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Chapter Branches - From Ron Foskey, Chapter President

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The Business Plan created for the Emerald Coast FL Chapter by the Founding Members/Steering Team included an organization structure referred to as “a PMI Chapter with optional future branches.” The Chapter By-Laws provide guidelines for establishing a chapter “branch” which includes establishing the geographic boundaries, the distribution of dues, and branch chair membership in/connection with the Chapter’s Board of Directors.

The geographic boundaries have been decided in part by examining the proximities of other PMI chapters. The nearest chartered chapters are located in Montgomery, AL (about 3.5 hours to our North) and Tallahassee, FL (about 3 hours to our East); of our other neighbors - neither Georgia nor Mississippi have PMI chapters. This leaves a long stretch of the Gulf Coast with no PMI chapter (other than ours) within a convenient commuting distance from our operating area. Creating branch chapters under the Emerald Coast FL Chapter provides an opportunity for us to support the PMI along the Gulf Coast by providing a somewhat simpler means for a chapter structure to form in each of three nearby cities: Mobile, AL; Pensacola & Panama City, FL. These chapter structures will be formed with the support of the Emerald Coast FL Chapter and will be branches of this chapter, rather than independent entities. The organization of these Branch Chapters will take time and volunteer support from PMI members in these geographic areas and from members of the PMI Emerald Coast FL Chapter. The geographic areas are indicated in the table below.

If you are interested in assisting the Board of Directors in establishing one of the Branch Chapters, please contact Ron Foskey, President or Caroline Pepa, VP Communications using the e-mail addresses on page 2. The table below lists the counties included in each Branch’s area.

Mobile County	Mobile, AL area
Escambia, Santa Rosa Counties	Pensacola, FL area
Bay, Holmes, Walton Counties	Panama City, FL area

Membership Stats—as of May 31 09:

156 Members -
76 PMP & 2 CAPM

- 149 Regular Members
- 7 Student Members

May Membership Activity:

- 8 New Members
- 7 Renewals

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PMI - Career Headquarters

Having trouble putting your years of experience into a resume?

“One quick exercise that can help you get started is to take a blank sheet of paper and list each of the core competencies in boxes. Next, list your own corresponding skills, experiences, achievements and activities for each of the competencies. The end-result is a framework on which to start your resume – and ensure that it covers all the key points that make you a great project manager.” - Excerpted from Lindsay Scott, *Tales from the Front*, PM Network, PMI’s Career Track, May 2009, Volume 23, No. 5.

Chapter Communications

You may have seen the reminder from PMI (*PMI-Today*, June 2009) to keep your contact information up to date. This is important for several reasons; for instance - this month, PMI provides this reminder to ensure members receive “information, services and ballots for the PMI Board of Directors that will be distributed during the first week of August 2009.”

Your local chapter also needs to have your current member information - especially e-mail addresses. Since we provide notices of monthly membership meetings, newsletter postings and other items to keep you informed via e-mail, it is very important that you update your contact data at PMI.org when changes occur. Typically, updated information on the national website is available to the chapter no later than the next month, along with new member notifications and renewals. If you are not receiving e-mail from us, please contact the Communications VP so we can rectify the situation!

Contact Your Board

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Director, Panama City Branch	To be determined	

What is a SIG?

“SIG” is an acronym for Specific Interest Group. SIG membership provides members having common interests a forum for sharing ideas, concerns and challenges regardless of their geographical locations. PMI.org provides the opportunity for PMI members to locate and join one or more SIG. “Through networking, developing technical papers, teleconferences and collaborative work on special projects, members have a unique opportunity to learn and grow. SIGs also hold at least one annual meeting, often in conjunction with one of PMI’s global congresses.”

Links to each SIG is available for PMI members. Follow these links: Get Involved/Components & Communities/PMI Specific Interest Groups. Some examples of the current SIGs: Aerospace & Defense, Metrics, Program Management Office, IT & Telecom, and Risk Management. This site is worth investigating; sharing information on topics of mutual interest with other members around the globe might just enhance your PMI experience. As an example: if you click the “Aerospace & Defense SIG” link, the first display provided is contact information for the SIG - including the cost to join (and link to do so), contact information for the SIG, and the URL for the SIG’s website. This SIG’s website provides information about their mission & objectives, volunteer opportunities, jobs, and many other items of interest. Not all SIGs have a web presence, but it’s worth taking a look at what is available if SIG membership is of interest to you.

