

# PMI® Montana Chapter Newsletter 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2015



Greetings PMI® Montana Chapter Members!

Summer is fast upon us! This tends to be a quiet time for the Chapter as we prepare for all our Fall activities. We hope this planning time will result in some great programs for all of you.

Along with our 7th Annual meeting in September, we will be bringing back Steve Norton to conduct a PMP®/CAPM® Boot Camp in Missoula in November 2015. Steve's class continues to get high praise from participants (scoring a 9.3 out of 10 in the course survey at his recent session in Helena) and is getting national attention for its quality and high exam pass rate! Please see the information later in this newsletter about the November 2015 Boot Camp in Missoula. Register early for a discount!

Can't make the November course? No worries! We're already planning for Steve to return in 2016 to teach more Boot Camps. We also have other great events and activities planned for this year. Read more about them in this newsletter or visit our website at <http://www.pmimtchapter.org/>

If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer to help advance your profession, please do not hesitate to contact any of our board members.

I would also like to thank our Corporate Sponsors: Glacier Bancorp and Blackfoot Telecommunications Group for their strong commitment to the Montana Chapter.

See you at the next branch or chapter meeting!

Dale Matheson, President

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# Important Info for PMI® Credential Holders

Effective 1 December 2015 the CCR program will be aligned with the employer-identified skills depicted in the PMI Talent Triangle to ensure PMI certification holders are equipped to remain relevant in a continually changing business environment.

- ▶ Learn more about [skills of the PMI Talent Triangle](#).
- ▶ Learn more about [CCR Program updates](#).
- ▶ Learn what you need to do to [prepare](#).

## PDU Requirements

- The total number of PDUs required to maintain an active certification status will not change; the way PDUs are classified will change. Please refer to the [infographics](#) for details.

## Renewal Requirements

- ▶ Also, there will be different renewal requirements for the Education and Giving Back categories based on the expiration date of the certification cycle. Please refer to the table below.

Beginning 1 December 2015	Certification Expiration Date:	
	1 December 2015 – 30 November 2017	1 December 2017 and Beyond
Classify PDUs according to new CCR format.	Yes	Yes
Meet minimum number of PDUs in Education category and each of the three skill areas. This is required for renewal.	No*	Yes
Limit Giving Back category PDUs to new maximum requirement.	No*	Yes

# Important Info About PMP® Exam Changes

- ▶ The PMP® Exam is changing. The last day for the current exam is 1 November 2015. After 1 November 2015, only the new version of the PMP® exam will be administered.
- ▶ **The five domains of practice for the PMP remain the same.** However, tasks within each domain have been modified, added, or removed. There is an addition of 8 new tasks.
- ▶ To view all the changes in detail, see the [Exam Content Outline](#).
- ▶ **Important Note:** This is not the final version of the new PMP® Exam Content Outline. The proportion of questions from each domain that will appear on the exam has not yet been determined. Additionally, the knowledge and skills associated with each of these domains and tasks is not included. This information will be available no later than 15 June 2015.
- ▶ To access information on the changes, visit (and bookmark) the PMP exams hub where you can access the following information:
  - Updated exam content outline
  - FAQs
  - Reference List
- ▶ Need Help in Preparing? Check out our Events Page!

# PMI® Montana Chapter Events

## Region 1 Conference

The PMI® Region 1 Conference was held in April in Calgary. PMI® Montana Chapter was represented by Mike Goehring, Past Chapter President, and Greg Pierson, Central Branch Committee Chair. Region 1 encompasses the geographical area of Utah, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Alberta, British Columbia, and Alaska. Representatives from 14 PMI® Chapters were present and discussed topics ranging from Cross Chapter Collaboration to Chapter Sponsorship. PMI® Montana Chapter continues to be a model for the Chapter-with-Branches concept and other Chapters are considering implementing our method for their own areas. Thank you Mike and Greg for representing us!

## PMP®/CAPM® exam prep Boot Camp

**If you missed the Boot Camp held in Helena last month, don't worry! Register now for November 3-5 Boot Camp in Missoula!**

The PMI® Montana Chapter is sponsoring a second 3-Day Boot Camp presented by industry-leading Project Management Expert Steve Norton, PMP® and PMI® Registered Education Provider. The Boot Camp will prepare participants to take the PMP®/CAPM® exams and earn the prestigious PMI® certifications. And, if you're a member of our Chapter, the registration price is discounted!

