



Volume 2, Issue 2

President's Corner

by

Bonnie McClure, PMP

January was a fast paced month with the transitioning to the new board members and laying out our goals for the year. Cheryl Archer provided an insightful presentation on Quality Management and how it fits into the Project Management area.

With February passing quickly, your Emerald Coast Chapter is hard at work preparing for our first anniversary as a chapter. A big part of our celebration will be the presentation of the First Annual Spring Conference. This event will be held March 20, 2010, at the Emerald Coast Conference Center. This will allow members to receive eight (8) PDUs while having the opportunity to interface with other PMs in the area. I hope we will see you all there.

We are also moving towards active branches in Pensacola, Panama City, and Mobile. Look for more information in the upcoming months as these branches offer more opportunities to the PMs in their areas. Finally, our chapter will continue to offer a variety of speakers and opportunities to our local members. If there is a topic of interest or forum you would like to see the chapter pursue, please do not hesitate to send me an email or stop me at any of our chapter meetings.

Have a wonderful month and I hope to see you all at the March Conference.

If you are interested in assisting the Board of Directors, please contact Bonnie McClure, [President](#) or [VP Communications](#).

PMI Emerald Coast
Florida Chapter
P. O. Box 1265
Shalimar, FL 32579

Volume 2, Issue 2

February 2010

Membership Stats
as of
January 31 2009:

Members: 174
93 PMP & 2 CAPM

168 Regular Members
6 Student Members

.....
January Membership
Activity:
0 New Members
3 Renewals

Inside this issue:

2010 Board of Directors	1
Find PMP Exam Loc.	2
Chapter Communica- tions	2
March Conference	3
Study Group Interest	4
Chapter Website	4

Chapter Communications

If you are receiving e-mail communications from the PMI Emerald Coast Florida Chapter - your e-mail address is on our distribution list. You have been added to this list because - (1) you have requested notification of chapter events (2) we have received notification from the PMI that you have joined/renewed your membership in our chapter (includes contact info) and/or (3) you are a PMI member in our area and we hope to interest you in an upcoming chapter event (including Chapter Branch formation). Also—when you renew your membership - please ensure your contact information is current!

It is not our intent to contact anyone who wishes to be excluded from our distribution list. If you receive unwanted e-mail from the PMI Emerald Coast Florida Chapter- please contact the VP Communications and request to be removed from this distribution list.

For new members who may not yet be receiving chapter e-mail notices - depending on the day of the month you join it may take a couple of weeks for us to receive your information from the PMI. Please feel free to contact the VP Communications to have your e-mail address added to our distribution list rather than waiting for PMI to send us their notification.

Where do I take the PMP Exam?

If you are not taking a PMP training class that includes taking the exam, you may be wondering how/where you will take your test. The PMI website provides the name of the testing company but not much more in the way of specifics. You might start your search using the following URL: <http://www.prometric.com/default.htm> As you drill down to find a testing site, be aware that the one most convenient for YOU may not be in Florida; for instance, the site in Mobile Alabama is more convenient if you live near Pensacola. Another possibility is Tallahassee—depending on your location.

Contact Your Board

President	Bonnie McClure, PMP	president@pmiemeraldcoastfl.org
VP (President Elect)	Cheryl Archer, PMP	presidentelec@pmiemeraldcoastfl.org
VP Finance	Caroline Pepa, PMP	vpfinance@pmiemeraldcoastfl.org
VP Communications	Vacant	vpcommunications@pmiemeraldcoastfl.org
VP Public Relations	Serena Schwin, PMP	vppublicrelations@pmiemeraldcoastfl.org
VP Programs	Narda Vega	vpprograms@pmiemeraldcoastfl.org
VP Professional Development	Keith Yockey, PMP	vpprofdevelopment@pmiemeraldcoastfl.org
VP Membership	Noel Cumbia, PMP	vpmembership@pmiemeraldcoastfl.org
VP Operations	Jennifer Nypert	vpoperations@pmiemeraldcoastfl.org
Past President	Ron Foskey, PMP	pastpresident@pmiemeraldcoastfl.org
Director at Large	Kristen Maconi, PMP	directorsatlarge@pmiemeraldcoastfl.org
Director at Large	Linda Watts, PMP	directorsatlarge@pmiemeraldcoastfl.org
Webmaster	Jennifer Nypert	webmaster@pmiemeraldcoastfl.org
Director, Mobile Branch		
Director, Pensacola Branch		
Director, Panama City Branch		

March Membership Meeting & Training Session

There will be NO March Membership Lunch Meeting.

