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Dear Members of the Puget Sound Chapter

As summer arrives to the Northwest, the Puget Sound chapter board and volunteers will break for the months of July and August. While there are no events, the marketing team will continue to work behind the scenes to update the website, create new templates, revamp some materials, and build a strategy and lay the ground work for the coming fiscal year.

We wrapped up a very successful year! The MarCom team launched a new website, created a new fresh look for the email blasts, every month designed and delivered the postcard and programs handed out at every dinner program. A new 2013 Project of the Year competition was launched and we continued building on the Recruiter Networking events.

The coming year will see more of the good things continue while we refresh some templates and events. Our goal is improve and make everything as accessible and worthwhile and fun for our members.

Thank you for making September 2012 to June 2013 a great year! Have a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing you in September 2013!

Warm Regards,
Dolores Gill
VP, MarCom & Technology
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**Thank You from Dolores
to the Marketing team - Gargi, Thoa, Will, William, Mario and Jerry**

I want to take a moment and thank my marketing team for their hard work, great spirit, and dedication to all the tasks. It is so wonderful to share my time and endeavors for PMI with you. All the work and events we did turned out great because of you! I look forward to another year with all of you and also welcome 3 new teammates Darla, Praveen, and Paresh.

Thank you to the following Sponsors of our Networking Events, Project of the Year, and the Member Appreciation event:



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Cares - Puget Sound Cares Program

First Place School



First Place serves families in crisis by providing excellent culturally competent education, housing and support services enabling families to achieve permanent stability.

Supported by the PS Cares Program, First Place School received a Preliminary Energy Use Analysis coupled with a Level 1 Commercial Energy Audit in accordance with ASHRAE commercial building energy auditing standards. The audit identified no-cost and low-cost efficiency measures that could provide the school with potential energy, water and other utility savings.

Jim Perich-Anderson, Account Manager for Puget Sound PMI Cares, provided guidance and assistance in confirming these measures, and will also assist with identifying and obtaining labor and material estimates from qualified installation contractors.

An Operation and Maintenance Plan for ongoing energy savings is also being developed to aid current and future staff in understanding the benefits of instituting energy conservation measures to help conserve energy costs, and ultimately reduce Green House Gas emissions.

PS PMI Events

PMO Roundtable

We had another great year with the PMO Roundtable with a typical combination of presentation meetings, internal example meetings and pure discussion meetings. Subjects ranged from PMO startups, through tools and metrics to how to keep more established PMOs relevant and vibrant; always with thoughtful discussions from our local PMO leaders. Thank you to Bill Dow and Jon Smith for excellent presentations.

Next year looks to be another fascinating year with our annual metrics meeting surrounded by more information for startup PMOs and an emphasis on building PMO strategies that will keep our PMOs successfully supporting our company's progress and profits.

Monthly Breakfast Meeting

Join your fellow Puget Sound PMI members on the last Friday of every month for a light breakfast, quick networking, and an hour long session on a hot topic facing PMs. You can also earn 1 PDU for the time that is well spent. Be sure to check us out this Fall and watch the PMI Puget Sound Chapter website for details.

'Interesting topic, good location and time', is how one of the nearly 60 participants at January's event in South Bellevue characterized the event. Participant shared networking and discussed the twelve steps to building and enhancing a Project Management Office (PMO) with noted author Bill Dow. Bill walked the group through the steps to develop, refine, and enhance a PMO. One lucky winner also received a free copy of Bill's book 'The Tactical Guide for Building a PMO'.

In February, leadership coach, conflict mediator, and organizational consultant Wally Wilkins shared strategies on 'Disruptive/ Aggressive People: How to Prevent Angry Outbursts' with participants at Seattle's Northgate Community Center. One participant remarked 'Speaker - Wally is a great speaker and had a great topic.'

PMP and business owner Cass Tang shared 12 key discoveries that can boost your effectiveness on projects as an independent consultant with our March event in Tacoma. New Chapter VP for Membership, Lisa Cagle shared 'Creating Structure from Unstructured Information Using MS OneNote + Outlook for project Managers' with the over 50 people who came to the event at North Seattle Community College in April. Finally, former Navy SeaBee electrician and veteran PMP Gregg Richie explained how we can become 'The Electric PM; turning Negatives into Positives' at the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical College in Renton in May.

