

PMI® Montana Chapter

Newsletter 3rd Quarter 2015



Greetings PMI® Montana Chapter Members!

I hope you all had a wonderful Summer! Fall is a busy time for our Chapter. We believe we have some quality programs planned, and I hope you can attend. In September we will conduct our 7th Annual Professional Development Day in conjunction with our annual business meeting. Come join us in Bozeman for some great networking, free PDUs and a free lunch. Finally, all of our branches have great speakers and activities planned. Read more about these events in this newsletter and on our web site.

Steve Norton is conducting a PMP™/CAPM™ Boot Camp in Glendive in September and Missoula in November. He is also coming back to Montana next year to teach our PMP™/CAPM™ Boot Camp. This 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 our 2015 Boot Camps. Register early for a discount!

I would also like to welcome two new Platinum sponsors to our Chapter: Advanced Technology Group (atg) and Project Management Skills, LLC. And as always, thanks to our other sponsors, Glacier Bancorp and Blackfoot Telecommunications Group, for their strong commitment to the Montana Chapter. If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer and help advance your profession, please do not hesitate to contact any of our board members.

See you at the Annual Meeting!!

Dale Matheson, President

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PMI® Montana Chapter Annual Meeting and Professional Development Day

The PMI MT Chapter Board invites you to our **2015 Professional Development Day and Annual Chapter Meeting** in beautiful **Bozeman, Montana** on **Saturday, September 19th starting at 9:30 am**. We have partnered with Elation who will present a 3 hour interactive session exploring a better way to think about personal accountability.

Please join us at this **FREE** event to earn PDUs, network with peers and meet your PMI MT Chapter Board Members. Lunch will be provided.

Schedule of Events

9:30 am - 12:30 pm	Presentation: Accountability: A Powerful Freedom
12:30 am - 1:30 pm	Lunch and Annual Chapter Meeting
1:30 pm	Adjourn

See our flyer on the following page. **[REGISTER NOW!](#)**

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Professional Development Day & Annual Chapter Meeting

EARN 4 FREE PDU's
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Details:

When:
September 19th

Where:
Residence Inn by Marriott
6195 E. Valley Center Rd.
Bozeman, MT 59718

Discounted rooms are available under the PMI MT Chapter block until August 26.

*One bedroom: \$179
King: \$169*

Cost: FREE

19 September 2015 | 9:00 —1:30 | Bozeman, MT

Join Us!

The PMI MT Chapter is once again combining our Annual Chapter Meeting with Professional Development event—a great PDU-earning opportunity. We are also excited to announce that for the second year we are able to offer this conference at no cost to our members. We've teamed up with Elation, a local consulting firm, to provide an interactive personal development session.

Accountability: A Powerful Freedom

Elation will facilitate a 3 hour interactive session exploring a better way to think about personal accountability and how, when we embrace this concept, we improve our overall wellbeing and outcomes. When we get stuck in a victim mentality we are not able to influence others or develop ourselves fully. Participants will learn how to recognize the components of victim thinking and accountability thinking, and will leave the session with tangible tools that can propel them into a better way of thinking.

About Elation

Elation is a catalyst for organizations to achieve extraordinary and sustainable outcomes by giving people a more powerful way to think.

Our team is composed of passionate, highly skilled people who are among the leading practitioners of mindset development and cultural change in the region. Our content and engagement methodology is informed by the most recent neuro-leadership research, providing a foundation for an experiential learning environment informed by how the brain behaves, and reaffirmed through individual coaching and group facilitations that delivers measurable results. When people change the way they think:

Productivity increases,
Communication improves,
Employee **engagement** increases and,
Company **culture** changes for the better.

*Members and Prospective
Members Welcome*

REGISTER NOW
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PMI® Montana Chapter Sponsored Boot Camps

The PMI® Montana Chapter is sponsoring the following two **PMP®/CAPM® exam prep Boot Camps** presented by industry-leading Project Management Expert Steve Norton, PMP® and PMI® Registered Education Provider.

- ▶ **September 29-October 2, 2015 (3.5 days)—Glendive (WBI—Energy Bldg)**
- ▶ **November 3-5, 2015 (3 days)—Missoula (Holiday Inn Downtown)**

The Boot Camps 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 for each class is discounted!

The Boot Camps are designed for busy professionals, optimizing time spent in the class and minimizing time away from work. Students will 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 flyers for both Boot Camps on the following pages and visit Steve Norton's website at <http://stevenortonpm.com>.

Register early to save!

