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Message From Our President – Julie Mallord

... on time, on budget ... who cares ... In 5 years project managers will be the CEO's of the fortune 500s. It will take another 5 years for the public sector to follow suit. Both Tom Peters and Steven Covey made these predictions in the year 2000. I think it is clear who cares – the customers of our products and services. . . and you . . . and your peers . . . and the companies who are looking to deliver.

The PMI membership has grown to over 73,000 members world wide. This is another 30% increase from just last year. Companies are focusing on project management talent, focusing on both recruiting and training from within. They are changing the way they deliver their product and service by creating an organizational approach that is the project management approach.

Our local membership, primarily state government, is up to 170 and will grow rapidly. Our monthly meeting that averaged between 25-35 just a year ago, are now starting to average 40 – 45. Our chapter has one of the highest meeting attendance averages. We are compared with chapters who have up to 2000 members and average the same numbers per meetings. So as we've all heard many times in the past – what gets measured, gets done! Project Managers worldwide, companies with project management talent, organizations looking to deliver, our local chapter . . . on time, on budget . . . who cares . . .!

**Julie Mallord, President
Willamette Valley Chapter**

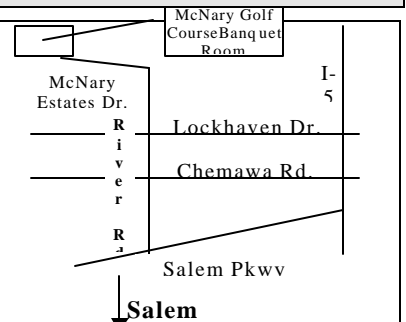
April Program: Dragan Z. Milosevic, Ph.D., PMP



Dragan Milosevic, an associate professor at Portland State University and vice president of RapidInnovation for technology management, has helped project managers in Intel,

Hewlett-Packard, US Sprint, Enron, Atlas Copco, Armstrong World Industries, and Boeing improve project performance. Dragan managed projects worth over \$600 M, with project partners from over 50 countries, and published numerous papers in leading management journals. He has been a frequent presenter in PMI national seminars and earned a PMP designation from PMI.

**The next meeting is Friday April 20.
Location: McNary Restaurant
Time: 12 - 1 PM.**



From downtown Salem: Proceed north on High St. This street will change its name to Broadway. Continue north. As you enter Keizer the road changes to River Rd. Continue north to McNary Estates Dr. Turn left at the traffic signal and proceed to the restaurant.

From I-5: Leave the freeway at exit 260A coming from the north or exit 260 coming from the south. Turn west toward Keizer. Follow Lockhaven to River Rd. and turn right (north). Proceed to McNary Estates Dr. Turn left at the traffic signal and proceed to the restaurant.

Companies with over 100 PMI members (December 2000)

Alltel	Boeing Company	Decision Consultants	IBM	Nortel	State Farm Insurance
American Express	Cambridge Technology Partners	Deloitte & Touche	Johnson Controls	Pfizer	Syntel
Ameritech	Cap Gemini/E&Y	DMR Consulting	Keane	Pricewaterhouse Coopers	Telcordia Technologies
Arthur Andersen	Cargill	Electronic Data Sys	KPMG	Qwest Communications	Telus Corporation
AT&T	Cisco Systems	Ericsson	Le Groupe CGI	Raytheon Systems Co	Unisys
Bank One	Compaq Computer Corp	Federal Express	Lockheed Martin	Robbins Gioia	US Army
Bechtel	Complete Business Sol	Flour Daniel	Lucent Technologies	Sabre	US West Communications
Bell Atlantic	Computer Science Corp	General Services Admin	MarchFIRST	Science Application International Corp	USAA
Bell Canada	Compuware Corporation	GTE	MCI Worldcom	Shell Services	Verizon
BellSouth	CSC Consulting	Hewlett-Packard Co	NCR	Siemens	Westinghouse
Blue Cross Blue Shield	CTG	Honeywell	NEC	Sprint	Xerox

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Formation of PMI® College of the PMO

Many of us are familiar with managing one or more complex projects and the challenges faced in its successful delivery. Now consider the challenges of an organization that manage scores of complex projects and how these challenges are then compounded.

Those of us that are project managers have also noticed how the PM discipline has recently proliferated and is becoming considered a widely recognized organizational need (at an annual 30% growth rate in PMI membership). Alternatively, it is also obvious that project managers have been *the* "lone rangers" within their organizations. Ask yourself; just how many *other* functional disciplines are permitted to work in this (un)structured way -- without common methods, infrastructure and/or information systems in place, such as Human Resources, Finance, or Procurement organizations. Somehow in the past, project managers were declared exempt from the organizational rule - that is, up to now...

Organizations are shifting to a new approach and are now demanding their projects and their project managers work in harmony within a new organizational model, designed to temper enterprise-wide project challenges and risks. These approaches are often founded on proven approaches to ensure improved success of their project ventures. It seems the Program Management Office is just *the* approach chosen today to solve inherent multi-project environments.

So what is happening on the PMI front to address this rising attention of PMOs?

There is a concentrated effort by the PMI membership that has, and continues, to carry the "PMO mantle" forward to form a PMI College exclusively for PMOs. This new college has gone through much rigor and is soon to be firmly planted. The new PMI® College of Program Management Office, has developed its vision and mission statements that assert the following:

Vision

The PMI® College of Program Management Office will significantly contribute to the shared understanding, documented methods and results, tailoring and cultural approaches, communications and effectiveness of PMOs being developed, implemented or maintained globally and will accomplish this vision through the practical application of knowledge management.

Mission

The College of the PMO will promote the values of program management and PMO utilization, through the application of established standards for communications, practices, growth, and success.

The College of the PMO has several new initiatives well under way while in the "college forming" process, including:

- **PMORG(tm)** - Program Management Office Regional Groups piloted last November in New Zealand, and participating members can receive continuing educational credits for attendance. The structured meetings center on a singular topic and provide our members with direct interaction, exposure, and experience.
- **Knowventory** - The College of PMO is currently developing a knowledge repository to house best practices information; we will then make this information available to our members.
- **PMO Conference** - Each year the new college will unite PMO College members with an annual conference.

Obviously, there is much yet to be accomplished with the forming of the new college. Over the next several months I will be engaged in assisting in these activities first hand and will pass highlighted information as it emerges.

Cyndie Canzoneri, OPMA, State of Oregon, DAS-PMO

¹The PMI® College of Program Management Office

Announcement: There are a few slots left in the OPMCP course as well as continuing education classes in Project Management. Check it out at <http://training.das.state.or.us>.