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News from PM Professional Organizations

PMSA News

Some major projects in progress in the Kwa-Zulu Natal branch are the Moses Mabhida Sports Stadium, the New International Airport, the Harbor Widening, the Durban Point Project, the Warwick Flyover, and the Umhlanga Ridge Project.

Some statistics which were identified during a recent survey, was that around that 78% of PMSA's active members are paid up members of PMSA, and 70% of these admit to receiving regular communication from PMSA, via e-mail and our ProjectNet magazine. A feather in the cap of the various branch executives and the PMSA staff is that 61% of our members feel that they are getting value from their membership. PMSA is committed to improving these statistics in the next year, even if the economic circumstances are less than favorite.

Some of the plans on the cards are an online forum or BLOG on the PMSA website for PM's seeking advice, or for sharing of information (Lessons Learnt, FAQ's), more Monthly information sessions and PM training sessions as well as Professional Development training, clarity on the process for claiming PDU's, the publishing of Tools and Techniques for Project Managers and site visits to local projects.

Some subjects identified as being of particular interest to members are Risk Management and estimation of costs for risk, Project and Contract Management, World and Industry trends in Project Management, Current Projects and Mega Projects, Changes and Enhancements in Software Tools and Technology in Project

Management, New innovations in the Project Management profession, IT Project Management, Project Management in Construction and the built environment, and Business Opportunities in the Project Management profession.

The Tswane branch had a successful event on Wednesday, 24 June 2009 with a fun and interactive session facilitated by Marilise Smit, Managing Director of ChangeWright Consulting who pitted attendees against their peers as they demonstrated their change management abilities and learns to better manage change in project environments, playing the Change Game™.

PMI SA Chapter News

The long awaited new chapter website is running well, and of impressively good quality. <http://www.pmi.org.za>.

Members meetings are held monthly, and the chapter is looking for all avenues to increase membership added value.

PM Events

A Prince2 Interest Group Launch Meeting is planned for 23 July 2009. It will be called “The PRINCE2 ® 2009 Refresh” and Guy Eastoe will go through the evolutionary changes that the Office of Government Commerce have made to the June 16th (subject to change) PRINCE2 ® 2009 release. He will cover amongst others the reasons for the Change, the approach, what’s new in PRINCE2 ® 2009, principles, processes, themes, project environment, management products, how it effects current practitioners and how it effects organizations using PRINCE2 ®.

It is with regret that we learned about the cancellation of the hosting of the IPMA world congress in South Africa in 2010, due to a lack of sponsorship.

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