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The new board of directors took office on July 7, 2007 and we are in the process of transitioning responsibilities from the outgoing board of directors.

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Note: For concern and questions, kindly write to VP of Communication & Coordination.

Objectives of the new board

The new board of directors has accepted to work voluntarily for the benefit of PMI community for a period of three years and as such we need some time to understand the by-laws and chapter governance. Our intentions are to bring chapter members together and provide continuous learning through regular chapter meetings. Each member of this chapter is requested to lend their support and co-operation and take full advantage of upcoming chapter meetings in order to improve their career growth that project management profession has to offer.

Please remember that PMP is a globally accepted certification and is well recognized all over the world. As we move forward, many of the IT and Non-IT organization would require PMP certification in order to function as effective project manager. The continuous update of knowledge and skill is part of learning process and the PMI Chennai Chapter has been created to provide such knowledge and participation of members will help others as well.

In order to achieve common goals, we have to follow code of conduct set by PMI Institute USA in conjunction with local Association laws. It would be appropriate for all us to understand the important guidelines so that we have clear transparency. Any member can obtain a hard copy by providing necessary fees for copies. Soft copy circulation is not permitted by PMI.

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Responsibilities of the new board

Electing founder members to support the initiatives and provide mentorship. All board members shall be in good standing. The board further may elect sub committees to support each director's initiatives.

The board is empowered to carefully evaluate the needs of the chapter and revise the annual dues accordingly in order to meet all the budgeted expenses and to support various initiatives. Regular business meetings and bi-monthly chapter meetings will be coordinated by Vice President of Communication with the help of sub committees that is to be formed.

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Did you know?

- The PMI global website has a new look
- There are more than 240,000 members in PMI from over 160 countries
- Members can read more than 250 Project Management related books through the eReads link of www.pmi.org



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Summary of pmi by-laws

1. Membership to PMI Chennai Chapter requires membership in PMI
2. The membership database and listings provided by PMI to the Project Management Institute, Chennai

The PMI Chennai chapter shall have five to seven elected office bearers

President

Presiding officer including appointments with the approval of the board.

Secretary

shall provide direction required to maintain the Chapter in line with legal and social requirements with the assistance of Vice President Communication and Coordination and shall provide necessary direction to the membership drive of the chapter, with a focus on retention of membership.

Vice President – Treasury and Finance

shall oversee the management of funds for duly authorized purposes of The Project Management Institute Chennai Chapter. Manage all financial transactions including the collection of chapter dues and other expenses as deemed appropriate by the board.

Vice President – Communication and Coordination

shall keep the records of all business meetings of the PMI Chennai Chapter and meetings of the board. Coordinate with PMI Head Quarters; solicit subcommittees for the purpose of chapter meetings.

Vice President – Education and Certification

will be responsible for promoting Professionalism within Project Management through the development of educational publications, seminars, and workshops designed to help Project Management Professionals achieve certification as PMP.

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Conflict of Interest

All officers/Board of directors duly appointed shall be the first point of contact for any conflict of interest of the Chapter and members are requested to comply with PMI by laws. The Vice President, Communication and Coordination will be happy to receive any concern in writing through email. The board will discuss the issue and provide timely response within a reasonable time not exceeding four weeks. Please be aware that all of us are working and we may also be traveling on business. Attempt must be made to resolve any issue with the elected board of directors.

Upcoming events

PMI Chennai chapter will organize bi-monthly chapter meetings within the city to bring valuable experience and speakers from industries and all the members will be notified.

Our first chapter meeting on August 17, 2007 starting at 7 pm followed by snacks.

There will be two presentations each one lasting for 30 min followed by questions and answer session. The question and answer session is limited to 15 min only. Details will be sent separately.

Members are requested to confirm their participation **by email** in order to determine number of participants and arrange for dinner. There will be a fee of Rs. 50.00 to cover the expenses till such time the annual membership for PMI Chennai gets revised.

PMP Preparation class: PMI Chennai chapter is planning to organize PMP preparation class for the benefit of members and will be charged a nominal fee per participant to cover the cost of renting a place and provide necessary material. Details will be sent by Vice President of Education & Certification.

Fees: Member – Rs. 8000.

