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INFORMATION ABOUT THE 2007 PMI MONTGOMERY CHAPTER OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: BRUCE L. PATERSON, PMP

Currently Bruce Paterson is a Vice President and Senior Project Manager for Regions Financial Corporation in Montgomery, Alabama where he manages numerous high profile information technology centric projects impacting all business units for \$85B regional bank. Prior to Regions, he worked for 27 years in the Department of Defense sector in various computer operations, software development, program management, and communications assignments. Bruce obtained his PMP in July 2004 and has served on the Montgomery Chapter PMI board of directors as president elect in 2006 and VP professional development in 2005. Bruce has thirty years experience as a project manager in the Information Technology and Financial Services arenas. He holds two program manager certifications from the Department of Defense.

PRESIDENT-ELECT: ELIZABETH (LIZ) FANT, PMP

Liz Fant is the Corporate Facility Security Officer (FSO) for LJT & Associates, Inc where she been employed for six years. LJT provides Information Technology, Geospatial, Federal Space and Security services to clients such as Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA), Department of the Air Force, Department of the Navy, and National Aeronautics and Space Agency. Liz served 20 years in the United States Air Force and has worked at several



New board Liz Fant, President-elect; Nitin Rastogi, VP eBusiness; Danney Watson, VP Professional Development; Mary Lee Carter, VP Membership; Deborah Richardson, VP Public Relations. Not pictured are Bruce Paterson,

contractor agencies and Civil Service since her retirement from the Air Force. As the Corporate FSO, Liz provides oversight and management for the three facility cage codes and the personnel assigned across the United States. Liz also performs security consulting and training for FSOs assigned to other corporations. Liz has received the Industrial Security Professional (ISP) Certification as well as the PMP Certification. She is a charter member of the PMI Montgomery Chapter, has been a volunteer for the 2005 Chapter Officers Nomination & Election Committee, and is the incumbent Vice President of Professional Development.

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From The President...

It has been a great privilege to serve as President of the Montgomery, AL PMI Chapter, and I thank you all for the opportunity. Looking back over the year, I thought of a lot of really good things about our Chapter. I thought I would share some of them with you:

- Sharing the joy when members pass the exam.
- Programs that bring value to our members and keep us coming back.
- Seminars that help us meet our educational needs.
- Great food, service, and a wonderful view at the Capital City Club.
- Sponsors who support us – ALFA, AUM, and Colonial Bank.
- Founding members who provided so much wisdom and energy to get us started, and who continue to serve today.
- Getting to meet lots of people who encounter similar professional challenges.
- Members from different industries including manufacturing, banking, consulting, telecom, state government, and other industries.
- New members who provide new ideas and opportunities.
- Versatile members who have successfully filled both officer and support roles.
- Volunteers who move into officer roles.
- A very qualified, accomplished group of officers elected for 2007.

2006 has truly been a good year for the PMI Montgomery Chapter, and we have developed some great plans for next year with lots of opportunities to get involved. Be thinking about your areas of interest and how you would like to volunteer in 2007. Liz Fant, President Elect 2007, will lead the volunteer program, so contact Liz – or any officer – for information on volunteering.

Allyson Pitman, PMP

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VP FINANCIAL AFFAIRS: RITA ALLEN, PMP

Rita graduated with a BBA in Marketing from the University of West Georgia and also an AS in Computer Science. She received her MBA with a focus Management from Mercer University – Atlanta in 1989. In 1991 she took a job with the Alabama, Dept. of Revenue as a Programmer Analyst and worked there for 14 years dealing with money amounts and tax figures. In 2004, she accepted a position at the Alabama, Dept. of Transportation to manage a huge project of Document Management. In 2005, she accepted her current position at the Alabama, Dept. of Finance, as an IT Project Manager handling various concurrent projects with multiple agencies providing excellent opportunity for growth in the areas of Finance and Project Management. Rita became a PMP in August of 2005.

VP COMMUNICATIONS: BUTCH FANT, PMP

Currently performing project management duties as a Senior Systems Engineer with CACI, Inc. Proven performer with over twenty years of computer and information systems experience in local government, federal government, military, and private sectors. Experienced and capable project manager with numerous successes in planning and executing major software development projects. Demonstrated leadership ability in other positions including software development manager, team leader, and maintenance supervisor. Highly experienced in systems analysis and design; database design, development, and administration; software engineering; test and evaluation; and functional requirements analysis. Well-developed communications skills include the ability to write technical documents, make oral presentations to senior management, discuss technical issues with customers, and deliver lectures to large audiences. Teaching experience includes professional military education, university level computer science topics, and vocational technical training in computer science topics.

