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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE **Membership or Member**

-Stewart White

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What does membership actually mean? The number of members in a group or organization is one definition. What is the difference between membership and member?

As of June 1st, 2007 PMI Diversity SIG membership has approximately 300 members. However, although we have had great web seminars during 2007, less than 40 Diversity SIG members attended the free June Webinar featuring Alex Brown, PMP. Two hundred sixty people, who belong to the group of membership, did not attend.

Obviously, not everyone could attend. Membership has conflicting schedules, events, families, work, and other reasons. As a member of Diversity SIG, you are in an excellent PMI component!. Diversity SIG provides great educational events; however, we continue to lose members each month.

Diversity SIG Board of Directors is up to the challenge working hard to bring members into the component;, not just to be part of the membership. We are excited and spearheading new activities to integrate you into the Diversity SIG component. We are looking for more members to groom as future leaders. These leaders continue the Diversity SIG tradition that has been established, and blaze the trail with new visions.

Our goal is to increase the number of Diversity SIG members who are involved and are volunteering by working alongside the Diversity SIG Board of Directors, as we aspire to new levels.

How about moving from 'membership' to MEMBER? Diversity SIG has an opportunity for you!

Join us by emailing the Diversity SIG President at presidentpmidiversity@yahoo.com or calling 901-752-2747..



Programs

Past Events

PMI Leadership Meeting EMEA - Budapest, Hungary

May 11–13, 2007

<http://componentleadership.pmi.org/maymeeting2007/>

PMI Global Congress EMEA

Budapest, Hungary May 14 – 16, 2007

<http://congresses.pmi.org/EMEA2007/>

PMI Diversity SIG Webinar

June 5, 2007 1:00pm ET / 12:00pm CT / 10:00am PT

Alex S. Brown, PMP

Up Coming Programs

“PMI Certifications”

Paul Aaron, PMP

August 15, 2007

“Human Factors in Managing Project Teams”

Dr. Zachary Wong,

September 20, 2007

“PMI Leadership Meeting”

October 4-6, 2007

Atlanta, GA

“SIG Reception at PMI North America Congress”

October 8, 2007

Atlanta, GA

“Cross Cultural Communications”

Titta Rosvall,

November 6, 2007

“Portfolio Management” and “Working with American and Asian Project Teams”

Joint PMI Taipei and Hong Kong regional IT conference

Ray Ju, PMP

November, 2007



Up Coming Programs (continued)

“Managing Small Projects”

Sandra Rowe

Dec/Jan,

“Global Technology Trends”

Dr. O'Neal Smitherman,

Q1 2008,

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: presidentpmiversity@yahoo.com



PMI EMEA GLOBAL CONGRESS
Budapest, Hungary

11-16, May 2007

As reported by: Ray Ju, VP of Programs, PMI Diversity SIG



Blue Danube and the Chain Bridge

I was provided the opportunity to represent the Diversity SIG on two fronts at the 2007 PMI EMEA Global Congress held in Budapest, Hungary. The first was as a representative to attend the weekend Leadership Institute Meeting, and the second was during the week as a presenter on the topic of “21st Century Leadership of Global Project Teams” under the focus area of Teamwork Skills while joining over 700 attendees.

Traveling from San Francisco to Budapest took approximately 18-hours of air, connecting and taxi time before arriving to the destination hotel, with plane changes in Dulles, Washington and Zurich, Switzerland. Not to mention losing my passport on the way home in Frankfurt too. Now that’s another complex story all together. The excitement of visiting Budapest for the first time was enough to keep the adrenaline flowing and dispel any fatigue or bouts of jet lag.

