

PMI BUFFALO CHAPTER

2012-2013 ANNUAL REPORT

Function: President	Accomplishments:
Mark Kwandrans – President Elections Committee Chris Reed Jim Coleman Dick Donovan	 The leadership team started the year by updating their strategic planning documents. We had created the position of VP of Marketing and Communication, and some of our strategic planning time was spent ensuring there was tight coordination between the operational VPs (Finance, Technology & Business Services, and Marketing & Communication) and the three functional VPs (Membership, Professional Development, Outreach). Over the course of the fall, the Board continued its planning cycle, eventually creating operational plans and budgets for the program year. In October, the Board traveled to the North American Leadership Institute Meeting, a gathering of 1,000 leaders from PMI Chapters and Communities of Practice from around the world. We participated in workshops that helped us see what other components had to offer and made many new contacts. In the Spring, the Board transitioned to new Key Objectives. Our original three Key Objectives had been developed in 2008. We now recognized that the scope of Chapter went beyond our previously satisfactory Objectives. We voted to adopt the eight Objectives listed in PMI's Strategic Plan. Having these eight goals as our Objectives would ensure that all of our activities, whether back office processes, membership efforts, or professional development classes, would align with the goals of PMI.
Function: Finance	Accomplishments:
Pat Walsh – VP	 Our QuickBooks online accounting software is working on well for the organization by offering us greater functionality and visibility / reporting features for Board members. We have also consolidated and simplified our chart of accounts which made our budgeting process much easier during FY13. Overall we've received very position feedback from Board members, Directors and Volunteers regarding timely processing of expense checks, etc. New PayPal payment processing has greatly reduced our transaction costs for meeting registration payments and also improved our ability to process refunds to members as needs arise. We currently have a vacancy in our Finance Director position and we're looking for a key volunteer to jump in and help us in Finance with some specific Operational focus areas that we've identified to pursue - creation of standardized / timely financial reports for Board & members, electronic documentation / organization in Google Docs, financial controls reviewed and updated, reconciliation processes (i.e. PayPal to Registrations), etc. If you or someone that you know is interested please send them my way and we'll chat.

Function:	
Marketing & Communications	Accomplishments:
Mary Harris – VP <u>Communications Team</u> Joanne Wurst – Director Social Media Katie Manetta – Director Member Communications	<u>The Team</u> : The biggest accomplishment this team has done is to create the framework and structure for a new area within the PMI Buffalo Chapter structure by bringing together pieces of processes that were previously scattered throughout the organization (if they existed at all) and creating the Marketing & Communications team. They have also worked to successfully implement a new PMI Buffalo Chapter logo this year into all our Marketing & Communication.
<u>Sponsorship Team</u> Darlene Piparo – Director Gary Dahlstrom <u>Merchandise</u> Tija Bushnaq – Merchandise Coordinator	<u>Communications Team</u> : Providing excellent communication documents including website, e-mails, pre-dinner presentations, newsletters, workshop brochures, event flyers, quarterly newsletter, and continually striving to improve what is produced and create more communication channels for the chapter. Special call-out to Katie Manetta for her creative and entertaining weekly e-mails and to Joanne Wurst for her efforts to increase our social media presence (Facebook "likes" went from 5 to 82 during her tenure) and for her continually efforts to improve the content on our social media sites.
<u>Communications Coordinator</u> Karen Feuerstein <u>Corporate Ambassadors</u> Danielle Nuchereno, Advance 2000 Svetlana Erman, Building Control	Sponsorship Team: Darlene and Gary obtained \$3500 in sponsorship money last year for our Fall PDD, and are continuing to work on improving the chapter sponsorship package, including trying to determine what types of benefits sponsors might be looking for. Their efforts help support our different programs in an effort to help keep costs down to our members.
Services Linda Edmiston, CTG Liz Englert, HealthNow Karen Feuerstein, HSBC	<u>Merchandise</u> : Tija has created an official Merchandise Coordinator role to help the chapter with logo merchandise, and this year will be introducing merchandise with our new logo.
Gina Bucolo, Independent Health John Elie, Inergex Mike Madigan, Invitrogen Jeff Manhardt, M&T Bank Krista Swann, M&T Bank Debra Lyons, Moog Inc. Debbie Murray, Praxair Bob Smering, Praxair	<u>Communications Coordinator</u> : Without Karen, all of our Communication efforts would fall short. Karen is our traffic officer – making sure all the different groups within the chapter know what they need to provide, and making sure the Mar/Com team is completing all the tasks we need to do for each event that is held, whether it be notifying our corporate ambassadors, advertising in the Buffalo News, or creating a power-point presentation, she interacts with the team and with the other groups to keep communication flowing in a way that is hopefully seamless to our members!
Mary Bagley, Rich Products Mary Harris, Servotronics, Inc. Joanne Wurst, Sodexo	<u>Corporate Ambassadors:</u> Our Corporate Ambassador program has been continually redefined over the years, and this past year their numbers have grown from 7 to 23 ambassadors representing 18 companies. Our ambassadors are our connection to the companies they work at. They share information about upcoming events with their co- workers and they provide feedback to the chapter about what we need to do to better serve their coworkers and their company. They are always helpful, courteous, enthusiastic, and a pleasure to work with! This vital role is continuing to expand, and we hope to have representatives from even more companies. This year, an Ambassador dinner meeting was held to show our appreciation for the efforts of this team, as well as to gather their insights on their companies' needs.

