

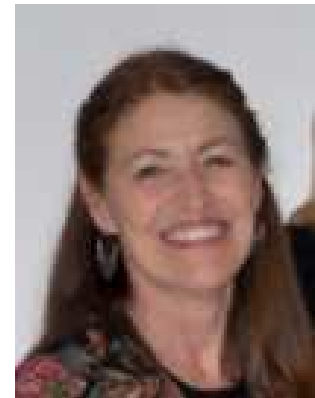


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President's Message

Welcome 2012!

PMI-NNV is committed to continually bring value to our members through the creation of new programs and networking opportunities. The involvement of our members are a critical component of our success. Now more than ever, project management professionals need to stay informed of project management methodologies, and strive to keep their PM skills sharp. PMI-NNV encourages you to get involved with our Nevada Chapter of PMI. We have exciting plans in store for this year, and looking for your input and participation. We encourage you to join in by volunteering!



Carmen Jones
PMI-NNV President

2012 Elections Are Here!

Do you want to develop your leadership skills?

- * Are you looking to build your leadership skills and personal contacts?
- * Are you looking to develop new job skills along with adding experience to your resume?
- * Or maybe you're just looking to increase your personal satisfaction knowing that you contributed to helping our chapter offer continued opportunities for our members...

You can get all this and more by being an officer of PMI-NNV.

PMI-NNV officers are an essential part of our organization to provide continuing education, networking, and personal growth opportunities for our members. Our officers are integral to the continued growth. Join the PMI-NNV Board of Directors! Some of the benefits that you could

see from being an officer are:

- Build your professional and personal contacts
- Opportunities to develop leadership skills
- Develop your communication and people skills
- Allow you to share your current skills with others
- Develop job skills and add experience to your resume
- Increase your personal satisfaction
- To be challenged and appreciated
- Earn PDU's

This year we have three positions open for election: President Elect, Vice President of Finance, and Vice President of Professional Services. Join our team of officers and become a valuable contributor to the continued growth of PMI-NNV!

If you are interested in this opportunity to become part of the Board for the PMI-NNV chapter, please login to www.pmi-nnv.org and select the "2012 Elections" menu item to fill out a nomination submission. Email the submission to elections@pmi-nnv.org by 4/15/12. We will announce the candidates at our April Monthly Evening Meeting on 4/24/12.

Motivating A Team

A team is far more powerful than a group of individuals. The difference is, team members support one another and integrate their talents to accomplish a common goal. It's this cooperation and coordinated effort that wins basketball games, lands men on the moon, and produces successful projects. However, not every member of every team is equally motivated. Professional coaches overcome this by creating an environment in which each athlete can motivate himself. Techniques for building the trust that stimulates motivation include allowing team members to participate in making decisions while retaining final authority, setting goals, planning continuous improvement, providing an opportunity to grow, and establishing a vision of what can become reality. These are cemented by appreciation,



constructive criticism and reward. Coaching on the court or in a project involves instruction, counsel and explaining how to improve performance. Effective motivation produces more than improved performance; it also increases team member satisfaction, inspires commitment to excellence and furthers leadership development within the team.



No one knows more about motivating a team than a coach. And few coaches know more than Reno Bighorns' head coach, Paul Mokeski. Mr. Mokeski began his NBA career in 1979 and joined the Bighorns in September 2011 with more than 30 years of experience in professional basketball as a coach and player. He has served as assistant coach to the Rio Grande Valley Vipers, helping guide them to the NBA D-League Finals the past two seasons and winning the Championship in 2010. This past summer he coached with the Great Britain National team that qualified for the 2012 Olympics. Mr. Mokeski played 12 years in the NBA with Houston, Detroit, Cleveland, Milwaukee and Golden State before beginning his coaching career as head coach with the Hartford Hellcats (CBA).

Departing from the traditional presentation format, Reno Bighorns Coach Paul Mokeski will practice two of the key skills of effective coaching – listening and advising. He will start with a short introductory presentation, indented to stimulate questions in the minds of members on practical ways to motivate team members and coach their own project teams. Then he will proceed to questions-and-answers to help resolve the dilemmas that are most on the minds of project managers who need to keep their teams motivated, drawing on his training, knowledge and actual experiences. Members can expect many examples and stories that parallel a project manager's own challenges with coaching and motivating adults. If you have a question that you want to be sure gets answered by Coach Mokeski, e-mail it to Wynnlee Crisp, Chapter Program Director, at hwcrisp@aol.com 425.681.7887.

Meeting Time and Location

Coach Mokeski's presentation is scheduled for the January 24 meeting of the Project Management Institute's Northern Nevada Chapter. It will be held at Firkin & Wolf restaurant (13971 S. Virginia St in the Sierra Summit Mall, Reno). Networking begins at 5:30pm, dinner and announcements begin at 6:15pm, and the presentation begins at 7:00pm. The charge for dinner and presentation is \$25 at the door; \$10 for the presentation only. Non-members are welcome. Additional information can be obtained from Wynnlee Crisp, NNV PMI Program Director, (425) 681-7887.

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