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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *Moving Onward*

-Stewart White

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One inspiring story that needs to be repeated is that DSIG has had noted success due to the direct efforts of the member volunteers. With those efforts, DSIG has delivered great educational program offerings. Volunteers have been an integral part in contributing to DSIG achieving goals and developing a strategic direction.

By pushing yourself beyond your comfort zone and tackling different challenges, you are contributing to DSIG and taking leadership and ownership for this PM community.

With your involvement, we can continue to offer top quality programs and increase membership dramatically. Together, we can do all of this and more. Please help us reach the next level of success! Join us by emailing the Diversity SIG President at presidentpmdiversity@yahoo.com or calling 901-752-2747.



Programs

Past Events

PMI Diversity SIG WEBINAR

Why Leaders Fail

Tom Mattus

Date/Time: August 16, 2006

PMI Diversity SIG WEBINAR

Team Building in a Project Environment

Dr. James Brown

Date/Time: September 12, 2006

PMI Diversity SIG WEBINAR

Kathy Arnold, PMP

Communication, Our Key to Success

October 12, 2006

PMI Global Congress North America

<http://congresses.pmi.org/NorthAmerica2006/>

Seattle, Washington

October 21 – 24, 2006

Up Coming Programs

PMI Diversity SIG WEBINAR

Topic: To be announced

Presenter: Frank Saladis, PMP

Date: November, 2006

Diversity SIG Officer Elections

November 24 – December 5, 2006

Diversity SIG Annual Membership Meeting

December 12, 2006



It's Election Time!

Stewart White, President

It's time again for the PMI Diversity SIG component to begin the election process that will determine 2007 – 2008 officers. The PMI Diversity nominating committee will be sending out details to DSIG membership in good standing asking for nominations.

Are you up to accepting the challenge? Serving as an officer in the Diversity SIG component is a great opportunity to increase your leadership skills, knowledge and understanding of PMI, and the discipline of project management. It is a rewarding experience, both personally and professionally.

Your leadership can make a difference! Consider volunteering for one of the following positions:

- President
- VP Marketing
- VP Finance
- VP eTechnology

If you are interested and would like additional information on a specific position, please contact the current DSIG president at presidentpmidiversity@yahoo.com

Nomination and motion information, such as guidelines & requirements have been announced and will be accepted via email to: nominations@pmidsig.org

Did You Know...

You can earn Professional Development Units (PDUs) by submitting an article covering a project management topic to be published in the newsletter! We'd like to hear success stories, best practices, and experiences from our members are managing projects in different parts of the world. Send your articles to: presidentpmidiversity@yahoo.com



DSIG Component Elections for Year 2007

Motions and nominations for DSIG component officers can be made now through November 24, 2006. To be accepted, the nominee must be a member in good standing. You may nominate yourself.

Candidate requirements must be received by email or in writing and include the following:

- Nomination by member “in Good Standing” (i.e. you can nominate your self)
- Member Name
- Membership #
- Member acceptance of nomination
- Membership good through the election year (e.g. membership good through end of 2006 if running for officer of 2007 term). This must be documented either through the VP of Membership or through PMI Global Operations Center.

Deadline for electronic nominations and motions is November 24 COB (i.e. Close of business, 5:00 PM Central Standard Time).

The deadline for completing the “Candidate Requirements” is November 24.

Any nominees who are unable to complete the “Candidate Requirements” by this date will be dropped from the roster of candidates.

Candidates are encouraged to supply a personal “Bio” (i.e. one paragraph, less than 120 words). If the candidate does not provide a biography by November 24, then “**Biography unavailable**” will be placed on the ballot where the “bio” would have been.

NOTE: It is the Nominee’s responsibility to ensure that the “Candidate Requirements” are met.

Nominations should be sent to nominations@pmidsig.org by 5:00 pm, November 24.

Voting will begin on November 24th, and run through December 5th. The Ballot form will be sent to all DSIG Component Members via email, and can be provided in hard copy at the request of any DSIG member in good standing.

Members will also vote on the new by-laws. A copy will be provided to members for review.

