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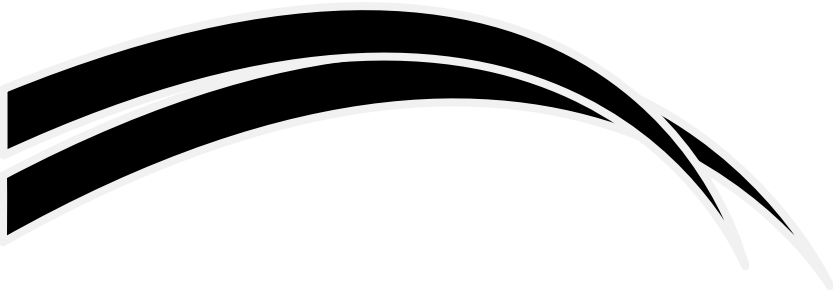
PMI CALUMET CHAPTER MEETING

WHEN: MARCH 21st, 2012

LOCATION: 801 E. 86TH AVE

MERRILLVILLE, IN

SPEAKER: NICK SHYAMANI



COME JOIN US!



President's Message

Dear PMI Calumet Members,

Let me wish you all a happy new year! This year we have a fully staffed board, and look forward to meet all of you. We have an exciting line of programs this year starting with our March 21st chapter meeting. The speaker will be Nick Shyamani from Motorola. He is a certified Six Sigma Black Belt and his presentation topic is "Monte Carlo simulations for Project Management". More interesting topics will come in future chapter meetings.

We have commissioned a website designer to update our chapter website. The implementation of the new look should be coming shortly. Moving forward, this will be the information hub for anything you would want to know about the chapter. You will be able to obtain monthly chapter presentation details, register for chapter meetings, email board members, etc. We will also have links to some PMI sites along with our chapter Facebook and LinkedIn pages. I urge you all to subscribe to these social media channels. They are a good source of networking.

If you have any more suggestions please let us know. We are glad to incorporate them. The board looks forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming chapter meetings this year. We are excited to get moving again and really want your participation!

So until March 21st, happy PM'ing!

Sincerely,

Vark Kalluri

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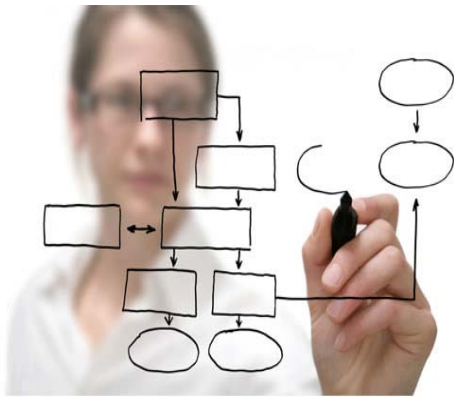
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Why Project Management?

Gaining the knowledge you need to be a successful Project Manager

“Knowledge is power. Market intelligence, when incorporated throughout a project’s life cycle, foster innovation and financial ROI”. In the competitive world we live in today, companies are constantly launching new creative products into the market every day. There are high demands of project managers who are able to implement necessary deliverables to not only meet project deadlines, but to complete the project under budget or at cost and of course on time.

Many organizations see project management as too complex, but they are missing the bigger picture. Project management is very crucial in the development of any business. To be a successful project manager, you must be able to find solutions to problems, accept potential risks, and be adapt to change.

PMI focuses on empowering potential project managers in the local region with providing useful resources, network and volunteer opportunities, and skills to meet the expectations of employers.

Catherine J. Hood
Vice President of Community Outreach

Initiating and Planning

The project initiating and planning phase is a critical phase within the project life cycle. It requires a Project Manager to develop a project goal and a project scope in order to determine how the overall project will be done.

Risk Management

It takes a leader to explore and look for areas of uncertainty or constraints. By identifying and responding to potential risks within a project will enable you to take control on leading the project in the right direction.

Communication

In making communication effective, it is important to develop a clear picture of how the project will look once completed and communicating that vision upon your project team. A project manager must provide a two way line of communication to achieve an outcome.

“Stay Ahead of the Competition”

Getting involved is easy, start today! Here’s how:

- Come to all of our scheduled events this year and bring a friend.
- Add your name to the member list on Facebook and LinkedIn.
- Let us hear what you are doing in Project Management. Be featured in our upcoming newsletter. Send us your Bio.
- Upcoming chapter meetings need Speakers and Volunteers!
- Make a difference by serving on the Board of Directors.
- Educate, entertain, or enlighten us with your article or story to be printed in our next newsletter. Submit your article for consideration by May 15th.
- Tell us about your best project and you could be a winner in our “Best Project of the Year” contest. Look for more information on our website soon.

For more information about getting involved, submitting your bio or article, or speaking in our next event, please contact us at vp-program@pmi-calumet.org.

Outline for 2012

1. Every third Wednesday of the month we will have chapter meetings with a speaker. Dinner meeting will be a minimum fee of \$10. **Registration is required.** Members get 1 PDU for attending a meeting.
2. In the month of September/October we will have our **Professional Development Day.** You can get 4 PDU for attending the PDD.
3. We will have a **Golf Outing** sometime August-September of this year. We need volunteers to arrange this!
4. We would like to have a **summer cookout/picnic** if we have enough volunteers from our chapter to come forward.
5. We will have **elections in November** of this year, and the new board will take over in January 2013.
6. We are planning to have **PMP preparation classes.**
7. We will be conducting a **best project competition.** We need volunteer judges for this. We will ask for submissions from our members.
8. We will have a **Christmas Party** during first 3 weeks of December.

SPEAKERS

MARCH 2012

Nick Shyamani

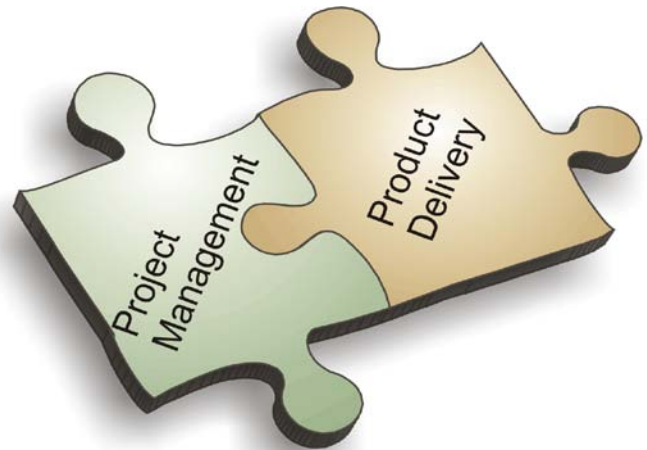
Topic: Monte Carlo Simulations for Project Managers

APRIL 2012

Larry Goldsmith

Topic: Communications

MANY MORE TO COME!!!!



We are currently seeking corporate, education and other sponsors. If your firm would be interested in sponsoring one of our events or programs, please contact us!

Becoming a member of our chapter

Project management isn't just about projects; it's about connecting with people. Being a PMI member will give you the tools and support you need to make your mark on the profession.

Benefits of Membership:

- Exclusive access to PMI publications each month.
- Networking opportunities with our chapters and online community practices.
- Volunteer opportunities to gain the experience of a Project Manager.
- Workshop and learning tools needed to take the PMP exam.
- Discounts on certification PMP exams and renewals.
- Our professional development offerings.



Chapter Meeting Location Site

Join us and let's build the economy together as Project Managers!

"The extra money given to a troubled project does not necessarily correlate with an improved likelihood of success."