Annual General Body meeting will be conducted once a year to discuss future initiatives and also to get constructive feedback from the members. The next general body meeting will be due in April 2008.

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Other plans

We are seeking dedicated volunteers to form a sub-committee for each board of directors in order to conduct planned activities. This will also facilitate the sub-committee members to get exposed to board's roles and responsibilities and they may be able to get nominated in the future board. We require 14 volunteers to help the board as under: They will be assisting in chapter meetings, collecting fees, making arrangements and provide constructive ideas etc.

Currently we need volunteers' as given below to assist:

1. Secretary – 3 members
2. Vice President – Education – 3 members
3. Vice President – Finance – 3 members
4. Vice President – Coordination – 3 members
5. President – 2 members

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Frequently asked questions

1. Why I should attend PMI Chapter meetings?

Project Management is a vast area with varied responsibilities and varies within the organization. In order to strengthen the knowledge of project management, we have a need to update our skills and be with the current trend in the industry. PMI Chennai Chapter will provide unlimited networking, knowledge sharing and opportunity to attend various presentations. It will provide a platform for quicker learning opportunity to members. Also they can earn PDUs based on the nature of meetings.

2. Why subscription need to be revised?

PMI-Chennai chapter is non-profit organization and the main source of contribution comes from members only. In order to have a quality meeting and meet additional expenses, we will be raising the fees in line with other chapters around the country. Unless we have financial stability, we will not be able to provide and build an image of this chapter.

3. What if I have a concern and who should I ask?

The only board member who is appointed to receive such mail is Vice President of Communication & Coordination. If necessary the matter will be placed before the board during our monthly meeting to provide a response to such issues.

4. What is the role of a sub-committee?

We have limited number of directors who also have to meet the demand of their organization. It is likely that they may undertake travel and will not be available to conduct chapter meetings and other initiatives. It is a way of helping Directors and at the same time an opportunity to learn from them about the responsibilities.

5. How PMI-Chennai Chapter is valuable to members?

PMI Chennai is planning to conduct PMP class for a nominal fee and the faculty will be PMPs and will have a thorough knowledge in each area of PMP exam. They will be available to help with your questions and offer help. This is only available for members of PMI-Chennai Chapter in good standing. Through our regular chapter meetings, members are exposed to best practices in project management from leaders of leading organization.

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Forthcoming lecture topic

PMI Chennai Chapter plans to organize future knowledge sharing sessions on the following topics.

- ⊖ **PMI Ethics**
- ⊖ **Project Management in Construction**
- ⊖ **How to earn PDUs**
- ⊖ **Project Cost Management**
- ⊖ **Leadership in Project Management**

Anyone interested in speaking on these topics can contact the board through VP – Education & Certification: achandra@pmi-chennai.org, with cc: to VP – Communication and Coordination: subramaniam.b@pmi-chennai.org

Please do let them know of other interesting topics. Based on the interest generated the chapter will organize talks on those topics.

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Faculty panel

PMI Chennai Chapter wishes to enlist a panel of faculty from our chapter whose services will be used in conducting the workshops and other training programmes.

We invite members who are PMP Certified and interested in teaching, to enroll themselves for this panel. Members who are interested are requested to forward their brief profile along with their preferred area for teaching from the PMBOK. A selection committee will short list the faculty. The faculty will be eligible for claiming PDUs based on hours of training conducted.

Kindly forward your details to VP – Education & Certification: achandra@pmi-chennai.org, with cc: to VP – Communication and Coordination: subramaniam.b@pmi-chennai.org

Looking forward to your whole-hearted participation in this key endeavor of the PMI Chennai Chapter.

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PMI Chennai Chapter Website www.pmi-chennai.org redesign

PMI Chennai chapter board has reviewed and decided to revamp our website. In this regards we are seeking names of organizations that can volunteer & help us in this exercise. Please let us know of such organizations so that we can discuss the proposal with them. Since we expect the work to be on a voluntary basis, in return the chapter will provide space in the website for the organization to advertise their support for a defined period. Please forward the name of organizations that would be interested along with their contact details to VP–Communication and Coordination: subramaniam.b@pmi-chennai.org



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