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NEWSLETTER

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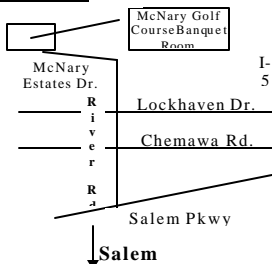
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From downtown Salem: Proceed north on High St. This street will change its name to Broadway. Continue north. As you enter Keizer the road changes to River Rd. Continue north to McNary Estates Dr. Turn left at the traffic signal and proceed to the restaurant.

From I5: 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.

Message From Our President:

Performing a Retrospective: A Contemplative Reflection on Previous Experience to Gain Practical Wisdom

Another Year

Another year is coming to a close for the Willamette Valley Chapter PMI Members and Leadership Team! For us, performing a retrospective provides the opportunity to look back at what we've just completed. The retrospective helps to identify the lessons learned from painful and gratifying experiences.

Why is it named a retrospective? Names have powerful associations. When someone calls a retrospective a post-mortem, we ask "who or what died?" Retrospective, project evaluation, and post-project reviews are neutral terms that suggest a contemplative reflection on previous experience to gain practical wisdom.

Retrospective Defined

A retrospective is a gathering of knowledge, insights, metrics and artifacts. It provides closure, a way for the participants to reflect on and share their observations. Even if the project was a colossal failure, the lessons learned from evaluation can produce something positive from the experience, for an individual, the team, and the organization. Reflecting on past experience is especially worthwhile any time something went particularly well or particularly wrong.

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Retrospective Success

We succeed with retrospectives only in a neutral, non-accusatory environment. Honest and open communication is essential. If something has been difficult or unsuccessful, some venting is to be expected; however, we must channel it in a constructive direction. Then we accumulate and write the lessons learned in a neutral way, so it isn't obvious whether we learned each one be-

cause something was done well or because the team made a mistake.

Retrospective Action Planning

After the retrospective, we choose up to three issues from the top priority list; the rest will still be there for future treatment.

New objectives are written based on improvement goals. The group identifies the board member area that will take responsibility for the objectives to be accomplished. This helps us produce our objectives for the upcoming year.

**Julie Mallord, President
Willamette Valley Chapter**

December Program:

**Officer Elections
and Annual
Business Meeting
for PMI
Willamette Valley
Chapter**



Nominations

Nominations are now open for the chapter leadership positions for the year 2002. The Nominations Committee, headed by Past-President Curt Amo, has put forward a list of candidates.

"...we would like to encourage you to let us know of any interest you may have in helping shape the direction of the chapter this coming year."

We invite anyone who has an interest in participating in a leadership or supporting role to give your name to Curt (curtis).

Requests:

1. Please send your **email address and fax number** to pmiwv@open.org in order to receive timely email or fax messages regarding upcoming opportunities., and
2. If you **no longer wish to have a paper version** of our newsletter mailed to you please let us know at pmiwv@open.org so we can use our financial resources wisely.



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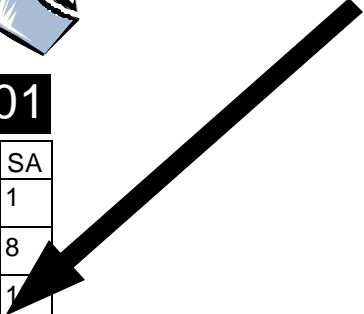
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The next lunch meeting is:
Friday December 21.
(The third Friday of the month at Noon)
Location: McNary Restaurant

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amo@state.or.us or (cont.) **ELECTIONS** (Elections and Annual Business Meeting continued from page 1)

(503.947.1561). There are a variety of opportunities, and we would like to encourage you to let us know of any interest you may have in helping shape the direction of the chapter this coming year.



Elections for 2002 Chapter Officers

At the annual chapter business meeting on December 21, 2001 one of the items on the agenda will be the election of chapter officers. The nominations committee has solicited interest from the general membership and is submitting the following list of candidates for consideration:

President:	Julie Mallord
VP Programs:	Lorry Schippers
VP Membership:	Cyndie Canzoneri
VP Professional Development:	Ed Wales
VP Information:	Clarke Coburn
VP Finance:	Pete Mallord
VP Special Projects:	John Doan

Nominations will also be accepted at the December meeting. The elected team will, as in the past, reach out to the project management community for participation and support in assisting with the various program areas. Please do not hesitate to indicate your interest in any of many opportunities that are available. This combination of specific interest volunteers and elected board members form an energetic leadership team that is vital to the success of the chapter.

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An Update: The Program Management Office Special Interest Group (PMOSIG)



Robert Johnston, PMP Executive Chair

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The PMOSIG recently completed its charter and incorporation with the State of Pennsylvania on September 3rd, 2001.

Several of the initiatives and projects in development are to:

- Establish a new web site at www.pmi-pmosig.org
- Be a conduit of key content, articles, position papers, practices/lessons learned for use by our members
- Development of a Knowledge Management solution
- Definition and implementation of Regional Groups – patterned after the successful model in New Zealand
- Identification and contribution of the next revision of the PMI PMBOK – integration of PMOs and key organization structures
- Establishment of initial/generally accepted set of PMO /organizational structure definitions
- Establishment of a PMO Track for upcoming PMI Conferences
- Deliver virtual seminars (Webinars) on topics related to PMO