The Boot Camp is presented over the course of three, 9-hour days, providing 27 contact hours. Designed for busy professionals, this course optimizes time spent in the class and minimizes time away from work. Students also receive an online study aid with unlimited practice tests, study flashcards to help retain key points and formulas, and a Quick Reference Guide.

Our members have had great success attaining PMP® and CAPM® certification after taking this class! Please see our flyer for the November Boot Camp on the next page and visit Steve Norton's website at <http://stevenortonpm.com!>

Kirsten Halseth  
VP of Events

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# 3-Day Boot Camp

## Exam Prep for PMP® / CAPM® Certification

### Training to PMI Standards

The training covers 17 essential modules of curriculum:

1. Introduction to the Exam
2. Foundational Concepts
3. PMI's Framework
4. Integration Management
5. Scope Management
6. Time Management
7. Project Network Diagramming
8. Cost Management
9. Earned Value Management
10. Quality Management
11. Human Resource Management
12. Communications Management
13. Risk Management
14. Procurement Management
15. Stakeholder Management
16. How to Pass the Exam
17. Simulated PMP® Exam

Students can earn 27 contact hours required to take the PMP® / CAPM® certification exam, and 35 more hours are available online.

**Guarantee:** If you don't pass the exam on the first try, you can attend a future Project Management Skills, LLC Boot Camp at no cost. If you do not pass the exam on the second try, your tuition will be refunded.



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### PMI® Montana Chapter

The Montana Chapter of the Project Management Institute, Inc. (PMI)® is sponsoring a 3-Day Boot Camp presented by industry-leading Project Management Expert Steve Norton, PMP and PMI Registered Education Provider (R.E.P.)®. The Boot Camp will prepare you to take the PMP® / CAPM® exams and earn the prestigious PMI® certifications.

### Intensive Training

The Boot Camp presents the best practices in project management with course materials based on the latest edition of the Project Management Institute, *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge, (PMBOK® Guide)*. Training covers requisite knowledge competencies and ensures every student is trained to PMI® standards. Students receive:

- a course workbook
- Velociteach® Exam prep manual
- access to *InSite*, online study aid with unlimited practice tests
- study flashcards for enhanced retention of key points and formulas
- a Quick Reference Guide – an easy-to-use summary resource

The 3-day Boot Camp is presented in three 9-hour days, providing 27 contact hours. It is designed for busy professionals, optimizing time spent in the class and minimizing time away from work. Additional help is available as online post-class support. With the Boot Camp training, students are fully prepared to take the PMP® / CAPM® exams and earn the coveted certifications.

*"Thanks again for all the support and mentoring you provided to the PMP Boot Camp class in June. I passed the PMP Exam on the first try."* **Russell Looney, PMP**

### Steve Norton, PMP



Steve Norton is an internationally recognized trainer, speaker and author. He is masterful at leading people to greater effectiveness in their professional and personal lives.

Drawing on his 30+ years of project experience, he provides valuable instruction that adheres to the project management body of knowledge and accreditation program as well as a professional code of ethics for project managers. His popular Boot Camps are acclaimed for his upbeat presentation style, real-life examples, efficient use of class time, and successful student outcomes. Learn more at [www.stevenortonpm.com](http://www.stevenortonpm.com).

### Boot Camp – Nov. 3, 4, 5

**Start:** Nov. 3, 2015 – 7:30 AM

**End:** Nov. 5, 2015 – 5:30 PM

**Where:** Holiday Inn Missoula Downtown  
200 S Pattee, Missoula, MT

Register at [www.stevenortonpm.com](http://www.stevenortonpm.com). The rate is discounted for Montana PMI® Chapter members and students.