2013 Project of the Year

It was our vision to recognize the talent and diversity we have in the Greater Puget Sound PM community.

Our goal is to provide a forum for our members and corporate community to showcase their projects. It is also a great way to share with the community at large the innovation that is out there and PM skills that help deliver all types of projects in this fast paced environment.

We are very excited to share the news that 2 projects received the Excellence Award for their companies and the Outstanding Project Manager Award for the project managers. The awards were given out on June 27th at the Member Appreciation Event.

Congratulations to the following Recipients of the 2013 Project of the Year:

Category \$1M - \$5M
Company: Alstom Grid
PM: John Wulf

Category \$5 - \$10M
Company: Consolidated Technology Services
PM: Heidi Brownell

Chapter Member Appreciation Event

This year also saw another first, we hosted a social mixer and award night at the Woodmark Hotel. Our surprise guest speaker was Juanya Williams from Microsoft! He shared some great stories about the Windows Phone and his life as a developer on projects at MSFT.

Here are some pictures from the awesome event on June 27th!!



Recruiters and Networking Socials

It was an extremely successful year for the networking events, as we continued to host them every other month on the Eastside. The events have grown from 20 people at our first event in 2011 and a couple recruiters to over a 150 attendees each time and with over a dozen recruiters present at each event.



It is friendly and fun for all who come, we strive to keep the atmosphere light and yet professional. We accumulate resumes ahead and send them to all the registered recruiters, and they get a chance to call folks ahead and also meet many PMs in person. It is the only event in town hosted strictly for our profession. Recruiters like it because it is focused and yet fun. It is a wonderful opportunity to build relationships with the recruiters whether you need a job now or in the near future. There is always a fun game and tons of gift cards and prizes given away.

Come and check out the next event in September 2013!

Volunteer Highlight

Volunteer Appreciation Evening



The volunteer appreciation evening is a special time to recognize the contributions, effort and time of all our volunteers! We want to celebrate your generous donation of time and talent to the various committees. And recognize one special volunteer who made a significant contribution as the Volunteer of the Year! This award is collectively nominated and voted by the chapter's Board of Directors.

Results are in [Drum Rolls.....]

Congratulation to Gerard Neyenhouse for winning the 2013 Volunteer of the Year (VOY) award!

And of course many thanks to all the time and effort by every volunteer for making this another great year!



Membership & Community Update

For individuals who have attempted to reach the VP Membership - there was an email glitch that prevented us from receiving many of your messages. In the future if you do not hear back within 5 business days, please contact the PSPMI Offices at **206.623.8632**. **It is our full intention to address all questions and concerns in a timely manner.**

In the upcoming Program year, we intend to expand the Cares Program, Roosevelt High School Mentoring Program, and ramp up the UW PM Introduction Program. We will be re-initiate the Ambassador Program and New

Member Committee, and have literally dozens of open spots for volunteers to lend a hand ranging from mentoring to email blasts to event buddies.

General Announcements

Message from the Incoming President



Over the summer we hope everyone has a chance to relax and spend time with their families after a much-earned break. Our new Board Members take office officially July first. In September at the kick off of our 29th year as a Chapter, you will begin to realize the benefits of the following summer Board activity:

- Conduct a Strategic Planning Session - includes Budget, Goals, Vision
- Formalizing Dates, Locations of Board Meetings, Dinner Meetings, Seminars, Trainings, Networking Events
- Launch the use of the VRMS for Member Volunteer Opportunities & Volunteer Contact Data
- Expand capabilities of the website

And in fact, due to the diligence of our amazing Board Members, a lot of this work has long since started.

If you would like to learn more about how the organization is structured, how the Board operates, how we differ from and interact with Global PMI, or anything else, please reach out to president@pugetsoundpmi.org. My commitment to you as your 2013-2015 President/Chair is to respond within 5 business days to the majority of inquiries.

We wish the Membership an awesome summer and look forward to serving you in the new Program Year.

Thanks,
Annette M Suh

Upcoming Events

There will be no PSPMI-sponsored events during summer. Please enjoy your summer with friends and family and check back with us after summer!!

If you have updates or questions, please contact [Puget Sound PMI](#).  