NOTE: The changes to the PMP® Exam are delayed from November 1, 2015 to January 11, 2016. After January 11, 2016, only the new version of the PMP® exam will be administered. To view all the changes in detail, see the [Exam Content Outline](#)

4-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 35 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 4-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 4-day Boot Camp is presented in three and a half days, providing 35 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.

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Boot Camp Sep. 29 - Oct. 2, 2015

Hours

Tues, Wed, Thurs: 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Friday: 7:00 AM to NOON

Location

WBI—Energy Building
2010 Montana Ave., Glendive, MT

Cost

Montana Chapter members & FT students: \$1097
Non-members: \$1297

Register at www.SteveNortonPM.com

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
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10. Quality Management
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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.

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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. 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

PMP® Exam Change Update

- ▶ The changes to the PMP® Exam shifted from 1 November to 11 January 2016. After 11 January 2016, 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

CCR Program Updates

As a member of PMI and a certificate holder, it is important to note that the Continuing Certification Requirements (CCR) Program is restructured and will be implemented with the new renewal requirements as of December 1, 2015. The total number of PDUs required to maintain an active certification status have not changed:

- ▶ PMP, PgMP, PfMP and PMI-PBA require 60 PDUs to renew.
- ▶ PMI-ACP, PMI-RMP, and PMI-SP require 30 PDUs to renew.

PDUs will still be earned in the categories of Education and Giving Back, but the categories of PDUs will be classified differently.

- ▶ **Education:** 60% of PDUs are now required in this category to place more emphasis on developing employer-demanded skills. Education PDUs are aligned with the PMI Talent Triangle. A *minimum* number of PDUs must be earned in Technical Project Management, Leadership, and Strategic and Business Management categories.
- ▶ **Giving Back:** The maximum number of total PDUs to be earned in this category has decreased. Activities remain the same: Volunteering, Creating Knowledge and Working as a Professional. The total number of PDUs to be earned in Working as a Professional has decreased.

PDUs Defined

- ▶ **Technical Project Management:**
Knowledge, skills and behaviors related to specific domains of Project, Program and Portfolio Management.
- ▶ **Leadership:**
Knowledge, skills and behaviors specific to leadership-oriented, cross-cutting skills that help an organization achieve its business goals.
- ▶ **Business and Strategic:**
Knowledge of and expertise in the industry or organization that enhances performance and better delivers business outcomes.

Check out **PMI.org** for more information.



PMI® Montana Chapter Branch Meeting Information


Western Montana Branch: Our Western Branch is based out of Missoula and typically meets once a month on Tuesdays (Jan-May and Sept-Nov). Meetings are held at Advanced Technology Group (atg) in downtown Missoula and typically include a project presentation or topic discussion followed with networking opportunities. Members and non-members are welcome to attend. For more information (or to be included on a mailing list of future events), please contact Branch Leader Joshua Pearson at joshua.pearson@atginfo.com.

Central Branch: Our Central Branch is based out of Helena and holds meetings from 12:00-1:00 on the second Friday of each month, typically at the Lewis and Clark Library on Last Chance Gulch. Bring your lunch and a friend! Meeting topics vary. Please contact Branch Leader Greg Pierson at 406-437-1100 or gpierson@glacierbancopr.com with questions or to request more information.

Northeastern Wyoming Branch: The NE Wyoming Branch meets regularly, every third Friday of the month from 11:30-1:00 at the George Amos Library on Gillette Avenue in Gillette. 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.

Eastern Montana Branch: Our Eastern Branch is based out of Billings and typically meets the last Friday of each month for a Lunch-and-Learn style meeting. Meetings are held at the Public Library in the Large Conference Room from 12-1 and typically include a project presentation or topic discussion followed with networking opportunities. Members and non-members are welcome to attend and bring their lunch to join in a fun and casual learning environment. For more information (or to be included on a mailing list of future events), please contact Branch Leader Berta Murnion at blmurnion@gmail.com.

Southwestern Montana Branch: Our Southwestern Branch is based out of Bozeman. 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.



Announcing New Sponsors!

We are excited to announce that we added two new sponsors at the Platinum level last quarter. We offer two levels of sponsorship (Gold and Platinum), and those who achieve Platinum status have made contributions to the Chapter over \$600.

Our two new sponsors are:

- ▶ Advanced Technology Group
- ▶ Project Management Skills, LLC

Both of these organizations have contributed to the Montana Chapter in monetary (and non-monetary) ways, and have made Branch meetings, Boot Camps, and even Leadership Meeting attendance a possibility. A huge thank you to both of these organizations; we look forward to continued success together!

Do you know an organization who may be interested in sponsoring our Chapter? Please contact me for an overview of sponsor benefits!

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Thank You Platinum Sponsors!



Thank you Gold Sponsors!

