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New idea provides missing link

Jan. 22 PMI Maine program: Business Initiative Management

Trying to implement an enterprisewide project management culture is a daunting challenge under the best of circumstances. It's especially difficult when the target organization has not had much experience with formal process or project management methods.

Dealing with that challenge will be the topic at the Jan. 22 PMI Maine meeting for Stephen Stofanak and Juergen Renger, co-founders of EnVizn, a new-concept company specializing in Business Initiative Management. The meeting will be at the Hannaford Brothers facility in Scarborough.

For implementation of program or project management to succeed, it is crucial to develop a detailed understanding not only of the organization's baseline project management capabilities, but more importantly of its management and organizational capabilities.

Such a process assesses the organization's ability to adapt to new project management processes, but also the vital matter of management's willingness to embrace and incorporate the processes into their core business.

Project management maturity models are a critical tool in such assessments.

The presentation by Stofanak and Renger will survey several prominent project management maturity models,

assess their value in establishing where an organization's process and organizational maturity level might be, and propose a framework for applying the lessons learned from such assessments toward the development of effective implementation efforts for program and project management

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EnVizn presents Business Initiative Management as an emerging discipline that bridges the gap between strategic planning and tactical project management

Stofanak founded TSI Systems, Inc. in 1994, and that organization provided the research, case studies and initial prototypes for EnVizn's solutions.

He has delivered project management and change management project and change management consulting and coaching to senior executives in a variety of top organizations, following a 23-year career at Digital Equipment Corp. that concluded with service as a key change management consultant.

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Cianbro presentation launches 2nd Project of the Year

Hey, it's project management. You deal with the unexpected, then hit your target. The Project of the Year 2003 competition will start recruiting entries in January,

close entries with a March 15 deadline, and honor the winners at an awards dinner April 15.

Here's what happened when PMI Maine opened the second cycle of its Project of the Year competition with a program featuring Cianbro Corp., one of two co-winners of the chapter's inaugural Project of the Year 2002 award.

Earle Cianchette, project manager for the winning Portland Jetport Parking Garage project, also manages the company's oil rig construction project in Portland Harbor. Turned out a few hours before the December PMI Maine meeting that an important oil rig test – dependent upon wind and tide – could only be done that evening. So long, Earle. No PMI Maine presentation for you.

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When? By January 31, 2004

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Renger has more than 23 years of highly diversified experience in information technology project management, definition, architecture, design, program management and business process re-engineering across a broad spectrum of technologies, development methodologies and business domains.

He is the founder and principal of J. Renger Associates, LLC, a Maine-based consulting firm specializing in the practical application of program management principles and best practices.

PMI Maine Meetings 2004

*Meetings are at Hannaford headquarters, Scarborough,
unless otherwise specified.
See pmimaine.org for directions.*

February 19
Security: Threat vs. Vulnerability
Host: John Peterson

March 18
**Selling Project Management
To Middle Management**
Panel Discussion
Host: Dennis Carignan

April 22
**Enterprise Business Process Modeling
at DEP and Anthem**
Host: Jonathan Ives

May 20
**New Portland Fine Arts Building
Fundraising & Development**
Host: Bob Laliberte

June 17
Chapter Strategic Planning
Host: Steve Maclsaac

POY 03 project under way

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However, Cianbro had thoughtfully provided an excellent competition entry packet and transparencies, so POY Project Manager Jim Milliken substituted for Cianchette. After extracting a promise that the construction leader will return at some point to deliver a program about the fascinating oil rig project.

Cianbro built the six-story parking garage at the jetport within budget and on schedule, solving a number of service-related problems and actually making a substantial part of the garage available for parking a month early, when the airport was inundated with Thanksgiving crowds.

The other co-winner of Project of the Year 2002 was Shalom House, for its Brannigan House project for the mentally ill. Two additional entries were awarded the honor of Project of Distinction. The awards were made in April 2003

Plans and arrangements for the POY 2003 competition will be announced soon. Volunteers are being sought, and may contact Milliken at jim-milliken-training@att.net

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