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## 2014 President's Message



Greetings from the PMI-Houston board and Happy New Year 2014!

As many of you know, in 1974 Houston was the first chapter ever chartered by the Project Management Institute. Now in 2014, the PMI Houston Chapter celebrates its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We plan many activities to celebrate this milestone for the chapter and want all of you to participate. To start, put the 2014 PMI Houston Conference on your calendar for June 9-11, 2014 at Reliant Park. It will be a great event.

The start of a new year brings new board members into the governance structure of your chapter, so please look them up on the website 'Board of Directors' page under the 'About' tab and visit with them at the various chapter events. We need your input to make the chapter the best it can be. The board will be having a kick-off meeting on the second weekend in January to finalize the plans and budget for 2014.

As we embark on this New Year, we ask ourselves "Why be involved with PMI?" Consistently, as professionals, and as a chapter, we strive for excellence in project management. We learn more and hone our skills so that we can plan and execute at a higher level. But project management is just that, methodology and skills. The true value is when we use those heightened skills and reliable methods to benefit our companies, our community and our profession. Let's all ask ourselves how we are using project management to improve society, our community and our chapter. Come and be involved in the events and projects of PMI-Houston to have an impact on the quality of life around us. We invite you to volunteer and participate in the direction and governance of the chapter. Make a difference in 2014!

May 2014 truly be your best year ever.

Regards,

Lee

Lee Jones, PMP  
President, PMI Houston Chapter, 2014

Coming in January

Visit [PMI Houston Meetings](#) for 'latest' meeting details

**Note: January's Galleria Area HESS Club Meeting will be held on January 15**

**PMI® Houston Meetings - Venues and Standard Times**

Venue	Time	Description
<b>North</b> <b>Strack Farms Restaurant - Banquet Hall</b> 5707 Louetta, Spring, TX 77379 (Between Kuykendahl & Stuebner-Airline Rd.) <a href="http://www.stracks.com">http://www.stracks.com</a>	<b>Monthly on second Tuesday</b> Pre-dinner meeting 5:30 to 6:30 PM	Presentation with guest speaker. Pre-dinner meeting is free to attend.
	<b>Monthly on second Tuesday</b> Dinner meeting 6:30 to 8:00 PM	Dinner Meeting with guest speaker. Cost: <b>\$25</b> for members and <b>\$30</b> for non-members. Walk-ins are an additional <b>\$10</b> .
<b>Galleria Area</b> <b>HESS Club</b> 5430 Westheimer Road Houston, TX 77056 <a href="http://www.hessclub.com">http://www.hessclub.com</a>	<b>Monthly on second Wednesday (Note: January's Meeting will be held on January 15)</b> Pre-dinner meeting 5:30 to 6:30 PM	Presentation with guest speaker. Pre-dinner meeting is free to attend.
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<b>Southwest</b> <b>Schlumberger</b> Sugar Land Campus 210 Schlumberger Drive	<b>Monthly on third Wednesday</b> Time: 5:30 to 6:30 PM	Presentation with guest speaker. This meeting is free to attend.
<b>The Woodlands</b> <b>Sam Houston State University Center</b> 3380 College Park Drive, 4th Floor The Woodlands, TX 77384	<b>Monthly on third Thursday</b> Time: 6:00 to 7:00 PM	Presentation with guest speaker. This meeting is free to attend. <b>*Newest PMI Houston meeting venue.</b>
<b>Downtown</b> <b>Houston Library</b> Main Houston Public Library Branch Concourse Level Meeting Room 500 McKinney Street Houston, TX 77002	<b>Monthly on last Thursday</b> Time: 5:30 to 6:30 PM	Presentation with guest speaker. This meeting is free to attend.

