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Mentoring Program Relaunches!

The PMICFC is currently looking to re-launch the Mentor Program in a method which would be most conducive to our members and provide a platform for career and leadership development. This may include rotational mentors and mentees, round table and panel discussions, etc. Your participation and feedback is an important part of how we structure the program going forward.

[Fill out the Questionnaire!](#)

The survey includes general questions regardless of your interest as either a mentor or mentee. There are other questions that pertain to both mentors and mentees, but may be answered differently depending on your role. Please review carefully and respond accordingly. For more information on the Mentor Program, please visit us at <http://www.pmicfc.org/index.php?index=mentoring>.

PMP Question of the Month

Your most recent project status report contains the following information: EV = 3,000, AC =3,500 and PV = 4,000. The schedule variance is:

- A. + 1,000
- B. + 500
- C. - 500
- D. - 1,000

The First Career Panel of PMI CFC

You are invited to attend the very first Career Panel organized by PMI Central Florida Chapter at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, at Orlando Sheraton Hotel. This event is completely FREE for CFC members and you get to park for FREE at Sheraton Hotel as well.

We understand the impact of current economics to our profession. Therefore, we organized the very first career panel and networking/professional development event for you. At this professional development event, local Central Florida Recruiters and HR Professionals will provide insights to the current job market trends, how to find a job, interviewing & resume tips and more. In addition, you will get your questions answered and network with other professionals and panel members during this event.

If you are considering changing your job or looking for one or even searching a professional to hire this is the time and the place for you!

[Register online](#) and reserve your seat! For more information and to view more upcoming events please visit us at <http://www.pmicfc.org/index.php?index=current>

Letter from our President



Dear Fellow PMICF Members,

As we aggressively recruit new members and increase member services to retain current members, the opportunities to network will also increase. The importance of forming relationships with those who have relevant knowledge to share or who may offer potential career opportunities cannot be overstated, especially during these unpredictable economic times. Regardless of where you meet and what you discuss, "working the room" or networking with industry peers is essential. But, have you ever found yourself standing alone against a wall at an event or meeting, hesitant to approach a stranger, often missing an opportunity to make a relevant business contact? Can this hesitation be contributed to a lack of confidence or a lack of networking skills? If you are new to networking, you may be asking yourself, "how do I begin "working the room"?"

Below are some tips that may be helpful:

1. PMICFC offers members the opportunity to network before general dinners meetings between 6:00 ad 7:00 pm. Arrive early with several business cards to exchange, and sit down to dinner with a group of people you do not know.
2. If you are in-between projects, have a personalized business card designed with your name and contact information. On the back, provide a brief list of your areas of expertise and years of experience.
3. SMILE! Smiling helps you to relax, while letting others know you are approachable.
4. Initiate a conversation by asking the person about themselves; their profession; why they are attending this event.
5. Introduce yourself and exchange business cards. Use your card to initiate a discussion about your business or career aspirations.
6. Follow-up by visiting contacts' Web sites to learn more about a business that you may be interested in applying for employment with.
7. Follow-up by emailing the contacts and re-introducing your self to share some industry information (relevant Web site, literature, books, upcoming professional development opportunities).



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8. Follow-up with contacts with an email or phone call to politely seek additional contacts within the business that may be beneficial in helping you to learn more about the business or potential job openings.
9. Volunteer with PMICFC to expand your opportunity to develop relationships with other Chapter members and PMI members throughout Region 14 and Central Florida.

Networking can provide you with valuable tools, while boosting you self-confidence. Networking provides you the opportunity to develop relationships with credible industry-related contacts, while increasing your knowledge of specific industries important to your career development. It really is worth the effort. Now, get out there, have fun and learn to enjoy "working the room"!

Sincerely,
Vanessa Brown, PhD, PMP
PMICFC - President

PMI Membership Changes 2009

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	Start	End	+	-	Net Change	% Change
Jan	820	824	23	19	4	
Feb	824	803	14	35	-21	
Mar	803	798	24	29	-5	
Apr					0	
May					0	
June					0	
July					0	
Aug					0	
Sep					0	
Oct					0	
Nov					0	
Dec					0	
Totals			61	83	-22	-2.68%

****Answer to PMP Question of the Month
-D. - 1,000**

May 2009 - PMICFC Board Status Report

As we move forward toward meeting the objectives and goals to effectively and efficiently manage the Business of PMICFC and to increase member services, the PMICFC Board, along with our Directors are to be commended for their hard work and volunteer spirit. This dynamic team is diligently working to accomplishing the following tasks:

1. We are increasing PMICFC's volunteer base by recruiting Directors to assist the Board Officers to meet the goals of the organization. We are still seeking volunteers for the following positions. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact me at atpresident@pmicfc.org for job description details.

1. Director of Corporate Sponsors and Partnerships
2. Director of Region 14 Communications and Partnerships
3. Director of Internal Audit

Mark Crandall, our Director of Scholarships and Public Educational programs, has been diligently communicating with PMI Educational Foundation (PMIEF) in order to design a scholarship program sponsored by PMICFC in partnership with PMIEF.

