

September Meeting Details

Date: Thursday, September 20, 2007
(Note the earlier-in-the-month timing!)

Time: Meet & Greet 5:30 pm
Dinner 6:00
Program 6:30

Place: BrewErie (formerly Porters)
123 West 14th Street
Erie, PA 16501
814-452-2787

Cost: Members \$15
Non-Members \$20

Online Registration at www.pmierie.org
Pay at the Dinner



September Meeting Notice: September 20th (see left)

John Elliot
from Redevelopment Authority
of the City of Erie

will address:
**Managing Technical Projects in a Political
Environment**

Registration is now closed

Employment Opportunities?

The Pennsylvania Office of Administration, Office of Information Technology is seeking experienced project managers. For more information, click [here](#).

Upcoming Meetings & Speakers

For complete information on our upcoming meetings and events, please visit our web site at www.pmierie.org.

About Our Speaker

As Executive Director of the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Erie, Mr. Elliot is responsible for vision, leadership, and administration of the organization and its \$4M annual budget. The Authority's nine staff members carry out programs including urban planning, land recycling, neighborhood revitalization, housing rehabilitation, infrastructure projects, and commercial rehabilitation.

In nine years with two regional consulting firms, Mr. Elliot worked on a wide variety of planning, design, environmental, and construction projects including land use planning, capital improvement planning, recreational plans, environmental clearance documents, and transportation studies.

As a project manager and designer, he oversaw projects from the early planning stages to final construction including: urban streetscapes, traffic control systems, underground utilities, and marine improvements with project costs totaling tens of millions of dollars.

As a consultant, he served as City Engineer for Cedar Springs, Michigan, a rapidly growing community near Grand Rapids; in this role, he advised the City on urban planning, zoning, and infrastructure issues. Major projects included water system expansion, wastewater lagoon site remediation / redevelopment, and reconstruction of the City's Main Street.

Mr. Elliot holds an MS in Civil Engineering from Michigan State University and a BS from Calvin College.

PMP Prep/Refresher Question

Been a while since you've taken the PMP exam, or are you thinking of taking it soon? This feature brings you a PMP Exam-like question courtesy of the Daily Digest at www.pmexam.com. Ready? Here goes:

Daily Question

During the execution phase of the project, you realize the subcontractors are working with incomplete and different scope statements. As the project manager, what should you do first?

- A. Check the work completed against the correct scope statements.
- B. Review the scope of work with the stakeholders.
- C. Document the inconsistencies to management, calculating the cost of non-conformance.
- D. Stop all activities until the scope of work is complete.

See answer at bottom of next page.

Letter from the Editor

As we begin our Fall program season, let me be the first to welcome you all back after what I hope was a very enjoyable (and restful) summer. The Fall programs are shaping up to provide you very interesting and education opportunities at our dinner meetings. What a great way to network with your friends and colleagues, all while having the opportunity to earn PDUs.

Additionally, the Chapter is always looking for hosts for the dinner meetings. If interested, please contact Randy Long at programs@pmierie.org.

If you have any suggestions for the newsletter on items or articles you'd like to see, please contact Dave Soule at editor@pmierie.org.

While this newsletter is late for the September meeting, please remember to to register early for the dinner meetings!

New Members!

The ERIE PMI Chapter welcomes new members Karen Rzepecki (GE Healthcare), Christine Ward (Erie Insurance), and Mike Nasca (Volt – Erie Insurance).

New PMI.org Website

PMI has launched the new PMI.org – a culmination of extensive assessments of member needs that reflect PMI's commitment to serving the global project management community.

The new PMI.org was built to benefit the most active members of the project management community – PMI members, credential holders and the invaluable volunteers and component leaders.

Using single sign-on, the new site collects and processes data from across many PMI-related sites at once to allow easier access to membership and certification information at PMI.org.

- 1. Members can access premium content right on each page instead of logging on to a separate section
- 2. Members gain access to an extensive amount of project management resources, including the library of PMI global standards, no-cost access to all of the PMI award-winning periodicals, current and past published research and the electronic repository of PMI conference and periodical literature.
- 3. Returning shoppers in the new Marketplace, an integrated e-commerce destination, can browse their order history and purchase new items more quickly.

Upcoming Elections!

Not to be confused with the governmental elections, our own chapter's elections are coming up in the November timeframe. Positions up for election include President, VP of Programs, and VP of Finance. Not only is this a great way for you to serve the chapter, but it is a great way to earn valuable PDUs! If interested in seeking one of these positions, or participating on one of the chapter committees (Membership, Programs, Education), please contact one of the [committee chairs](#).