VP PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: DANNEY WATSON, PMP

Dannee is currently a Network Manager with BellSouth where he has been employed for the last 14 years. Most recently, he has been managing projects involving rebuilding of field communication networks and upgrades of cable pressurization equipment in telecom switching environments. He has been working in project management with BellSouth for the last 6 years. Danney is a graduate of Troy University at Montgomery where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Resource Management. He is a charter member of the PMI—Montgomery Chapter and has recently achieved his PMP certification.

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VP PROGRAMS: SUSAN IRWIN, PMP

Susan currently works for Colonial Bank where she has been for 6 years. During the time that she has been with Colonial she has moved from an instructional designer to an application supervisor. Although, she has not moved entirely into the Project Management field she is responsible to completing timelines, WBS, and necessary technical documents needed to move a project forward. Currently Susan is responsible for heading up a Standards group within the application development department creating policy, procedures and coding standards to be used by all development personnel. Susan has her masters in Computer science, numerous Microsoft, and Lotus certification and she is a PMP. Susan has been involved with chapter events for the past year and a half.

VP MEMBERSHP: MARY LEE CARTER

Mary Lee has been a grant developer and administrator with federal social service programs serving children and families. For ten years she directed a not-for-profit leadership training and community development organization in south-east Alabama (Wiregrass Leadership, Inc.). Mary Lee has been successful in using many of the lessons learned there to develop and provide contractual services in strategic planning and leadership training through her husband's business. Currently, she works for Colonial Bank where she started as a media buyer in marketing but is now the executive assistant to the director of IT-Professional Services and the Project Management Office.

VP E-BUSINESS: NITIN RASTOGI, PMP

Nitin Rastogi is currently working as an IT Manager for a Fortune 100 company. He moved to Montgomery in 1997 to develop the Child Support System for the State of Alabama. He holds a bachelors degree in Engineering from IIT Bombay, a prestigious college in India. He did his M.B.A. from Auburn University at Montgomery in 2004. Nitin is currently serving as the e-Business volunteer for the PMI Montgomery chapter. Nitin has obtained his PMP certification.

VP PUBLIC RELATIONS: DEBORAH RICHARDSON, PMP

Deborah has a BBA in Accounting from the University of Oklahoma and is currently 15 hours shy from obtaining her MBA from the University of Oklahoma. She also plans to obtain her masters within a year or so as well as a Masters in Project Management. She has held numerous Accounting and Finance positions in Texas and Oklahoma. In 1996, she decided to change her career direction and began working on various projects, as a trainer, analysts and eventually a project manager in 2000. This is when she found a role she absolutely loves and decided that the field of Project management is where she wanted to be until she retires. Several of her former employers consist of Hitachi, American Honda Co. and Bank of America. She moved to Montgomery, AL in January, 2006 for her current position at Colonial Bank where she serves as a project manager.

Congratulations New PMP!

Mrs. Emily J. Jones, PMP



Advancing project management in the Capital City

**ROSALIND “ROZ” WILLIAMS, PMP OF COLONIAL BANK SPEAKS ON
“ADVANCEMENT OF PROJECT MANAGEMENT”**

The Montgomery PMI chapter attendees and guests at the September monthly meeting heard an informative and interesting presentation by Rosalind “Roz” Williams, PMP, on the Advancement of Project Management. Roz works for Colonial Bank as a Training and Development Leader. Roz has over twenty years of Project Management experience. Roz became a certified PMP in December, 2004.

Roz focused her presentation on the Personal Advancement in Project Management. The audience for this particular presentation consisted of the following professions: Project Management Professionals, Banking Professionals, Telecommunication Professionals, Power and Gas Utility Professionals, Small Business Entrepreneurs, Government Professionals, Healthcare Professionals, Insurance Professionals, Manufacturing and IT Government Contractors.

The objective of Roz’s presentation was to Educate, Entice, Elicit and Empower. Roz focused on the credentials and requirements of PMI. The PMI credentialing is as follows: Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM), Project Management Professional (PMP) and Program Managers (which is new). Once Roz discussed the PMI credentialing, she discussed the requirements for each PMI avenue. The requirements for CAPM are as follows:

- Who’s eligible – Professionals from all disciplines
- Eligibility Criteria
 - High school grad or equivalent
 - 1500 hours of work on a Project team
 - Or 23 hours of formal Project Management Education

Cost—electronic—non-member \$300/member #225The requirements for PMP are as follows:

- Who’s eligible – Professionals who meet specific requirements
- Eligibility Criteria
 - High school grad or equivalent
 - 7500 leading specific tasks and 60 months of Project Management experience or 4500 hours, if have Bachelors Degree
 - 35 hours of formal Project Management education
 - Cost – electronic – non-member \$555/ member \$405

The requirements for Program Manager are as follows:

- Who’s eligible – Professionals who lead the coordinated management of multiple projects.
- Eligibility Criteria:
 - Specific criteria pending final approval
 - Cost – new, not finalized



