



## President's Message

It has been awhile since the Chapter's Strategic Plan was updated. Board Members met for the initial Strategic Planning meeting on February 29<sup>th</sup>. During the meeting there were several topics that the board felt needed to address:

- ◆ Bring additional focus to adding value to the membership
- ◆ Provide additional opportunities to earn PDUs
- ◆ Evaluate the possibility to recognize a Chapter member(s) as having lead the "Project of the Year"
- ◆ Update the Chapter documents to meet the new guidelines from PMI Global Operations Center

Board members have met with some of the leaders of the local non-profit organizations and are developing plans for members to volunteer their project management skills to help in the planning and execution phases. In the near future there will be requests for volunteers to support both the chapter and the community while earning valuable PDUs for their efforts.

- Michael Nelson  
President



## Professional Development

The PMP Certification Test preparation class has been underway since February 27. A total of 39 project managers are signed up for the class. Review sessions are all that remain.

The paper-based test is scheduled for May 31. We are expecting a great increase in the number of PMPs in our chapter.

Thanks to the following instructors in our chapter who volunteered and have done a great job teaching this class. We have purchased coffee mugs with the *Eastern Idaho Chapter* logo on them and are currently arranging to present these instructors with these mugs as a thank you.

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| ◆ Carl Lovell     | ◆ Robert Sawyers |
| ◆ Kathy Leonard   | ◆ Mark Nelson    |
| ◆ Robert Scott    | ◆ Joe Pruitt     |
| ◆ Max Christensen | ◆ Fred Cowart    |
| ◆ Brandt Meagher  | ◆ Bruce Richman  |
| ◆ Ron Denney      |                  |

We already have been asked about presenting this class again, both in Pocatello and Idaho Falls. If you are interested in being an instructor or in taking this class, please send an email to me at [Ron.Denney@eastidahopmi.org](mailto:Ron.Denney@eastidahopmi.org)

- Ron Denney  
V. P. Professional Development

## Newsletter

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### † Time Management

May 21, 2008

### † Premier Technology,

**Inc. Facility Tour**

June 18, 2008

### † Summer Break

July /August

### † Communications

**Management**

Sept 17, 2008

### † PMI Global

**Conference**

**North America**

October 18 - 21



### Congratulations

**Sue Hensley**

Sue will represent our Chapter to help

United Way of Idaho Falls and Bonneville County transition to a new business plan

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## Programs

As VP of Programs, my major responsibility is to provide speakers with a meaningful message to our membership. We have had speakers from the State of Idaho Department of Transportation describe how the road and bridge projects are managed and the unique challenges associated with those projects.

We have traveled to Pocatello for a presentation from the VP of Technology Development at AMI Semiconductor, Inc. I appreciate the participation of the membership and encourage you to take advantage of the information and networking opportunities provided at the PMI monthly meetings – the third Wednesday of each month (except July and August).

If you have any suggestions or interests that you would like to see addressed by the Chapter's programs, please email me at [furniss123@hotmail.com](mailto:furniss123@hotmail.com).

-Shanda Furniss  
V.P. Programs

## Membership

We are excited, in the area of Membership, about the opportunities and challenges for the next couple of years. As of May 13<sup>th</sup> there are 144 members in the Eastern Idaho Chapter of PMI. Meeting attendance is usually in the range of 20 to 30 members. While the growth in the number of members is great, it is evident to the Board Members that we need to add more value to your membership. One of the best ways to realize value in any organization is to get involved.

- Dennis Harrell  
V.P. Membership

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## Chapter Board Focus

Some of the things that we “think” you would like are more opportunities to earn Professional Development Units (PDUs) and opportunities for professional and career related networking. One of the things we are working on is to provide volunteer opportunities for community service projects. Volunteering is very rewarding, and it often brings recognition and a lot of self satisfaction. It is also one of several ways that PMPs can earn PDUs.

Currently we are talking with the Idaho Falls Downtown Development Corporation (IFDDC) about how we can help them in the revitalization of the Idaho Falls Downtown area. They are a non-profit organization and heavily rely on volunteers and grants for completion of their objectives. They receive some support from the City of Idaho Falls, but it is limited. Funding is very limited and no management of Downtown projects is provided though the City. Experienced volunteer Project Managers are something that they could really use. PMs are needed to organize, plan, and execute many small projects within the downtown area. These can include replacing planters, signage, landscaping, etc. While these might seem insignificant they can be quite interesting and involved, utilizing quite a number of different disciplines. A planter replacement, for example, can include managing the engineering, the street department, water, power, and other utilities, and subcontractors.

A near-term need, which we just issued an opportunity announcement for, is management for a “Riverfront Project” which will eventually tie the Snake River Green-belt with the downtown area. This will add to the aesthetic appeal and pedestrian friendliness of the downtown area. It will be a good sized project and is envisioned to require several volunteers, working together for the planning and management of the job. The project will include design, engineering, landscaping, construction of an amphitheatre, walks, roads, paving, a skate board park/ice skating rink and other amenities. It will be an interesting, fun and rewarding project.

As a board, we want to make the Chapter into an organization that you as members truly want to support and participate in and we are always open to suggestions for improvements. We would really like your feedback, so if you have any we would like to hear from you. Please email any of the Board members.