2. Our VP of Programs, Sine Baycin and Russell Voss, our Director of Events Analysis are working hard to manage the logistics of setting up venues and recruiting quality speakers for our dinner meetings, while researching how to increase the diversity of member services. Our Director of Global Congress, Steve Castiglia, is communicating with PMI to determine the expected role and responsibilities of PMICF in the upcoming National Leadership and Global Congress to be held in Orlando in October 2009. Lastly, this team has developed and distributed member surveys in order to gain data to better determine the needs of the membership.

3. Our VP of Records and Special Project, Julie Foley is leading the team in the delicate revision for the PMICFC Bylaws and Policy Manual. The Bylaws will be completed soon and posted to Web for membership review and approval. She and our Director of Mentoring, Randy Daigle, are researching and developing the PMICFC Mentoring Program. They are designing a member survey to gain data to better meet the needs of the membership.

4. Our VP of Communications, Krista Pizzurro is revising the PMICFC Web Site, while consistently publishing the monthly newsletter. She is working in partnership with other local Chapters to integrate new technology tools into



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She has recently recruited a new Director of Communications Support, David Delahey, to assist in the tremendous effort.

5. Diana Prkacin, our VP of Treasury and Finance is helping the Board is in the process of guiding the Board through the revision of the budget. She also is investigating IRS rules concerning investment, qualified sponsors and taxation, as both apply to non-profits, as we move forward toward developing scholarship and sponsorship programs. She is also researching the impact of Unrelated-Business Income Tax on the organization, as we investigate income sharing PDU opportunities and events for the membership.

6. Earl Van Horn, our VP of Marketing is consistently advertising our events in local newspapers and the EDC Communiqué newsletter. He and our new Director of Marketing, Marshal King, along with our Director of Economic Development Leadership, Robert Morgan, will be planning the design of a PMICFC Annual Report brochure to present to area businesses, Chambers of Commerce, and at PMI events as a marketing tool for our organization.

7. Michael McCurdy, VP of Education and Certification is designing a new PMP Prep course for the new PMBOK 4th Edition to be offered in August 2009. He is investigating in the inclusion of Webinars for member educational and professional development needs.

8. Jim Harris, VP of Membership and Recruiting, and Pam Barkman, VP of Member Relations, are consistently working to recruit and manage new members, while offering advice on how to enhance member value. CJ Cummings, our new Director of Volunteers will also assist these VPs in their efforts. Jim and Pam are also instrumental in helping the Board to balance work, family, and PMICFC responsibilities. They are the longest serving members on the Board and their advice and wisdom has been invaluable.

We appreciate your patience and understanding, as the Board and assisting Directors progress through these efforts. Periodic status reports posted in our monthly newsletters and one the Web site to keep the membership well informed.

From Records and Special Projects

In the coming weeks, we will be posting on the web site a proposed Chapter Bylaws document for review. Upon release we will notify membership that the Bylaws have been posted for review, along with the current Bylaws and summary of changes.

We will leave the documents on the site for a period of 30 days for review. After the 30 day review period we will then distribute an electronic vote to seek approval for the proposed changes. The proposed amendment is intended to align the Bylaws with the most current component Bylaws template from PMI Global Operations Center. Policy and process language was removed, thereby standardizing the document. This information will be incorporated in our board policy and operations manual.

Congratulate our New PMP's!

James Dailey, PMP
Alicia L Lemos, PMP

UPCOMING EVENTS

PMI Florida friends,

YOU ARE INVITED...
...to BUILD YOUR TALENT.

You know how to run projects. Now is the time to learn the best practices to position a company's projects to align with organizational strategy and deliver results.

PMI invites you to build your talent through OPM3 Fundamentals, a two-day course that provides fundamental knowledge and skills related to PMI's OPM3® - Second Edition.

Take advantage of this new course in your area 22-23 June in Orlando, Florida. Fourteen PDUs and complimentary copy of OPM3 Global Standard provided.

Don't miss out - [Register with SeminarsWorld®](#) by 25 May for more than \$100 in savings!



Tampa Florida

Defining, Estimating, Scheduling and Status/
Forecasting Projects -

Stop Talking About It and Start Doing It!

8 PDUs

8:30 - 4:30

Westchase Golf Club

May 19, 2009

<http://www.westchasegc.com>

You can't afford to miss this PDU earning - intellectual learning opportunity. Capitalize on real world materials and examples and benefit from hands-on applications of proven value-added project management tools and techniques. Learn how to DO what everyone else is talking about.

Define work scope, structure deliverables, define precedence relationships, accomplish quantitative progress assessment and make uncanny predictions for the future of your project efforts. Finally, you will be able to stop talking about project management and become a moving force in realizing a substantial ROI on your project management knowledge.

Students will learn:

Project Selection/Retention Techniques

Project Definition Methodology

Project Estimating (time, cost, resources)

Project Status Approaches

Analyzing Variances and Forecasting the Future

Registration fee includes breakfast, lunch and all supporting materials.

Continental breakfast and registration starts at 8:00am. Workshop begins at 8:30am. A working lunch will be served and the program will end at 4:30. The country club has a dress code, including collared shirts for the men and no jeans. Please contact them directly if you have any questions about the facility. Certificates of completion will be distributed at the end of the workshop. It will contain all of the information you will need to register your PDUs through PMI.

[Click here for more information!](#)