<p><b>West - Agile SYSCO</b> 1390 Enclave Parkway Building 1390, Houston, TX 77077-20255</p> <p>Joint meeting with <b>Agile Leadership Network (ALN)</b> Houston Chapter, formerly APLN.</p>	<p><b>Quarterly on third Thursday</b> Time: 6:00 to 8:00 PM</p>	<p>Presentation with guest speaker This meeting is free to attend. For latest schedule and registration please visit ALN Houston at <a href="http://www.aplnhouston.org">www.aplnhouston.org</a> ALN meets monthly. Meetings in March, June, September, and December are promoted jointly by PMIH and ALN.</p>
<p><b>University of Houston</b> College of Technology Houston, TX</p>	<p><b>Monthly on fourth Tuesday</b> (during Fall and Spring semesters) Time: 5:30 to 6:30 PM</p>	<p><b>Resuming UH meetings.</b> Presentation with guest speaker. This meeting is free to attend. No meetings on June, July, November, and December.</p>
<p><b>Brazos Valley</b> College Station, TX</p>	<p><b>Every other month.</b></p>	<p>Presentation with guest speaker. This meeting is free to attend.</p>

*For additional details and registration information visit [PMI Houston Events](#)*

### PMI® Houston Toastmaster Club Meetings Times and Locations

Toastmaster Club Name	Location	Time
<p><a href="#">Houston Galleria Project Management Toastmasters</a></p>	<p>Houston Baptist University Atwood 2 Building, Room 215 7502 Fondren Rd. Houston, TX 77074</p>	<p>First, Third, and Fifth Wednesday 6:30 to 8:00PM</p>
<p><a href="#">North Houston Project Management Toastmasters</a></p>	<p>Denny's Restaurant 12697 N Gessner Dr Houston, Texas, 77064</p>	<p>First, Third, and Fifth Tuesday 6:15 to 8:00PM</p>

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## Training Schedule of Classes for January:

Date	Class	Level	Location	Cost	Register
January 21 – 24, 2014	PMP & CAPM 4- day Prep - January	Intermediate	<b>Tri Tech Surveying Company</b> 10401 Westoffice Drive Houston, TX 77042	\$1400.00 - \$1700.00	<a href="#">Register</a>

To see the full list of course offerings please visit the Events tab - <http://www.pmihouston.org/meetinginfo.php>

Coming in January

## January Dinner Meeting:

**North - Tuesday January 14<sup>th</sup> & Galleria - Wednesday January 15<sup>th</sup> (5:30 to 8:00pm)**

**Pre-Dinner Presentation: Meet the Board of Directors and Q&A session**

**Dinner Presentation: Sponsors – The Secret of Program and Project Success**

The sponsor is central to program and project success, good sponsors consistently deliver. Project management focusses on project efficiency while project sponsorship plays the largest part in determining project effectiveness. Recently, there has been greater emphasis on the role of the sponsor in PM literature but very little guidance for sponsors. Tonight's presentation will focus on best practice guidance for sponsors with audience participation.

**Dinner Meeting Speaker:**

**Ian Koenig** has been the external project and program management consultant for two Fortune 50 companies. He has produced a Program Management Guide combining Managing Successful Programmes (MSP®) and PMI's The Standard for Program Management second edition. Since 1989, a regular presenter at PMI symposiums, he is also a member of APM (UK), AACE, and IEEE.



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### **Professional Development Units (PDU) for PMI certified professionals:**

There are no specific PDU codes for events that award up to 2 PDUs. Each presentation meeting attended awards 1 PDU. Below is the procedure for getting credit for this event towards your PMI recertification:

- Go to [www.pmi.org](http://www.pmi.org) and log in using your pmi.org Username and Password
- Select myPMI and click on Report PDUs
- Select PDU category "CAT A: Registered Education Provider/PMI Component"
- For Activity Type select "Report a 1-2 PDU Event", click Next
- Enter Component ID "C012" (C-zero-1-2), click Search
- Activity date completed - Enter the date of the meeting
- Activity title - Enter the title of the presentation you attended
- Activity meeting number - Enter number if needed, click Next
- PDUs claimed - **Enter 1**
- Review the data entered, if correct click the box indicating "I agree this claim is accurate"
- Click Submit

Note: If attended both, pre-dinner and dinner presentations, please submit two claims of 1 PDU.

## E-Biz Monthly Column:

### **Get the most out of PMI.org: Communities of practice**

There are 33 Communities of practice that span a variety of industries and areas. You can locate a community of peers to increase your knowledge, earn PDUs and share thru webinars, documents, forums and blogs.