**Roz Williams spoke at the
September dinner meeting.**

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According to the American Society for the Advancement of Project Management (ASAOM), the requirements for a Certified Senior Project Manager (CSPM) are as follows:

- Who's eligible – Professionals who have managed complex projects
- Eligibility Criteria:
 - High school grad or equivalent
 - Course Requirements – 2 stages
 - Cost - \$2070 to \$2375

The requirements for obtaining a Certificate in Project Management (at George Washington University – ESI International) are as follows:

- Who's Eligible – Professionals from all disciplines
- Eligibility Criteria
 - High school grad or equivalent
 - Course Requirements – 7 courses
 - Cost - \$10,000 to \$13,000

The requirements for obtaining a Masters of Science in Project Management (at George Washington University) are as follows:

- Who's Eligible – Professionals who meet specific requirements
- Eligibility Criteria
 - High school grad or equivalent
 - Bachelors Degree
 - Course Requirements – 13 courses (classroom or online)
 - Cost - \$34,956

Once Roz completed the requirements, she asked the group “why advance in Project Management?” Roz went on to share some benefits in advancing your career in Project Management, which consisted of: Financial Benefits, Personal Growth, Company Benefits, and Customer Satisfaction. Once Roz got the audience highly interested and excited, she asked the group to “Decide Today!” (Elicit) and then told us to “Take Charge!” Roz empowered the group to move forward. Also, Roz asked the group to mentor others that are interested in becoming a PMP as this is an exciting field.

Roz's presentation was well received by all attendees.



Gary Weatherly, Ruth Cordle, Bart Ivy and others listen as Roz speaks.

Article by: Deborah Richardson, PMP

Upcoming Training & Events

Successful Project Management-Introductory Level

November 13-15, 2006, 8:30 am to 4:30 p.m.
Auburn University Montgomery Library Tower, 10th floor

\$499 for PMI members, \$599 for others.

For course description visit <http://www.aum.edu/coned> and choose Professional Development. This three-day seminar provides an overview of project management concepts and principles using lecture, small group case studies and discussion. This course provides 21 contact hours of training that apply toward the 35 hours required to take the PMP or CAPM exams. To register call 334-244-3804.



**Attendees at the October AUM PMP Prep Course
take practice exams**

Software Project Management

November 16-17, 2 days, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
AUM TechnaCenter, 75 TechnaCenter Drive,
Montgomery, AL

Fee \$975 (for PMI members), \$1050 (others), 13 PDUs.

You'll leave this workshop able to immediately apply the tools and techniques you've learned, with a plan to take action on your software projects. The course draws from the best in software project management practices including: PMBOK® Guide, The CMMI® from SEI, and Agile Software Development Methods. This seminar is presented by ASPE Technology, a PMI Registered Education Provider. Candidates for this course include project managers, team leads, systems analysts, and applications developers. For a detailed course brochure, visit the Events page of www.pmimontgomery.org. For more information call 334-782-0842. To register call 334-244-3080

Hands-on IT Project Management

December 18-19, 2 days, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
AUM TechnaCenter, 75 TechnaCenter Drive, Montgomery, AL
Fee \$975 (for PMI members), \$1050 (others), 13 PDUs.

This two-day course provides a unique combination of skills development and tool/technique utilization critical for IT project success. First gain a solid foundation in PMI's Project Management Framework. Then acquire the skills to use the best emerging, cutting edge IT project management tools. This seminar is taught in a hands-on computer lab and is presented by ASPE Technology, a PMI Registered Education Provider. Candidates for this course include project managers, technical managers, business analysts, and applications developers. For a detailed course brochure, visit the Events page of www.pmimontgomery.org. For more information call 334-782-0842. To register call 334-244-3080.

Developing Requirements with Use Cases

November 29-30, 2 days, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
AUM TechnaCenter, 75 TechnaCenter Drive, Montgomery, AL
Fee \$975 (for PMI members), \$1050 (others), 13.5 PDUs.

Get project requirements right the first time, every time, using these state-of-the-art techniques. This presentation will cover how to produce high-quality, readable use case documentation that serves business and IT stakeholders. This seminar is presented by ASPE Technology, a PMI Registered Education Provider. Candidates for this course are business analysts, systems analysts, applications developers, and leaders of systems projects or teams. For a detailed course brochure, visit the Events page of www.pmimontgomery.org. For more information call 334-782-0842. To register call 334-244-3080.



Top Left: At the October meeting Debbie Flick, Joe Baker, Rita McNeely, Mark Spain, Rick Kerwin, and Rod Heath shared their project management horror stories and what they learned from them.

Top Right: Marsha Beasley presented Rod Heath the award for scariest project management horror story. And what lesson did he learn? Always document everything!

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