We hope that instead you will join us for our 1st Annual Project Management Conference scheduled for March 20, 2010.



1st Annual Project Management Conference

Celebrating 1st Anniversary as a Chartered PMI Chapter

March 20, 2010

Emerald Coast Conference Center

Keynote Speaker: Mike Strickland, Region 14 Chapter Mentor

Earn **8 PDUs** for attending!

Event will offer:

Breakout sessions/networking opportunities

Continental Breakfast, Lunch Buffet, Morning & Afternoon Snacks/Drinks Provided

Conference Cost: \$65.00 member/\$70.00 non-member/\$55.00 student

Registration deadline: March 11, 2010

For registration and additional information visit the PMI Emerald Coast Chapter Website at <http://pmiemeraldcoastfl.org>

Looking for Sponsor!!!

Would you or your company like to Sponsor our 1st Annual Conference or the Chapter?

Sponsorship offers tremendous opportunity to support the Project Management profession while exposing your company's product and services to our members.

For more details on sponsoring the conference or chapter, please visit the [chapter website](#) for more details



PMI Emerald Coast
Florida Chapter

P. O. Box 1265
Shalimar, FL 32579

...making project management indispensable
for business results©

Interested in forming a PMP Study Group?

Keith Yockey, VP Professional Development would like to hear from you if you are interested in participating in a study group to prepare for the PMP Exam. Some details remain to be resolved, such as finding a suitable location; but the Board has access to study materials and is willing to name a POC if sufficient interest is shown. Also, this would provide another way for current PMPs to earn PDUs—by leading a session.

So—if you are interested in forming a PMP Study Group or leading a session, please contact Keith Yockey, PMP at:

vpdevelopment@pmiemeraldcoastfl.org

Chapter Website

www.pmiemeraldcoastfl.org

Check the website often for information regarding Chapter Events (and registration for Events), Newsletters, as well as PDU-earning opportunities such as Webinars, Classes and Bootcamp sessions that might be of interest to our members. You will also find the Monthly Training Session presentations on the website; these are posted within a day or so after the monthly membership meeting.

Also watch for news of our work with Steering Committee members in Pensacola, Panama City, and Mobile to establish their Chapter Branches. This will be an exciting year as we venture forth, as few new chapters have, into the development of Chapter Branches to serve our members and promote Project Management across our Gulf Coast area—from Panama City, Florida to Mobile, Alabama.

We encourage suggestions and other input regarding Newsletter and/or Website content. If you have an item or and an idea for Newsletter or Website content —please send it to: info@pmiemeraldcoastfl.org

Academic Resources

To advance the teaching of project management in higher education, PMI offers a range of programs and services for students, professors, researchers and educational institutions.

Student Resources: For students, PMI continues to develop educational resources to help them achieve their academic goals. PMI also offers discounted student memberships, tuition scholarships, professional credentials and the ability to get involved in communities to learn and network with other students and project management practitioners.

Faculty Resources: Classroom resources such as teaching case studies, journal articles, *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge* and other global standards have proven invaluable to instructors. PMI also offers a scholarly journal and research grant opportunities.

Institutional Resources: Because higher education plays an important role in advancing project management, PMI offers programs that give recognition to universities and colleges that meet quality standards for project management education and training.

From: PMI website - see “Academic Resources” under “Academic Degree Accreditation” on the “Career Development” page on the PMI.org website: www.pmi.org.