Function: Membership	Accomplishments:
JoAnn Boehm – VP	Member Services:
Member Services Team Mary Bagley – Director Barney Colon Harshad Desai Jim Pokoj Rick Mueller Carla Baron Erin Keding	 Coordinated June annual meeting and networking event at Burchfield Penney museum Coordinated October networking event at Lafayette Hotel Welcomed new members via email and gave logo gift Developed Orientation powerpoint deck for new members Collaborated with Marketing team on recognition of new PMPs, new members, chapter anniversaries President made calls to remind members to renew VP Membership sent emails to expired members Distributed "value of membership" flyers at all events Performed annual member survey Began surveying 1st year members to obtain feedback on attendance, value, intent to renew, etc. Posted job opportunities on website Calculated monthly attrition rates, annual engagement rates Uploaded PDUs for PMPs for dinner events Developed and executed iPad giveaway contest to encourage membership renewals Developed SOPs
<u>Volunteerism Team</u> Lynn Maher – Director Shirley Jaskier	Volunteerism:-Coordinated April volunteer recognition event at Botanical Gardens-On-boarded new volunteers and tracked on-going efforts-Collaborated with Business Services team on improvements to On-boarding process-Distributed volunteer opportunity flyers at all events-Posted volunteer opportunities on website-Updated and communicated Volunteer Roadmap-Managed Volunteer of Quarter program-Developed and executed new Annual Achievement Award program-Developed SOPs
<u>Recruitment Team</u> Josh Kleppe - Director	Recruitment: - Collaborated with Marketing team on Volunteer Drive with Olympic theme - Developed overall strategy for recruiting members and volunteers - Prepared volunteer emails to recruit members who did not volunteer in 2012

Function: Outreach	Accomplishments:
Karen Rybak - VP	-The mission of PMI Buffalo's Outreach program is to increase awareness of the Chapter and the project management profession to outside constituencies. We work with a variety
Corporate Outreach	of organizations by encouraging mutual collaborations that give us an opportunity to
Janine Aquilina – Director	promote the value of project management in our Western New York corporate, nonprofit,
Katie Pheils	educational and professional communities.
Don Wynes	
	Corporate Outreach:
Professional Outreach	Currently in phase 1 of planning an effort to understand the strategic needs of program
Tasha Holland – Director	and portfolio managers as well as PMO directors at local companies by establishing
	executive-level connections through deployment of a PMO Council.
Community Outreach	
Nichole Tubiolo – Director	Community Outreach:
	Our award-winning Project Management for Nonprofits Program continues to plan for the
PM4NP Team:	2013-14 session, kicking off in September. The program provides a free service to
Andrew Hope	nonprofit employees where they are trained, provided a PMP mentor and receive a
Christa Glassman	project management toolbox of forms and templates.
Jim Carlins	
Joel Yacono	Professional Outreach:
Phil Danielson	Works with other professional associations in our community to create mutually beneficial
Donna Kaiser	strategic alliances to bring value and knowledge to our members. This year we
Jim Colemon	established a collaboration with InfoTech Niagara, and helped to establish criteria and
Nancy Mingus	judge finalists for their new BETA Award for Technology Project Manager of the Year.
Educational Outreach	Educational Outreach:
Shelly Bush – Director	Brings project management knowledge and practice to students at all levels to develop
	the next generation of project management professionals. This year we focused on
Guest Speakers	college-level guest lectures at UB and Canisius College.
Bob Smering	

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Self-Directed Learning Cheryl Canfield - Director	The PM Toolbelt series of workshops offers 12 different half day opportunities to explore a key project management issue for less than \$100. While we contract with a project management education consultant for the instruction, Amy Dorfer has been our on-site coordinator for each of the sessions. <u>Peer Based Development:</u> Melissa Wallace continues to drive the Breakfast Roundtables as our sole coordinator. Those who make the effort to start their day early once per month in a discussion session with their peers have been rewarded. The group of attendees is loyal and growing. <u>Self-Directed Learning:</u> Cheryl Canfield directs a new program in Professional Development in 2012-13 Self- Directed Learning. She is focusing on the components which project managers use to increase their learning and improve their skills on their own initiative. The first deliverable of the program was the addition to the chapter website which houses the listing of educational components eligible for PDU credit under Section C of the PMI PDU listing. With almost 400 page views in the first 3 months the interest from our members is evident.
Function: Technology & Business Services	Accomplishments:
Jeff Manhardt – VP <u>Website Administration</u> David Hunt – Director Brian Harris Jonathan Lang (term ended) <u>Application Support</u> Ajay Bhala – Director Pam D'Amico <u>Business Services</u> Chris Reed – Director	Website Administration:Responsible for placing weekly marketing updates on pmibuffalo.org and generalmaintenance of most web pages (about us, Career Corner, PM4NP, Resources & Contactus).Also working on new components to better provide information to members on tools tounderstand the website metrics – Ex: Google AnalyticsApplication Support:Responsible for all other systems and applications that our chapter uses to engagemembers:-Volunteer email (Gmail)-Document repository (Google Drive)-Email communication to members (MailChimp)-Survey tool (SurveyMonkey)And others
	Business Services: Quarterly records audit completed twice since April 2012 using PMI GOC guidelines and PMI Buffalo audit precedence. This work ensures the Buffalo chapter is in compliance and ensures documents are available online for transition & succession planning as well as Board & volunteer collaboration.