

PMI® Montana Chapter Newsletter 1st Quarter 2015



Greetings PMI® Montana Chapter Members and
Happy New Year!

2015 looks to be an exciting year for our Chapter. Our branches are busy planning and conducting activities in your local area. Read all about it on our Chapter website. Please attend an event and support your branch leader who volunteers to help the profession in Montana. It's volunteers like these that are the heart and soul of our Chapter.

Steve Norton is coming twice this year to teach our highly rated PMP®/CAPM® Boot Camp. This class continues to get high praise from participants and is getting national attention for its quality and high exam pass rate! Please see the information later in this newsletter about our May 2015 class in Helena and our November 2015 class in Missoula. Register early for a discount!

I would like to thank our Corporate Sponsors, Glacier Bancorp and Blackfoot Telecommunications Group, for their ongoing and long-term financial support of the Chapter! If you know anyone from these organizations, please take the time to thank them.

As always, we hope we are providing value to you in your chosen profession. If you have ideas, comments or concerns regarding the PMI® Montana Chapter, please do not hesitate to contact me at president@pmimtChapter.org.

See you at the next branch or Chapter meeting!

Dale Matheson, President

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PMI® Montana Chapter Programs and Events

PMP®/CAPM® exam prep Boot Camps are back twice in 2015!

- ▶ ***May 5-7 in Helena***
- ▶ ***November 3-5 in Missoula***

As Dale indicated in his letter of greeting, the PMI® Montana Chapter is sponsoring two 3-Day Boot Camps presented by industry-leading Project Management Expert Steve Norton, PMP® and PMI® Registered Education Provider. Each 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 May Boot Camp on the next page and visit Steve Norton's website at

<http://stevenortonpm.com/seminars/>

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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.

Boot Camp – May 5, 6, 7

Start: May 5, 2015 – 7:30 AM

End: May 7, 2015 – 5:30 PM

Where: Wingate by Wyndham
2007 N Oakes, Helena, MT

Register at www.stevenortonpm.com. The rate is discounted for Montana PMI® Chapter members and students.

Early Bird Registration through Apr. 19, 2015

Montana Chapter members & FT students: \$1097

Non-members: \$1297

Registration after Apr. 19, 2015

Montana Chapter members & FT students: \$1297

Non-members: \$1497

Welcome to our newest PMI® Montana Chapter Members!

We extend a very warm welcome to these newest members of the PMI® Montana Chapter "family:"

- Victoria Butler
- Tina Cummins
- Keller Davis
- Alexandre Debernard
- David DelSordo
- Jennifer Hansen
- Dr. Melinda Hutton
- Kymberly Lund
- Sarah Pemble
- Marcie Sannon
- Laurie Smith
- Christi Walker
- Tommy Dirk Widner
- Holly Williams

Please feel free to contact me or any of our Board members or Branch leaders to discover more about the Chapter or to get involved. We hope to see you at a Chapter event or Branch meeting very soon!

Shawn Whyte
VP of Membership

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PMI® Benefits—did you know?

Chapter members, did you know about all of the great PMI® benefits described below?

Publications

- **PM Network** – Keeps you updated on the latest tools, techniques and best practices
- **PMI Today** – A monthly publication, this keeps you up to date on the latest developments about certifications, research, standards, education and training as well as Chapter news
- **Project Management Journal** – A peer-refereed academic research publication
- **E-Newsletter** – 11 publications combined to deliver timely updates and powerful information

Knowledge

- **PMBOK Guide** – As a member you can download the latest version of the PMBOK free of charge, but also receive discounts for hard copies
- **Tools & Templates** – Practical, customizable tools and templates to help you manage project information and save you time and effort.
- **Knowledge Resources** – Members Only Access
 - On Demand Webinars
 - Peer-written and reviewed articles
 - Business and project management books in eReads & Reference

PMI® Benefits (Continued)

Career Resource and Professional Development

Professional Development – Access online training through e-learning and On Demand courses, eSeminarsWorld courses as well.

- PMI® Members have discounts to all professional development offerings.
- PDU Advantage – All members are automatically enrolled. This provides several ways to earn PDUs at no extra cost.
- Job Hunting – As a member you can post resumes, search jobs, get career coaching at discounted prices.
 - Career Headquarters
 - Career Central

Rewards and Discounts

Discounts on Resources

– Save up to 20% off Marketplace purchases, such as books, multimedia as well as discounts on PMI® e-learning courses, credential exams and renewals.

