, Denise Martinez, Richard Mays, Ian McAlister, Chris McCourry, Lynnette Meagher, David Melroy, Rodolfo Mortero, Christine Nielsen, Harold Osborn, Chris Papesh, Todd Simon, Tahisa Southwell, Betty Yeboah-Afari, Ken Warrix, Carl Williams and Richard Yount.

A busy month for renewals, welcome back to the following membership renewals: Abdel Agallouch, Honore Arsenault, Lawrence Becker, Paul Bosakowski, Karen Brown, Paul Brown, Paul Bruno, Ruben Carrillo,

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Sorry to see you go, membership not renewed: Betty Yeboah-Afari, Jerry Bonn, Nathalie Campbell, Gary Carriger, Brandon Cunningham, Steven Damsky, Scott Dawes, John Denlay, Anna Dittmann, Mary Fazzalaro, David Garcia, Kelly Susan Gray, Pauline Horton, Gustave Krauss, Suann Lester, Kristina Limon, Matthew Maio, Robert Meyer, Sanjay Palherkar, Karin Pethrus, Gunaseelan Rajendran, William Reif, Paula Thompson, Steven Turk, Bruce Wagner, Shirley Williams, and Cindi Zimmerman.

- Charley Jones, PMP
- VP Membership

San Francisco Bay Area Chapter Hosting Second Northern California Symposium



The PMI San Francisco Bay Area Chapter is hosting the second Northern California Symposium this September 17th, 2007. The theme for the Symposium is "New Horizons in Project, Program and Portfolio Management".

The Symposium will deliver high quality lectures emphasizing the new horizons in the project management field. The Symposium will take place at the new facility of UCSF at Mission Bay Conference Center in San Francisco.

The Symposium is a one day event that consists of:

- Three Tracks focusing on disciplines of Project Management, Program Management, and Portfolio Management
- Keynote Address
- Reception - Share your knowledge and experience with other industry professionals at this year's event.



Please go to www.pmi-sfbac.org for more information. Don't miss out on this opportunity to share innovative strategies, experiences, trends and best practices with peers and leaders in Project Management.

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Last Word

Have something to say? Something that you'd like to see in the newsletter? Please feel free to send all submissions to: Newsletter@PMI-SNC.ORG
All submissions are given equal consideration and included as space may permit.