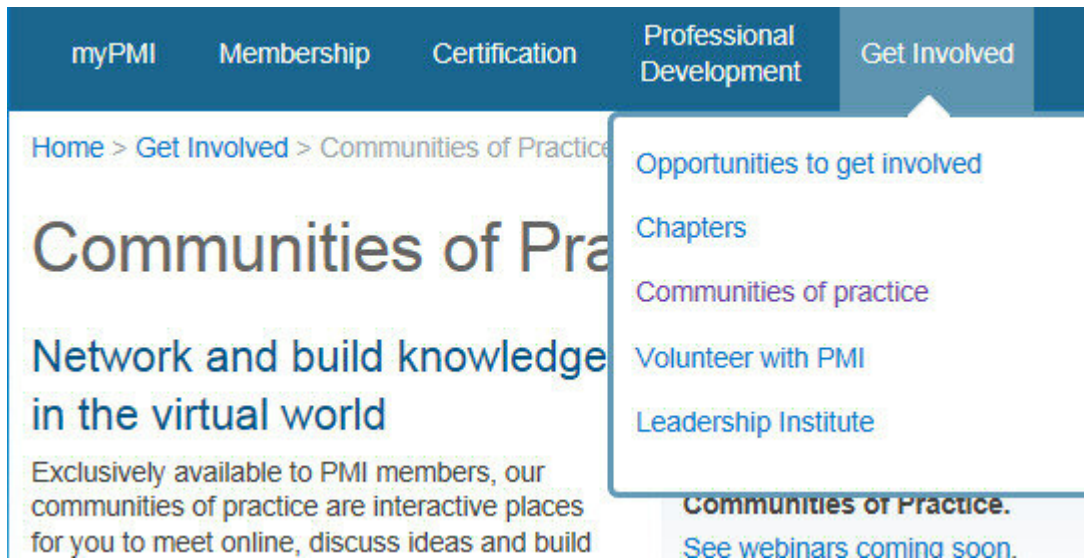
The communities include areas like Healthcare, IT, Government, Energy/ Oil Gas, Human Resources, and Marketing to name a few. You can also locate communities on Agile, Requirements gathering, Scheduling, and PMO.

Many of these communities provide a monthly newsletter and webinars which I have found to be very valuable resources to use on the job.

Your membership with PMI allows you to join these communities and gain valuable insight and knowledge at no additional cost.

Take a look for a Community that interests you today and become a member.

Locate Communities of practice under the **Get Involved** tab then press **Communities of practice** from the menu. Check out the list of 33 Communities and select a community to explore.



The screenshot shows the PMI website's navigation menu. The 'Get Involved' tab is selected, and a dropdown menu is open. The menu items are: Opportunities to get involved, Chapters, Communities of practice, Volunteer with PMI, and Leadership Institute. Below the menu, the 'Communities of Practice' section is visible, with the text: 'Network and build knowledge in the virtual world' and 'Exclusively available to PMI members, our communities of practice are interactive places for you to meet online, discuss ideas and build...'. A small box at the bottom of the dropdown menu says 'Communities of Practice. See webinars coming soon.'

By  
Amy Stonesifer,  
E-Business Director

## PMI Houston Chapter Volunteer Appreciation Event 2013

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The annual PMI Houston Chapter Volunteer Appreciation dinner held on December 3rd at Cafe Adobe and honored over 45 volunteers. In 2013, the volunteers contributed many hours of service assisting in conference, various programs and projects. As Mahatma Gandhi said "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others," the volunteers helped communities, corporations and universities to grow in project management profession.



Thanks again for all volunteers who help our chapter for running successfully! On behalf of PMI Houston Chapter, I want to again thank you for all that we have accomplished in 2013. I look forward to continuing to work with this great community in 2014!

**Nagaraja Basappa, PMP®, PMI-RMP®, PMI-ACP®**  
**Vice President of Membership, PMI Houston Chapter**

## Announcements:

### PMI Houston Conference & Expo 2014

The annual PMI Houston Conference will be held June 9 through June 11, 2014. The conference will be held at the Reliant center. Please save the date and watch for PMI Houston Conference information through weekly updates, monthly newsletters, and the PMI Houston Chapter website.

### A message from the communications team...

Dear PMI-Houston Member,

As we enter 2014, the communications team would like to remind you that we are seeking input from members to share with the chapter. Here are a few ideas as to how we can help you help us.

