

Virtual Communities Project is Underway!

PMI is asking for your help to build the team that will deliver the updates to our virtual communities during the coming year as well as plan for the new models of the future.

Allow me a moment to bring everyone up to date: In 2005, PMI started a series of discussions around transforming its communities with a group of SIG and College leaders at a meeting held in Atlanta. The results of that meeting, and several others around the globe, were used as inputs to a project team that was launched in January of 2006 called the Community Transformation Project Action Team. This group was comprised of leaders from around the world and were charged with the goal of building community models for all types of communities. During the course of the project, PMI and the team jointly determined that a more broad-based cross-section of leaders with backgrounds specific to virtual communities was needed to complete that portion of the project. While there were some discussions and follow-on efforts coordinated by myself and Wes Balakian at the PMI NA LI Meeting, it was determined that what was really needed was to create a separate project team to handle the transformation of the virtual communities.

The project has been initiated with David Sabol, who has a strong technical and virtual background himself, as the managing sponsor from PMI. Brantlee Jacobs and John Engman will be very closely tied to the project, but day-to-day efforts and coordination will take place through David. I, Dan Tuten, have been named as the project manager and will be leading the effort and project team. The rest of the team members? Well, that is where you and the boards of your organizations come in.

We need you to select a person to represent your interests and experience on this team. The persons designated must meet the following qualifications:

1a. They must have served for at least one full year as a SIG or College Vice Chair, Chair, Co-Chair, President or equivalent

OR

1b. They must have served for a period of no less than one year as a founding member of a SIG or College.

OR

1c. They must represent another cultural perspective due to their living outside of North America.

2. Your board must endorse them as being your representative to the team

3. They must be willing to work. It is expected that all team members will commit a minimum of 4-5 hours per week to reviewing materials, participating in conversations, discussions, etc. (Due to time commitments, it might not be in your organization's best interest to have a currently voting member of your board on the team, but that is your and their call)

If you are not quite sure who is on your full list of eligibles, we are in the process of pulling a list together at PMI to share back with leaders of eligible candidate from records of past officers, founders, etc.

EVERYONE DESIGNATED BY THEIR ORGANIZATION IS ON THE TEAM!

However, managing a team of 30 people can be a bit unwieldy (Especially when they are as passionate as we are about their communities ;-), so the team will be further determined as follows: There will be a CORE team that will be responsible for building the majority of the deliverables throughout the course of the year. These persons will be expected to have a greater time commitment (10 or more hours per week). We hope that these will bubble to the surface by raising their hands for the greater time commitment, but we will limit the CORE team to a minimum of 7 and a maximum of 10.

We are planning a full team meeting for March 1-4 in Philadelphia. On the evening of Feb 28, the CORE team will arrive and get to know each other a bit more. They will have a working day on March 1st. The rest of the team will join them that evening and continue the work of launching the project over the course of the next 2 work days. Sunday the 4th will be a travel day.

If you have absolutely any questions or concerns, let's get them discussed quickly. We would like to have all designated representatives agreed upon by the 1st of Feb and that is only a few short days away.

For those of you that do not know me, there is a summary of some of my experiences below my signature line. I look forward to working with each and every board and designated team member to bring great success to this project and to the organizations that it will impact the most.

I built the list for this email from the currently listed Chairs of Each SIG and College as listed on PMI.ORG. If you no longer hold this office, please forward to the appropriate officer

Thanks,

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Brief BIO: My participation with this effort started long before the official meetings with some informal ones directly with Linn Wheeling and John Bernard of the ISSIG. I have been honored with being a part of almost all of the meetings, including the Atlanta event and events in EMEA that were both inputs into the CTP. I was a very active of CTP throughout the last year. Over the last several years, I have been a member of both the ISSIG and IT & Telecom SIG as well as a couple of Chapters. I have served as Vice Chair and Chair of the IT & Telecom SIG and have actively participated in SIG Chair calls and Leadership Institute meetings in several locations. I am currently a member of the LI Master's Class 2007 which will graduate in Budapest this May. I am an active speaker at PMI Chapter, Regional and Global events and have spoken in several locations in NA and EMEA. In my day job, I am a senior IS Manager with the Georgia Department of Revenue, responsible for all the systems that process returns and the multi-billion in revenue each year. If you would like a more complete history or BIO, just ask and I will pass it along.