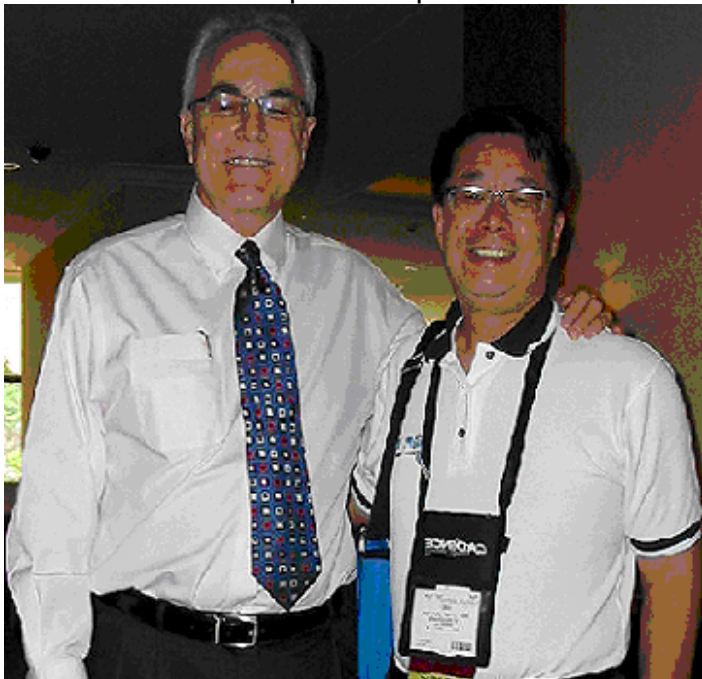
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My arrival mid-day Friday allowed me to sit in on the afternoon graduation ceremonies of the latest international 2007 class of the Leadership Institute Masters. Stewart White has been accepted into the upcoming 2008 program himself, congratulations Stewart. I am confident that you'll offer up your own rich personal experiences as well as learn much from the instructors and fellow project management professionals.

The weekend was filled with leadership presentations provided by a very impressive list of speakers through the Extended Educational Breakout sessions of; Association Governance, Individual Leadership Development and PMI Institutional Knowledge. Mark Lurch, our own



Ray Ju with Greg Balestrero, PMI CEO

VP of Finance. was featured as a presenter. Titta Rosvall-Pupplet, Liaison of the EMEA Regional Center spoke on, Cultural Awareness and Diversity. She is invited to be our Webinar presenter at our upcoming November session and will share this presentation with us. Do you remember our speaker in July, Jim De Piante, IBM Project Executive based in Rome who spoke about how to work with virtual teams? Vasilj Petrovic, VP of Professional Development, IT&T SIG and I met Jim there and recruited him at the Congress for our jointly sponsored Webinar. Richard Scase the event keynote speaker gave us a vision not of the future of globalization, but a

reality check of what economic, business and technical trends are occurring right here and now that are reshaping our lives.

During the week I was able to catch presentations by Sheilina Somani, former DSIG VP of Education, and DSIG member Sandra Rowe who just launched her new book, "Managing Small Projects" at the Congress. There were plenty of opportunities for networking as well with a cocktail cruise on the Danube River, an evening reception featuring the abundant and delicious local foods, as well as daily lunches, and the vendor exhibit showcases. I was able to renew friendships with smiling faces that I've not seen for many years and make some new contacts. One of them has led to being a presenter at the International Project Management Forum that will be held 02-04 NOV in Taipei as hosted by the PMI Taiwan and Hong Kong Chapters. <http://www.ipmf2007.org/english/welcome.html>



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Lessons Learned, I encourage all of you to make the most of the opportunity to attend the next Global Congress regardless if it is being held in the US, Latin America, AsiaPac or the EU. It is a fantastic wealth of information to be able to hear and interact directly with our peers in different industries, across culture lines and to promote the Diversity SIG. Everyone that I spoke to consistently remarked, "I didn't know there was a Diversity SIG". That was my opportunity to give my 60-second elevator pitch. You can do it too.

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.