June Training Session

In case you missed our monthly membership meeting/training session, our speaker was Ms. Nancy A.R. Droz, PE. Ms. Droz is the Deputy Directory of the 692nd Armament Systems Squadron (ARSS), 308th Armament Systems Group, 308th Armament Systems Wing, Eglin AFB FL. The 692nd ARSS manages a portfolio valued at more than \$1B and executes the development, testing, production and fielding of the Miniature Air Launched Decoy (MALD) and the Miniature Air Launched Decoy-Jammer (MALD-J) electronic combat systems.

Ms. Droz is a Professional Engineer with extensive program management experience on strategic planning for air armament and all phases of acquisition, development, test, production and sustainment for both US and International Partners. She has worked as a systems engineer for the TR1 Aircraft and F-16 Simulators Programs and as a Program Manager for the F-15-E Aircraft, H/K Maverick, DSU-33, JPF and JTE Programs. Her industry experience includes Management Consulting in industrial development for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and Assistant Professor University of Puerto Rico in Quality Management.

As a professional engineer Ms. Droz did project and process engineering for Agrico Chemicals specializing in chemical plant design and control of manufacturing operations. For Aerojet Liquid Rocket Company she worked on the TITAN engines completing research, development, modeling and simulation activities in the areas of heat and mass transfer and nuclear disposal. As a chemical engineer she worked for PPG industries developing mass and energy balances, heat transfer analysis and environmental control.

A Member of the Acquisition Professional Community, she is a graduate of the Defense Systems Management College Program Management Course (PMC) and is Level III in: Program Management with additional certifications on Research, Development and Engineering and Acquisition Logistics. In 2006 Ms. Droz became the Acting Deputy Director of the 329 Armament Systems Group responsible for managing a portfolio that included the Range Instrumentation and Agile Combat Support Systems Squadrons.

Education:

1976 Bachelor of Science, Chemical Engineering, University of Puerto Rico
 1982 Master in Science, Operations Management, University of Arkansas
 2004 Master of Military Operations Arts and Science, Air University, Maxwell AFB

Recent Awards:

2008 Distinguished Professional Engineer Award, CIAPR, Florida Chapter
 2007 Air Force Civilian Achievement Award
 2006 Exemplary Civilian Service Award



Ms. Nancy A.R. Droz, PE

Topic of June Presentation:

Program Management in a Dynamic Environment

Presentation slides will be uploaded to the Chapter’s website soon.

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We are proud to be the Project Management Institute's newest US chapter and look forward to serving the Project/Program Management Professionals within the Emerald Coast Region. Over the course of the next several months we will begin operations in earnest, so please check back often. Also, be on the lookout for our branch operations in Panama City and Pensacola, Florida, as well as in Mobile, Alabama during the spring and summer months of 2009 if you should reside in one of these areas.

Chapter Website

We are now posting Webinars, Classes, and other events on the PMI Emerald Coast FL website. Check out our website to see additional ways to earn PDUs.

www.pmiemeraldcoastfl.org

You will also find the Newsletters and other information about registering for chapter meetings and other activities.

2009 Member Meeting Schedule

July 15, 2009-REEF

August 19, 2009-REEF

September 16, 2009-REEF

October 21, 2009-REEF

To register each month, visit the Chapter website and click on the Events tab to get the link to use for accessing the event registration site. Even when there is \$0 cost for the event—your registration on the event site expedites the sign-in process at the door and provides event organizers with the number of expected participants.

Claim Your PDUs

When you, as a certified PMP, attend our monthly membership meeting/training sessions provided during Chapter Meetings you earn 1 Professional Development Unit. Some events offered in the future, such as a seminar, typically earn more than one. During the minutes before each meeting officially begins, a slide show is displayed on the screen with information of general interest to our members; a copy of these slides are also provided as a meeting handout for your reference.

The "Claim PDU" information directs you to access the PMI website and to the steps you execute to claim the number of PDUs shown on the slide. You will need your PMI membership card for reference in entering your identification; the information on the slide provides remaining data required: the category, the option & chapter identifier, and (from the 1st slide) the name of the program.