**Early Bird Registration through Oct. 13, 2015**  
Montana Chapter members & FT students: \$1097  
Non-members: \$1297

**Registration after Oct. 13, 2015**  
Montana Chapter members & FT students: \$1297  
Non-members: \$1497

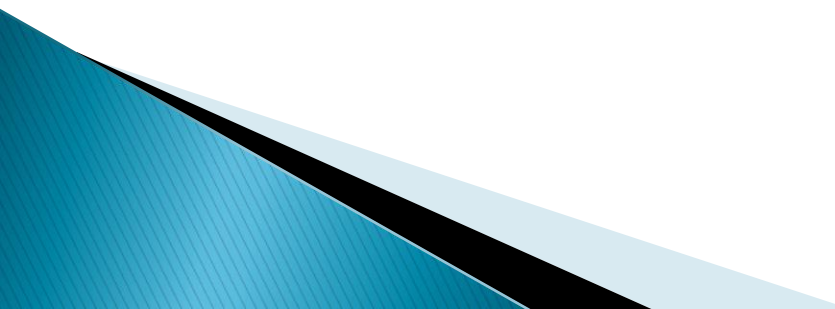


# PMI® Montana Chapter Branch News

**Western Montana Branch:** The Western Montana Branch continued to have several great speakers this winter/spring. Additionally, volunteers from 2014-15 received gift packages as a special thank you for their support and involvement. Monthly meetings will not be held during the summer, but will resume in September, meeting at the Advanced Technology Group building on 216 W. Main in Missoula. In the meantime, discussions are underway with other PMI® Montana Chapter branches to co-lead meetings, and we are meeting with potential speakers for the remainder of 2015 into 2016. Look for updates in the next newsletter and plan to come to our meetings when we resume in September! Last, there is a small study group currently meeting currently to prepare for the PMP Exam. For information on Branch meetings or the study group, please contact Branch Leader Josh Pearson at [joshua.pearson@atginfo.com](mailto:joshua.pearson@atginfo.com).

**Central Branch:** The Central Branch will resume meetings in September and will focus on bringing meaningful project management training and assistance to local non-profit leaders in the Helena area. An evening Branch event is being planned to include members in Great Falls and Butte. There will be more details to follow in our next newsletter. Please contact Branch Leader Greg Pierson at 406-437-1100 or [gpierson@glacierbancopr.com](mailto:gpierson@glacierbancopr.com) with questions or to request more information.

**Northern Wyoming Branch:** The Northern Wyoming Branch meets on the third Friday of every month at the Geo. Amos Library, 412 S. Gillette Ave, in Gillette, WY. There is a social/networking session from 11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. followed by the meeting from 12:00-1:00 p.m. We'd love to see you at our next meeting! Please contact Branch Leader William Mourer at [wmourer@outlook.com](mailto:wmourer@outlook.com) or 307-696-3080 for more information.



# PMI® Montana Chapter

## Branch News

**Eastern Montana Branch:** The Eastern Montana Branch continues to meet monthly at the Billings Public Library from 12:00-1:00 p.m. in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor large conference room. The details of each meeting are posted on our Chapter website (<http://www.pmimtChapter.org/>). The next event is scheduled for June 26. Andrea Hart is our guest speaker. Ms. Hart has over 35 years of experience in engineering and project management. She has worked in project and program management for the last 23 years and has held PMP certification for almost 9 years. Most recently, Andrea has been the project manager for Nemont Telephone on two ARRA projects that resulted in the installation and activation of 435 miles of fiber optic cable on the Crow Indian Reservation, with a budget of nearly \$20 million dollars. As those projects entered the close-out phase, Andrea was assigned as a project manager for several capital projects in the Williston, ND area. Andrea believes that project management is fun and that life is just a series of projects. Join us to hear Andrea speak about *Project Management as an Afterthought: How to retrofit PM into an ongoing project*. To be added to the distribution list for the Eastern Montana Branch, or to volunteer your time and talents, please email Branch Leader Alyssa Francis at [Alyssa.francis@BARTWEST.COM](mailto:Alyssa.francis@BARTWEST.COM).

**Southwestern Montana Branch:** The schedule is still being worked out, so if you're in the area and want to help provide a format and structure for this branch (or want to be included on the mailing list) please contact Branch Leader Kristen Nichols at [Kristen.Radford@yahoo.com](mailto:Kristen.Radford@yahoo.com).

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