New Members / Renewals / Rejoining

April

NEW MEMBERS

Michael Bell, Houston, TX USA
Jeanette Brock, CFE, M.T., Alexandria, VA USA
Lanida Chang, South Bend, IN USA
Jonathon Clark, PMP, Redmond, WA USA
Robin Didden, Tampa, FL USA
Hope Ingram, PMP, Columbus, OH USA
Nancy Jekel, PMP, Westford, MA USA
Christy Johnston, PMP, Raleigh, NC USA
Linda McChristian, Oakland, CA USA
Amanee Rasheed, Flint, MI USA
Anthony Rich, New Brunswick, NJ USA
Mitchell Robinson, PMP, Cedar Falls, IA USA
Deidre Spaulding, PMP, Washington, DC USA
Jonathon White, PMP, Virginia Beach, VA USA
Albert Williams, Portland, OR USA

RENEWALS / REJOINING MEMBERS

Alex Astorga, San Francisco, CA USA
Goutom Bandyopadhyay, West Bengal, INDIA
Adrienne Bitoy Jackson, Chicago, IL USA
Denise Dantzler, Omaha, NE USA
Cassandra Jackson, Atlanta, GA USA
Victoria Kumar, PMP, Apex, NC USA
Justine McKenzie, PMP, Kalamazoo, MI, USA
Ami Nienhuser, PMP, Irving, TX USA
Michele Turner, PMP, Indianapolis, IN USA

NEW PMPs

Isobel McFarlane, PMP, Glasgow, UNITED KINGDOM

MAY

NEW MEMBERS

Ismaila Adegboyega D.D.S., Lagos, NIGERIA
Marion Burchell, PMP, Plano, TX USA
Douglas Evans, West New York, NJ USA
Mary Gardner, Castro Valley, CA USA
Timothy Gensmer, Dodge Center, MN USA
Ladosha Gilliard, Bowie, MD USA
Manjit Singh, PMP, Germantown, MD USA
David Skinner, Reading Berks, ENGLAND
Bernagail Wilcox, Sunnyvale, CA USA

RENEWALS / REJOINING MEMBERS

Melinda Huggins, PMP, Columbia, SC USA
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Danny Nakagi, Long Beach, CA USA
Sandra Padilla, Miramar, FL USA
Zory Ramsey, Wilmington, DE USA
Peggy Ruscitti, PMP, Boca Raton, FL USA
Carla Simon M.D., Vancouver, BC, CANADA
Sylvia Swann PMP, Ashburn, VA USA
Jennifer Szopiak, PMP, South Riding, VA USA
Anil Thricovil, PMP Littleton, CO USA
Li Tian, PMP, Fairfax, VA USA



NEW PMPs

Michelle Halley, PMP, Danbury, CT USA
Christy Johnston, PMP, Raleigh, NC USA

JUNE

NEW MEMBERS

Alexander Ashline, Webster, NY USA
Charlotte Bergmann, PMP, Memphis, TN USA
Stephanie Dietrich, San Diego, CA USA
Anton Gates, PMP, Lewisville, TX USA
Sandra Moscoso, Washington, DC USA
Brian Reid, Piscataway, NJ USA
Pink Smith, PMP, Houston, TX USA

RENEWALS / REJOINING MEMBERS

Walter Ashe, PMP, Campbell, CA USA
Mary Giordani, Binghamton, NY USA
Albert King, Chicago, IL USA
Robyn McGregor, Round Rock, TX USA
Lee Owens, Vallejo, CA USA
Laurie Piotrkowski, PMP, Berkeley, CA USA
Corlis Saabouh Memphis, TN USA
Scott Sears, PMP, Seattle, WA USA
Faye Smith, PMP, Brentwood, TN USA
Matthew Spencer, PMP, West Lafayette, IN USA
Sherry Taylor-Guillory, Des Moines, IA USA

NEW PMPs

Flora Amwayi, Elizabeth, NJ USA
Anton Gates, Lewisville, TX USA
Shirshendu Sarkar, Fremont, CA USA



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DSIG Statistics

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Canada	Nigeria
England	New Zealand
France	Singapore
Germany	Trinidad and Tobago
India	United States
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