

# myPMI-H News

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Andy Stuart, PMP, 2012 PMI Houston Chapter President.

## PMI Houston Board Elections Opens This Month

The 2012 PMI Houston Board elections will open on August 10th. As a Chapter member, you are encouraged to participate in the election process and select your Board representative for

the areas of e-Business, Marketing, Membership, and Senior VP of Internal Operations.

The 2012 elections committee has announced the following candidates for the 2013-2014 officer positions:

- Vice President of Marketing  
Candidate: Suresh Balivada
- Vice President of e-Business  
Candidate: Nagaraja Bassappa  
Candidate: Tim McDearmon
- Vice President of Membership  
Candidate: Eric Hintz
- Senior Vice President of Internal Operations  
Candidate: Lee Jones

Additional information about the candidates will be available in the PMI Houston Web site at [www.pmihouston.org](http://www.pmihouston.org). Thank you in advance for your participation.

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2012 PMI Houston Chapter President

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Officer candidates Lee Jones (top) and Eric Hintz (bottom).

## Recognition: Volunteer of the Quarter

“Looking back over the past 3 months, Tammy is the best candidate to receive the PMI-H Volunteer of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Award because she was the Project Manager for the 2012 PMI Houston Chapter Conference” said Robert Masch, PMI-H Senior VP of External Operations.

Tammy Hong did an outstanding job as the project manager of the 2012 PMI Houston Conference, coordinating all activities and volunteer teams. This year, the conference was highly praised by speakers, attendees, and vendors, who also provided great feedback about the overall organization led by Tammy. She has set a new standard for managing PMI local conferences; conference feedback was 99% positive, and attendance and profits exceeded the Chapter goals. She will be sharing best practices with other Chapters of our PMI Region 6, and will also serve as an advisor to the 2012 PMI Houston conference team.



PMI Houston Chapter shows our appreciation by selecting Tammy Hong as our Volunteer of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter.

## PMBOK Fifth Edition: To be Launched This Year

PMI is preparing to launch the PMBOK<sup>®</sup> Guide Fifth Guide in December of this year. The new release will be available in electronic format at no cost to PMI members through the PMI Bookstore.

Any changes to the PMP Exam based on the new edition of the PMI PMBOK<sup>®</sup> Guide will not occur until the third quarter of 2013. If you have taken any PMP preparation course lately, or are planning to take one soon, you are encouraged to schedule your test before the changes to the PMP Exam take place during next year.

Information about current PMI Standards projects is available at <http://www.pmi.org/en/PMBOK-Guide-and-Standards/Standards-Current-PMI-Standards-Projects.aspx>. For more information please contact Kristen Vitello, PMI standards project specialist at [vitello@pmi.org](mailto:vitello@pmi.org).

**NORTH DINNER MEETING:**

**How to Stop Herding Cats – Leading Project Teams through the Chaos**

**August 14, 2012 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM**

Speaker: Bill Fournet

Dinner Meeting: Strack Farms Restaurant  
5707 Louetta. Spring, TX 77379

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**GALLERIA HESS CLUB DINNER MEETING:**

**How to Stop Herding Cats – Leading Project Teams through the Chaos**

**August 15, 2012 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM**

Speaker: Bill Fournet

Dinner Meeting: HESS Club  
5430 Westheimer Road. Houston, TX 77056

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**BRAZOS VALLEY MEETING:**

No meeting in August

**SOUTHWEST MEETING:**

**Collaboration Insights – Methodologies to Improve Project Team Performance**

**August 15, 2012. 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM**

Speaker: Charles W. Jennings

Schlumberger – Sugar Land Campus  
210 Schlumberger Drive. Sugarland, TX 77478

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**DOWNTOWN MEETING:**

**Topic: TBA**

**August 30, 2012. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM**

Speaker: TBA

Main Houston public library branch – Concourse level room  
500 McKinney Street. Houston, TX 77002

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**UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON MEETING:**

No meeting in August

**MANAGING PROJECTS WITH MICROSOFT PROJECT 2010 - ESSENTIALS (14 PDUs)**

August 13-14, 2012 8:00am to 5:00pm

EPM Architects Training and Solution Center

6300 West Loop South, Suite 570

Bellaire, TX 77401

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**PMP® & CAPM® PREP – 4 day (Up to 35 PDUs)**