- 1- **Take a picture and write a small paragraph** about your high performance team member that deserves recognition and showcase their efforts/accomplishments to be featured myPMIH News monthly newsletter.
- 2- **Write a note** on your own lessons learned and share them with us, from either a current project you are involved in or one you worked on previously.

If you are interested in publishing any information in our monthly newsletter, please send it to [vpcomm@pmihouston.org](mailto:vpcomm@pmihouston.org), with the specific phrase on the subject line: 'CONTENT FOR NEWSLETTER'.

I am looking forward to us working, growing and learning along this journey.

Thank you!

*Communications Team*  
PMI Houston Chapter, Inc.



## 'Let Our People talk...'

This is a new section that I have introduced in our monthly newsletter so that YOU can voice your idea of something that may prove to be worthy of EVERYONES attention. I hope you all enjoy it and learn a bit from all the great input provided.

*J.E. Farfán, MPM, PMP- Vice President of Communications. PMI Houston Chapter, Inc.*

### *Timely Tips... 'LEAN'*

The Project Manager will create the process, while the Lean Six Sigma Green Belt will measure the effectiveness of these processes. January is the month where both can make new business improvements based on data measurements collected from the process. New goals can be established by managing process outputs. This will make good management practices. This month we will learn BPM.

### *Here is PMI Houston October question. Test your 'LEAN' knowledge.*

BPM stands for

- a.) Bad Political Movement
- b.) Basic Production Meritocracy
- c.) Business Process Management

#### **Extra Bonus question:**

Can you name three common types of process modeling?

*\*Answer and explanation to the answer are at the end of this newsletter.*

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## Classifieds:

<u>Job Title</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Date Posted</u>
<a href="#">Project Manager</a>	Houston Service Industries	October 21, 2013
<a href="#">Available Candidates</a>	Chronos Oil and Gas	October 05, 2013
<a href="#">IT Director</a>	MIC Group, a division of J. B. Poindexter & Co.	October 22, 2013
<a href="#">VP, Information Technology</a>	J.B. Poindexter & Co.	October 22, 2013
<a href="#">Project Manager</a>	TRiSTAR Global Energy Solutions	October 28, 2013
<a href="#">Infrastructure Project Manager</a>	Genuent for a direct client in Dallas Texas	November 18, 2013
<a href="#">VP - Asset Management</a>	Mangrum Career Solutions	November 23, 2013
<a href="#">Looking for seasoned PM's in the oil &amp; gas field.</a>	Sunoco Logistics	December 07, 2013
<a href="#">Advisory - Program Management - Senior Consultant</a>	Ernst & Young LLP	December 07, 2013
<a href="#">Advisory - Program Management - Manager</a>	Ernst & Young LLP	December 07, 2013
<a href="#">ERP Senior Project/Program Manager</a>	Harris County Auditor's Office	December 23, 2013
<a href="#">Program Manager</a>	3ES Innovation Inc.	December 23, 2013
<a href="#">Senior Project Manager</a>	3ES Innovation Inc.	December 23, 2013

If you have a job opening that you would like to promote through the PMI Houston Chapter, please email the following information to [ypcomm@pmihouston.org](mailto:ypcomm@pmihouston.org).

- Title
- Company
- Ad Expiration Date
- Detailed Job Description

Your ad will be posted on the PMI Houston Chapter website and featured in weekly and monthly newsletter communications.

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## Let Our People Talk- Timely Tips 'LEAN' Answer

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### The correct answer is C

Business Process Management is a system of defining corporate-wide business processes, into a standardized business policy

- a.) Bad Political Movement could lead to a career ending move.
- b.) Basic Production Meritocracy is a Wally type of employee looking for his next cup of excuses
- c.) Business Process Management is a documentation process which systematically aligns a business process with efficiency.

### Extra Bonus question:

Can you name three common types of process modeling?

### Answer:

**Value Steam Mapping** is used for diagramming, with a focus on primary workflow. It includes transaction flow, and communication flow. The open arrows will show push/pull.

**Flow charts** are used to document any process. Many symbols are used to represent activities. It shows only one type of flow which is transactional. Questions are answered in a decision step.

**BPMN (Business Process Management Notation)** shows transaction Information and message flow and sequence, which can easily convert to a simulation.