If you have any questions, please direct them to the DSIG Nominating Committee
nominations@pmidsig.org



July

NEW MEMBERS

Marie-Ann Arcena, PMP, Merrick, NY USA
Greg Ellis, Tucker, GA, USA
Thomas Evansen, PMP, Fitchburg, WI USA
Michael Lucero, PMP, Columbia, MD USA
Carlos Nazario, Chicago, IL USA
Ami Nienhuser, Highland Village, TX USA
Charis Ogbonna, London, UK
Lee Owens, Vallejo, CA USA
Cynthia Pickens, PMP, Raleigh, NC USA
Linda Pittelli, PMP, Edgewater, MD USA
Samuel Sanchez, Silver Springs, MD USA
Elizabeth Vaughan, PMP, Auburn, AL USA
Deborah Ward, Eagan, MN USA

NEW PMPs

Charles Baker, Acworth, GA USA
Sheyla Blackman, Reston, VA USA
Lia Briggs, North Richland Hills, TX USA
Marquis Cooper, Atlanta, GA USA
Helena Young, Sheboygan, WI USA

RENEWALS / REJOINING MEMBERS

Paul Aaron, PMP, Fredericksburg, VA USA
Karen Anderson, PMP, Plano, TX USA
Lia Briggs PMP, N. Richland Hills, TX USA
Pawan Chadha, PMP, Alexandria, VA USA
Malcolm Coghlan, Nunawading, VIC, AUSTRALIA
Joseph Hoffman, Phoenix, AZ USA
Sharon Johnson, PMP, Overland Park, KS USA
John Kaveski, PMP, San Francisco, CA USA
Kits Morgan, Seattle, WA USA
Ayad Mounir, PMP, Montreal, CANADA
Oscar Munoz, Miami, FL
Denise Oakley, SUNBURY-ON-THAMES,
Middlesex, UK
Ikenna Offurum, Germantown, MD USA

AUGUST

NEW MEMBERS

Martha Avstreich-Ross, Coral Springs, FL USA
Luis Calderon, San Diego, CA USA
Pamela Gates, Tampa, FL USA
Robert Holland, Seattle, WA USA
Norman Marange, Khartoum, SUDAN
Malissiza Pigford, PMP, Atlanta, GA USA
Martin Raxton, PMP, Douglasville, GA USA
Donna Sampson, Washington DC USA
Melinda Thompson, PMP, Granger, IN USA

RENEWALS / REJOINING MEMBERS

Marcel Carter, Denver, CO USA
Debra Evans, PMP, Sunnyvale, CA USA
Liz Hall, BEDFORD, Bedfordshire UK
Patricia LaPresta, PMP, St. Louis, MO USA
Anthony Milhouse, Alexandria, VA USA
Karen Muhammad, PMP, Jersey City, NJ USA
Sandra Rowe, PMP, Southfield, MI USA
Brett Wolfe, PMP, Washington DC USA



NEW PMP

William Bemeke, Flower Mound, TX USA

SEPTEMBER

NEW MEMBERS

Flora Amwayi, Elizabeth, NJ USA
Suwako Berg, Shoreline, WA USA
Tonya Brown, Green Bay, WI USA
Elena Coleman, PMP, Jeffersonville, IN USA
David Esslinger, PMP, Springfield, IL USA
Maxine Grant, PMP, Staten Island, NY USA
Deonica Grayson, North Little Rock, AR USA
Michelle Halley, Danbury, CT USA
Lona Hankins, PMP, New Orleans, LA USA
Terri Ise, Seattle, WA USA
Lisa Lewis, Franklin Park, NJ USA
Denis Onwualu, Portland, OR USA
Peggy Ruscitti, PMP, Boca Raton, FL USA
Bruce Saari, PMP, Seattle, WA USA
Shirshendu Sarkar, Fremont, CA USA
Teresa Sherald, PMP, Columbus, OH USA

RENEWALS / REJOINING MEMBERS

Carla Catalano, PMP, Caracas, VENEZUELA
Gregory Clark, Twinsburg, OH
Betty Hutchins, PMP, Rochester, MN USA
Kay Jacobs, Horsham, PA USA
Fern Johnson, Plano, TX USA
James Morgan, Aldan, PA USA
Karen Scott, PMP, Clarkston, MI USA
Mark Stanton, PMP, Seattle, WA USA

New PMPs

Pamela Gates, Wesley Chapel, FL USA
Kathryn Herrfeldt, Portland, OR USA

Did You Know...

Member involvement makes a difference! *Volunteers are the lifeblood of PMI. Filling a leadership role or working on a project is a great way to gain professional exposure while making your PMI experience richer and more meaningful. As a volunteer you will not only make great professional contacts, you will also expand your knowledge and develop your leadership skills.* Interested candidates for DSIG can email the Diversity SIG President at presidentpmidiversity@yahoo.com or call 901-375-6075.



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DSIG Statistics

DSIG is currently composed of over 252 members from more than 19 countries.

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France	New Zealand
Germany	Singapore
India	Trinidad and Tobago
Ireland	United States