August 27 – August 30, 2012 8:30am to 4:30pm

Tri Tech Surveying Company

10401 Westoffice Drive

Houston, TX 77042

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For events and training programs please register online. Additional information about coming events and training is available at <http://www.pmihouston.org/meetinginfo.php>

# Dinner Chapter Events

**Speaker:** **Bill Fournet** is the President and CEO of The Persimmon Group, the management consulting firm he founded in 2004. Bill consults clients ranging from Fortune 500 companies to small and mid-sized businesses in various industry verticals, including energy, financial services, aerospace, telecommunications, government and human resources. Bill has helped enhance numerous Fortune 1000 organizations, including AT&T, IBM, Boeing, and The NORDAM Group.



Drawing from his personal work experiences with leading aerospace, energy, retail, and government entities, Bill has created programs that make him a sought-after speaker on Generational Diversity, Leadership and Project Management. Bill, a member of the National Speakers Association, is a highly professional yet personable speaker whose youthful energy coupled with a matter-of-fact style has demanded repeat engagements from leading corporations and associations. His sought-after presentations feature a high-level of audience participation, and his shoot-straight-from-the-hip, no-nonsense approach to business is guaranteed to keep the crowd motivated and engaged. Bill's experience in managing high-performance teams has directly influenced the unique business philosophy and atmosphere that has created one of the leading small businesses today. In 2011, The Persimmon Group was awarded the Blue Ribbon by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce for its success as one of the leading small businesses in America. The Persimmon Group was also named in 2011 to the Inc. 500/5000 list for the U.S. Fastest Growing Companies. Bill earned a bachelor's degree from Vanderbilt University and a master's degree from Oklahoma State University.

**Topic:** **How to Stop Herding Cats: Leading Project Teams through the Chaos**

Do you feel that managing your project team is like managing a herd of cats? Do you have people going every direction? Do you have accountability and control of the process and the team to ensure a successful project? Most project managers feel that they spend more time herding cats than actually leading the project. This presentation focuses on why this happens, and how project managers have gotten their "cats" under control. Additional information about these dinner events is available at <http://www.pmihouston.org/meetinginfo.php>

**Meeting Sponsor:** The [Persimmon Group](#) provides professional services on the following areas: Business Consulting, IT Business Services, Leadership Development, and Project Management Consulting.

**Did You Know?** We have chapter meeting sponsor opportunities available. Please mention to your organization. For more information contact Giovanni Fanduiz, VP of Programs at [vpprograms@pmiouston.org](mailto:vpprograms@pmiouston.org).

## Not sure where to get your PM education?

There are many training organizations out there that offer project management courses, however the majority of these have not been independently assessed against global standards for both project management and continuing education and training by PMI. Only PMI Chapters and PMI Approved vendors offer courses designated as a PMI R.E.P. This indicates that the organization has met PMI's rigorous quality standards and can deliver world-class, effective project management training and education.

Project Management Institute's Registered Education Providers (R.E.P.s) are organizations approved by PMI to offer project management training, and are authorized to offer direct PMI Approved PDU's. **Benefits of Training with a R.E.P. include:**

- Demonstrated alignment with PMI, the world's leading, standard-setting project management association,
- Pre-approved by PMI to offer PDUs. Credential holder PDU claims are automatically expedited for processing,
- Qualifications are verified before acceptance and every three years thereafter through PMI's quality review process,
- Every project management course registered with PMI must be reviewed by an appropriate and valid PMI credential holder,
- Project Management Professional (PMP) credential prep courses must be taught by valid PMP credential holders,
- Verified focus of courses on learning outcomes, and
- Instructors must be current in learning methods and must continuously enhance their skills.

A list of our courses is available at [http://www.pmihouston.org/content.php?page=Professional\\_Development](http://www.pmihouston.org/content.php?page=Professional_Development). If there is a class or topic that you are interested on, please contact our VP of Professional Development, Anna Davydan, at [vppd@pmihouston.org](mailto:vppd@pmihouston.org) and based on demand we will be glad to include it in our list of courses.

## Not "Linked In" yet?



Follow us on LinkedIn at [http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=1844565&trk=hb\\_side\\_g](http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=1844565&trk=hb_side_g) for information about our coming social events and networking opportunities.

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