



Worcester Meeting Early Bird Registration
Project Manager of the Year Award
Survey Feedback & New Programs for 2012

We're pleased to end 2011 by announcing our winner of the inaugural PMI CMASS **Project Manager of the Year Award, Mr. Robert Bateman.**

We hope you will join us in **Worcester** for a "unique" look at project management. When the object of the project is irreplaceable, the importance of risk management and contingency planning is critical.

We also want to thank the 140 responders to our second annual chapter survey. We look forward to adding new programs in 2012 that will respond to the input of our membership and continuously improve our offerings and services.

Interested in earning up to 45 free PDUs and giving back to our chapter? Learn more below!

Sincerely,
Bal Mahale
Director of Marketing on behalf of the PMI CMASS Board

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Upcoming Early Bird Dates!

Worcester Meeting, 0% Failure Projects, January 18th

Stakeholder understanding, risk event probabilities and the responses, the importance of repetitive testing and planning are all critical success factors when your project deals with the irreplaceable. Art conservation can inform manufacturing, healthcare, and other projects where the object of project is high value or unique.

Register today to reserve your early bird discount seat!

WPI Life Sciences & Bioengineering Center, GP1002 Seminar Room
Gateway Park, **60 Prescott, Street**,
Worcester, MA 01605



CMASS 2011 Project Manager of the Year Award

By Edward Yee, PMP, Program Chair



Robert D Bateman, PMP, has been awarded the inaugural **Central Mass Chapter of Project Management Institute (PMI-CMASS) "2011 Project Manager of the Year"** (PMoY) for his project management leadership in the nonprofit category. He is recognized for his role leading a project team established to submit the application of **Wentworth Institute of Technology's** Business School to become an accredited degree granting institution by the **Project Management Institute's Global Accreditation Center** for Project Management Education Programs (**GAC**) in 2010.

"I'm very appreciative of the CMASS PMI Chapter's PMoY award and flattered to be recognized by fellow practitioners," Mr. Bateman said upon notification. Mr. Bateman is a Project Management Institute (PMI) certified Project Management Professional, CMASS member. Working with OpenSky, he served as Executive in Resident at WIT.

With Mr. Bateman's leadership, Wentworth Institute of Technology is now in the next project phase to be recognized globally for its commitment to advance excellence in project management education. Wentworth Institute of Technology (WIT) is a nonprofit institution offering four year degree programs in Architecture, Design, Engineering, Business, Construction Management, Humanities and Social Sciences, located in Boston, MA.

In 2009, Mr. Bateman worked with the business school chair to approve a project charter that defined the scope, schedule and budget for the business school to seek accreditation. He then selected a diverse project team comprised of WIT professors, students, administrative staff and external consultants. By 2010, after project team meetings the team was able to submit the 100 page self-evaluation required by PMI GAC. WIT is now addressing the feedback from PMI GAC and is preparing for a site visit to complete the approval process.

Mr. Bateman's CMASS PMoY application was reviewed by a panel of four judges who evaluated it for demonstrated project management knowledge and leadership using practices outlined in PMI's PMBOK, Project Management Book of Knowledge. Each judge has significant industry experience as is in an executive role at their companies: Matthew Davis, PMP, MCITP, Karen M. White, MBA, PMP, FLMI, Raymond L. Sheen, PMP, John Riopel, PMP, MCP comprised the panel.

Mr. Bateman was recognized at the CMASS November 8th Chapter meeting in Westborough, MA. As part of the award, Mr. Bateman was given a complimentary pass to **Project Summit & Business AnalystWorld**.

"I was honored to be approached by the Chapter to support the launch of CMASS PMoY Awards. It's been a pleasure working with the Central Mass Chapter over the years and to be involved in a new initiative for the community recognizing leadership and outstanding professionals skills is perfectly in line with the core objectives of Project Summit & BusinessAnalystWorld. I look forward to many more years of supporting these awards and the Chapter," said **Adam Kahn, Group Event Director** of Project Summit & Business AnalystWorld.

The CMASS PMoY Award program was a pilot program in 2011 to recognize PMI CMASS credentialed members who demonstrate individual leadership, project management expertise and excellence and promoting the project management profession. The program is modeled after other PMI recognition programs.

As Program Chair of the Project Management of the Year Award, I am pleased to acknowledge the CMASS PMoY project team composed of CMASS volunteers: Debra Wallace, Alicia Ernst, Bob Finizio, Ann Soucy, Anne Stone, Rich Takvorian, Vern Valero, and Karen White. The project team is also grateful to the CMASS 2011 PMoY Award judges for their time and Project Summit and Business AnalystWorld.

We look forward to 2012 when CMASS will roll out the program again and enhance it with lessons learned from 2011.

PMI Central Mass Chapter Survey: What We Heard and Our Response

This was our second annual chapter survey. Based on your feedback on last year's survey, we cut down the survey length to 10 questions. The focus of this year's survey was on understanding your needs for 2012 and gathering feedback on some of the new programs we are planning for the chapter. We thank the 140 people who provided their input.

Here is the summary of what we learned:

1. Majority of you (60%) work for large companies
2. Many of you (31%) attend 4 or more meetings in a year
3. Professional development topics will motivate you to attend more meetings and

topics for 2012 should include

- Agile/ Lean
 - MS Project
 - Risk Management
 - Program Management
4. Email is your preferred medium of communication
 5. 81% of you are very likely to recommend chapter to other project managers
 6. Webinars and trending topics were the most popular new programs

Here are the actions that the board is planning to respond to your feedback:

1. "Ambassador Program" to respond to our project management community in our local large companies
2. "Trending topics" team to scour and recommend latest topics in project management
3. Recruit volunteer for the newsletter/email content editor
4. Pilot webinar program
5. "Bring a friend to the chapter" program

You can help, and earn free PDUs. The marketing team is expanding. To be part of the team to implement these new programs, contact Alicia Ernst via DirolVolunteers@pmicmass.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

1. **Do you work for a large company (more than 500 employees)?** We welcome you to join our Ambassador Program team to help the chapter meet your needs as well as your colleagues and company.
2. **Are you up to date or would like to stay current with the latest developments in project management?** Please join our "Trending topics" team to help us share fresh thinking with chapter members.
3. **Do you like to write or have a marketing spirit?** Please join our marketing and communications team as a newsletter/email editor.
4. **Do you have a friend or colleague interested in our profession?** We encourage you to network at our chapter meetings and in your company. Don't forget our [LinkedIn group](#).

There has been never a better time to become a PMI CMASS volunteer!

PMI has created a new PDU category called "**Giving back to the profession**". Now earn 1 PDU credit for every hour you volunteer for the chapter, up to a maximum of 45 PDUs over three years. You do this while keeping your project management skills current, network with other PM professionals in the area and have fun!

Thanks to the team of Bal Mahale, Anne Stone, Rich Takvorian and Lydia Velez, and Vanessa Stanich and the chapter board for their work on the survey project.