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SERVING THE BUSINESS AND EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA THROUGH THE ADVANCEMENT OF PROJECT MANAGEMENT

PMI, Central Florida Chapter – Help Wanted.

Last month in this space, the Board of Directors emphasized the need for help with their areas of responsibility. Since then we have received offers of help for the Education and Certification, and Communications areas. There are still a lot of areas where help is needed and will be greatly appreciated.

Not every area requires a large commitment of time. For example, we are planning some special events, so your participation could be limited to planning and working on just one event.

Jennifer Hamilton, VP of Programs continues to look for help in finding and evaluating presenters for our dinner meetings.

Larry Everson, VP of Communication is looking for



information for this newsletter and anything that would be useful in keeping the content of the web site current.

Contact any Vice President if you can help support your Central Florida PMI Chapter.

Empowering Your Project Workforce, a presentation by Sammy Wahab for our June chapter meeting.

The structure of the organization and nature of work has changed significantly in the last several decades. Globalization, fragmentation of the enterprise (including outsourcing), and real-time collaboration across the planet have enabled companies to reduce costs, leverage a global talent pool and execute challenging deliverables with a dispersed yet incredibly connected workforce. In addition to labor dispersion, companies are challenged to achieve and maintain compliance with regulations such as Sarbanes-Oxley, which directly impact project management and execution. These shifts are changing the way we work, collaborate and make business decisions. Companies are able to quickly assemble a team of geographically dispersed and highly specialized professionals to execute a specific project or sub-project. Teams are formed and in varying durations and

dismantled just as quickly as projects are completed. This seminar discusses the challenges companies face in today's business environment and how they can leverage these changes to actually beat the competition.

The June 5th meeting will be held at the Sheraton Hotel Downtown located at 60 S. Ivanhoe Blvd., off I-4, just north of downtown Orlando. Registration will be held 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm, dinner/business meeting from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm, and speaker from 8:00pm - 9:15pm. Cost is \$25 per person. Payment for the 6/5 meeting will be accepted by cash or check at the door. Both members and non-members/guests are welcome.

Registration information for chapter meetings is available online at the [chapter website](#).



Officer Reports

A monthly update on Central Florida Chapter core services and metrics.
This month: Education and Certification, Membership and Communication

Education and Certification:
The next Central Florida Chapter-sponsored PMP test preparation course is scheduled for June 16, 23 and 30, 2007. Once again the course will be available as a refresher for currently certified PMPs at a discounted rate of \$100. Contact VP of Education and Certification Agnes Bishop, CPM for details on upcoming courses and registration: thebishop2@att.net.

Membership: On January 1, 2007 our membership totaled 683. As of April 30, 2007 the chapter membership has increased to 728, a 6.15% gain. Contact VP of Membership Jim Harris, PMP at jim.harris@mybriighthouse.com with any questions about membership.

Communication: The Communication team is always looking for information that can be used to keep our newsletter and web site fresh. If you have information that others will find useful and valuable, please contact Larry Everson at larry.everson@harcourt.com.

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President's Corner

We're halfway through 2007 already! Your chapter board members have been working hard to progress our stated goals for 2007, with the following results:

- We will be represented later this month at the Region 14 leadership meeting in Miami.
- We have identified PMI members in Central Florida who are not chapter members, and are reaching out to them.
- We have tweaked the format of our regular membership meetings to encourage increased attendance.
- We have reestablished our blind carbon copy list for job project management opportunities in Central Florida.

In addition, I'm delighted to note that our call for additional membership involvement has resulted in the following appointments:

- At the recommendation of board membership, John Zielinski has agreed to join the chapter board as the VP of Member Relations.
- Kevin Kasunic and Esta Bogle have volunteered to serve as Directors in the Education and certification program.

Additional activities are underway as well, including the establishment of:

- a news service partnership
- formal ties with other local professional organizations
- a mentoring service

However we still have a number of volunteer opportunities available to chapter members in the coming months. If you've considered getting involved but haven't yet done so, contact a chapter board member and ask about opportunities in your area of interest!

Our next meeting is Tuesday June 5th followed by one on Tuesday August 7th both at the downtown Sheraton Orlando on Ivanhoe Boulevard. I hope to see you there!

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