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## President's Corner

by  
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Fellow Program Managers

November 4th is International Program Management Appreciation Day and I want to start this message with a special thank you and congratulations to each of my fellow program managers for the effort and dedication you have to this profession. I have had the opportunity to meet and talk with many of you at our events throughout the year and I am encouraged by the dedication and time put in to continue in the growth of this profession.

As you November is our annual meeting and we have a lot of good things planned for you. We will be celebrating International Project Management Day and taking the time to recognize a few of our fellow program managers. This is a great opportunity to gain PDUs and to network with your fellow program managers. We will be announcing our new officers and letting you know about all the great things that will be coming in the months ahead. I hope we will see you all there.

October was a busy month for many of us. We had an excellent meeting with DeAnna Morales giving us all insight into how to interview and present yourself in your quest for the next Program Manager job. PMI held the annual Global Congress and Leadership meeting in Washington DC which was a wonderful opportunity to network and learn from our fellow board members and program managers. And finally, we have been working to plan the next quarter to end the year with more opportunities than ever.

I hope that as we head into the holiday season, you will all have a very safe and happy Thanksgiving, a wonderful time at our annual meeting, and join with us to end the year on a positive note. Thank you again for all your efforts as Program Managers! Enjoy International Project Management and share your enthusiasm with program managers you know.

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Membership Stats  
as of  
September 2010:

Members: 194  
107 PMP & 3 CAPM

181 Regular Members  
13 Student Members

September Membership  
Activity:  
2 New Members  
0 Renewals

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## 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

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**November Membership Meeting & Training Session**

There will be NO November Membership Lunch Meeting.

We hope that instead you will join us for our Annual Membership Meeting scheduled for November 18, 2010 at Ramada Beach Resort

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***November 2010 Annual Membership Meeting***  
**November 18, 2010**

Time: 5:30PM—8:00PM

Ramada Beach Resort

Keynote Speaker: Lt. Col Courtney Smith

Topic: Test and Evaluation as it relates to Project Management

Earn **1 PDU** for attending!

Event will offer: Networking opportunities, Introduce 2011 Chapter Board of Directors and upcoming Chapter events, info, and news

Dinner Cost: \$30.00 member/\$35.00 non-member (Chicken or Vegetarian)

Registration deadline: 05 November 2010

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

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**Looking for Sponsors!!!**

Would you or your company like to Sponsor our November Annual Membership Meeting 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 meeting or chapter, please visit the [chapter website](#) for more details or contact [info@pmiemeraldcoastfl.org](mailto:info@pmiemeraldcoastfl.org)

## 2011 Chapter & Branch Voting is Now Open

The 2011 Chapter & Branch Board positions for Voting is now available online.

To vote you must be a member of the Chapter and in good standing. You will need to enter your email address and the voting site will send you a personal link and code to enter and begin voting. Voting will end on **November 8, 2010 at Midnight**.

To view the candidates and to vote for 2011, visit the chapter website.

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## 2010 Chapter Membership Survey is here!

The Chapter is conducting a survey of our members to better understand the needs and expectations of our membership. Please take the time to tell us what we are doing right and where we can improve. We understand that your time is valuable so the survey is short and concise. The feedback we receive will allow us to continue to improve our chapter to ensure you continue to benefit from your membership. Thank you for your help!

### **WIN A FREE DINNER!**

1. Finish the Survey
2. Provide us your name and contact information, and you will be entered for a random drawing for a free ticket to the Annual dinner meeting this November at the Ramada Inn on Okaloosa Island.

[Complete Survey](#)

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## PMI Emerald Coast FL Chapter Needs YOU!

If you are interested in volunteering, the Chapter has many opportunities for Volunteers and you can earn PDUs at the same time. The Chapter has a continuous needs for volunteers to help board members with planning and executing Chapter activities.

Volunteering is an excellent way to expand your contact network, and to increase your skills and qualifications as a leader.

Board Members earn 10 PDUs for their service. Chapter volunteers also earn PDUs to help you meet your continuing certification requirements for your PMP. However, having a PMP is **NOT** a prerequisite!

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## Are you NOT a member of PMI® or the Chapter?

When you become a PMI member, you'll gain access to knowledge, networks and resources that can help you to improve your work and advance your career in project management. Membership means you'll be recognized as someone who is:

- Serious about professional and personal development
- Enthusiastic about good practices in project management
- Dedicated to practicing your profession in an ethical manner

All of these factors give you an edge in the job market and distinguish you to employers, colleagues and stakeholders. Go to <http://www.pmi.org/en/Membership/Membership-Benefits-of-Membership.aspx> for more details on how to become a member of PMI and the Emerald Coast FL Chapter

## November 4th is International Project Management Day

The international project management day (IPM day) is intended to encourage project based organizations worldwide or organizations who utilize project management methodologies to schedule some type of recognition event within their organizations or coordinated locally with others to truly demonstrate appreciation for the achievements of project managers and their teams.

Our Chapter is honoring International Project Management Day at the November Annual Meeting

on 18 November and giving the opportunity to award “Best of the Best”. Do you know a Program/ Project Manager who:

- Has excelled in the execution of a program
- Stands out in the profession of Project/Program Manager
- Has made additional efforts in the advancement of the profession

We are taking nominations for the ‘Best of the Best’ and will announce at November Meeting.

For further information and view “The Best of the Best” criteria visit our website or contact [info@pmiemeraldcoastfl.org](mailto:info@pmiemeraldcoastfl.org).



## Mobile Branch- Great turn out at October Kickoff!

The Mobile Branch held their Branch Kickoff Meeting on October 14th, 2010. Guest speakers included Carrie French, PMP Director of Mobile Branch and Cheryl Archer, PMP Vice President Elect of Chapter. They had a great turn out of attendees and looking forward to continuing to grow the Mobile Branch Area.

Look for pictures of the event soon on the Mobile Branch page of the Chapter website.



Look for more information coming soon to the [Mobile Branch](#) page of the Chapter website or contact Carrie French, PMP Director, Mobile Branch at [directormobilebranch@pmiemeraldcoastfl.org](mailto:directormobilebranch@pmiemeraldcoastfl.org)

## Panama City Branch– In Full Swing!

The Panama City Branch is in Full Swing. They hold their General Membership Meetings every 4th Thursday of each month. They will not be holding a November General Membership Meeting but will be attending the Annual Membership Evening Chapter meeting on November 18th, 2010.

Look for more information coming soon to the [Panama City Branch](#) page of the Chapter website or contact John Dawson, PMP Director, Panama City Branch at [directorpanamacitybranch@pmiemeraldcoastfl.org](mailto:directorpanamacitybranch@pmiemeraldcoastfl.org)

Earn 11 PDUs at this FREE virtual Event!

Registration is still open for IIL's FREE virtual event in recognition of IPM Day 2010! On-demand access to content will be available for 90 days from the launch date on November 4, 2010. <http://events.unisfair.com/index.jsp?eid=1022&seid=30>





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## 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: [vpprofdevelopment@pmiemeraldcoastfl.org](mailto:vpprofdevelopment@pmiemeraldcoastfl.org)

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### Chapter Website

[www.pmiemeraldcoastfl.org](http://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.

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

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### 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](http://www.pmi.org).

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