Rewards - The offers below are specific to US members.

- PMI® Sponsored Insurance Coverage
- PMI® Visa Platinum Rewards Card
- Member-Only Discounts to popular nationwide brands
 - UPS, Lenovo, OfficeMax, LifeLock & HP

Thank you to Josh Pearson for compiling this list!



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Branch News

Western Montana Branch: The Western Montana Branch has had several great speakers this winter. The evening meetings are a great time to network. The Branch meets at the Advanced Technology Group building on 216 W. Main in Missoula. The January meeting was focused on PMI membership benefits at both the national and local level. Holly Foster from ATG explored the benefits and challenges of project management consulting engagements from both the client and consultant perspectives. Partner's Creative will be coming to speak to the group on March 3rd. Partner's Creative is a multimedia brand management firm based in Missoula. They will discuss how they manage their diverse portfolio of client and project types, while giving us some insight into their portfolio management software Advantage. Come join us in person or check out the PMI Montana Chapter website (<http://www.pmimtChapter.org/>) for information on how to join remotely! Also, six Branch members are currently participating in a CAPM/PMP study group to prepare for the PMI exam in the May time frame. Following each Branch meeting, the study group meets to discuss topics and concepts from the PMBOK. The study group is managed by Josh Pearson. Lastly, there is currently one speaking position left for the 2014/15 season. Do you know someone who might like to speak? Please contact Josh at joshua.pearson@atginfo.com!

Central Branch: The Central Branch holds meetings on the second Friday of each month, typically at the Lewis and Clark County Library on Last Chance Gulch in Helena. In January, Anita Bangert, the recently-retired manager of the State's ITSD PMO, shared her thoughts on the current status of project management in state government. In February, Tab Dougherty, from the State ITSD office, talked about the 12 most prominent lessons learned in state government projects. On March 13th, we will meet at 12:00 p.m. at the Lewis and Clark County Library to have an open discussion to explore what the branch can do to help the community. Please join us! Contact Branch Leader Greg Pierson at 406-437-1100 or gpierson@glacierbancopr.com with questions or to request more information.

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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 2nd floor large conference room. The details of each meeting are posted on our Chapter website (<http://www.pmimtChapter.org/>). In January, Reno Charette, Director of the American Indian Outreach Office at MSU-Billings presented *The Stepping into the Circle: Building Relationships in Indian Country* to increase participants' awareness of effective strategies in working with culturally different clients. Participants learned fundamental cross-cultural communication skills essential to building cultural competencies with Montana's tribal communities while increasing their understanding of the cultural differences between American Indians and the dominate society. The challenges of political status, socio-economic differences, and racism were addressed. The participants learned about important aspects of tribal cultural resiliencies, protocols, and kinship that will bolster relationship building with American Indian clients and improved customer service. In February, Mike Alonso, a graduate student at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, spoke about *Communication in the Project Management Environment for Large Projects and Small Projects Alike*. On March 27th, Stephanie Lefevre, from the Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming, will be presenting about programs and projects managed throughout the Montana and Wyoming branches and specifically how the Girl Scouts have been a successful, sustainable organization for some many years. 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.

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 or 307-696-3080 for more information.

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

PMI® Offerings and Events

On March 15th, PMI® will close the PMI® Community of Practice sites, and invites you to visit the new and vibrant community home on ProjectManagement.com. You'll find tons of content and many ways to engage and earn visible recognition for your contributions.

Don't miss the online celebration March 16th! Enjoy a webinar on team-building and collaboration skills and earn a PDU at no extra cost.

The ProjectManagement.com site includes:

- ▶ 4,000 how-to articles from industry experts and over 600,000 peer connections and experts to offer specific advice.
- ▶ 1,000 deliverables templates
- ▶ 1,000 PDU-bearing webinars that will be automatically reported upon completion if you log into the site with your PMI credentials

Attend a PMI® Face-to-Face Seminar in Scottsdale, AZ!

- ▶ 23–26 March
- ▶ SeminarsWorld in the West's Most Western Town.
SeminarsWorld Scottsdale courses align with PMI's Talent Triangle, focusing on skills development in Leadership, Technical Project Management or Strategic and Business Management

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