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Planning for 2013 And Beyond

The 2012-2013 PMI-NNV Board of Officers and several of our active volunteers met together on October 13th to hold our yearly Strategic Planning Meeting. VP of Marketing, Julia Childs hosted the event at her beautiful home and we settled right in for a day of strategizing!

We started off with a lively group discussion regarding what we want PMI-NNV to be in the next 1 to 3 years. And are we aligned with the vision of our members? This is a challenging question that we must continue to validate. We reviewed our contributions since inception 3 ½ years ago, and the feedback we've received from our membership including the survey conducted by PMI Global. We talked about other ways to reach out and assure we're moving in the right direction to best meet membership expectations.



We recorded a lot of goals on the whiteboard, including these and others:

- Well-known organization in the community
- Premier networking
- Resource for PM expertise
- Respected
- Professional network
- Leading the profession
- Organization that gives back
- Sought after (for speakers, expertise)
- Increase project management community

Ultimately we focused on networking and education as our two major drivers. And through our brainstorming we created the following PMI-NNV vision statement to better define our focus going forward:

We are the premier educational and networking community, building

project management excellence in Northern Nevada.

As previous boards before us, the 2012-2013 PMI-NNV board of officers has the responsibility of reporting to PMI Global on how we did this fiscal year against their guidelines, establish the commitments for next year, and generate the FY2013 Financial Plan and Budget. We reviewed the details of the Strategic Alignment, Planning and Reporting (SAPR) requirement due to Global PMI by March 31st, developed a list of potential projects for the chapter to consider for FY2013, and began review of the proposed FY2013 budget, now in draft.

Our Strategic Planning Meeting was a successful kick-off for these efforts –and it was a fun day of discussion, clarification and brainstorming! I want to personally thank all the PMI-NNV leaders that were able to attend and participate in this important event: Julia Childs, Sue Churchill, Joe Fitts, Sharon Grundy, Shobha Lakshminarayana, Ken Ray, John Sheltnen, Tracy Sharp, Deanna Taylor, and Nishu Varma. And a special thanks to you, Julia for being our gracious host, and providing such a productive environment for us!

Carmen Jones
PMI-NNV President

Attention PMI-NNV Members:

Holiday Membership Recognition Social in November

This year PMI-NNV is changing up our November Holiday Dinner Meeting, normally held at Firkin & Wolf, by turning it into a Networking Social and Celebration exclusively for our PMI-NNV chapter members and their invited guest. This year's event is in honor of our first State of Nevada recognition of International Project Management day and you, our members!

November 27th

Location: **Olive Garden Italian Restaurant**, 4900 South Virginia Street
Reno

- PMI-NNV Member: RSVP required for you and your guest due to limited space

- Food provided by your PMI-NNV chapter and the first round is on us too!
- Games – Secret Santa and more!
- BYOP – Bring your wrapped present for the Secret Santa Game

Complimentary Tickets – Members must register on [Website](#) for their ticket.

Be looking for more information. Registration for this event will be open November 7th through our www.pmi-nnv.org website! Mark your calendars now to come join your fellow members on Tuesday, November 27th from 5:30 to 8:00 for a fun filled evening of food & drink & festivities!

Monthly Lunch Meetings

In addition to the PMI-NNV monthly evening meetings, we will continue having two lunch time meetings so that you may attend the location most convenient for you. The format will be the same for all lunch meetings: relaxed with lots of discussion about real-life experiences in project management.

November- Negotiating

November 13th

Our monthly Carson City lunch forum will be held every 2nd Tuesday of every month at High Sierra Brewing Company at 11:30 to 1:00pm.

November 20th

Our monthly Reno lunch forum will be held every 3rd Tuesday of every month at Firkin & Wolf at 11:30 to 1:00.

Night and Day? Managing an Agile Project vs. Managing a Traditional Project

What are the biggest differences between managing a traditional project and managing an agile project? Is it management of change, how people are managed, or something else? [Read more...](#)

(Courtesy of PMI.org)

Professional Development Update

Our Educational Sponsor Program got off to a great start earlier this year! 2013 promises to be even better. In the works is a program of open enrollment classes which will make high quality, professional training, coaching and mentoring available to our members as well as the Northern Nevada project management community at large.

The discipline of project management gives us a powerful toolkit of skills and techniques that can help organizations, teams and individuals get work done more effectively and productively. With the economic pressures we face today, the capability and support to apply practical project management best practices is more critical than ever to meet tough challenges to deliver strategic and operational excellence and stay poised to meet increasing consumer demand as the economy turns up.

Project Management training, coaching and mentoring benefits all levels of the organization:

- **Senior Managers and Project Sponsors** can make better use of limited resources, focus more attention on risk management, improve project cost and schedule estimating, and enable better project execution, monitoring, tracking and controlling.
- **Functional Managers** benefit from improved processes and better allocation of both people and economic resources, better resource utilization and improved systems of allocation tracking across a number of projects improve staff effectiveness and productivity
- **Stakeholders** are better able to contribute to the clarity of project requirements, more likely to become aware earlier of project problems which may indicate more trouble to come, and benefit from the increased confidence that comes with professional project management.
- **Project Managers and Team Members** experience significantly improved productivity by applying sound project planning and execution processes. Roles, responsibilities, authorities and accountabilities are clearer. Teamwork based in best project management practices enables higher functioning teams who have the big picture of the overall work breakdown and interdependencies, while giving individuals the confidence to work more autonomously.

Our goal is that PMI-NNV will be the source of high quality, professional project management education. We welcome your input as to topics of interest ... project management fundamentals? ... people skills? ... sponsor

training? ... organizational change management? ... what else?

More information will be available for both interested attendees and instructors as we develop this exciting program. Please send your suggestions and questions to vp-prof-dev@pmi-nnv.org.

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