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March Chapter Meeting

March 15th - 3:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Our March and April events are focused on communication, stakeholder management and resource management. We're very excited to have Hailey Lewis, Lead Marketing Program Manager at Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, as our guest speaker for March. Hailey is a wealth of knowledge about communication.

Hailey will lead two sessions. Beginning at 3:30 pm, she'll run a hands-on workshop about engaging different personality types during meetings to help ensure success. We'll have time for networking at 5:00, dinner will be served at 5:30, we'll provide chapter announcements at 5:45, and then our keynote will begin at 6:00. Hailey will present on running effective meetings. Dinner is included in this event.

This event earns 2.5 PDUs: 1.5 in Power Skills, .5 in Business Acumen and .5 in Ways of Working.

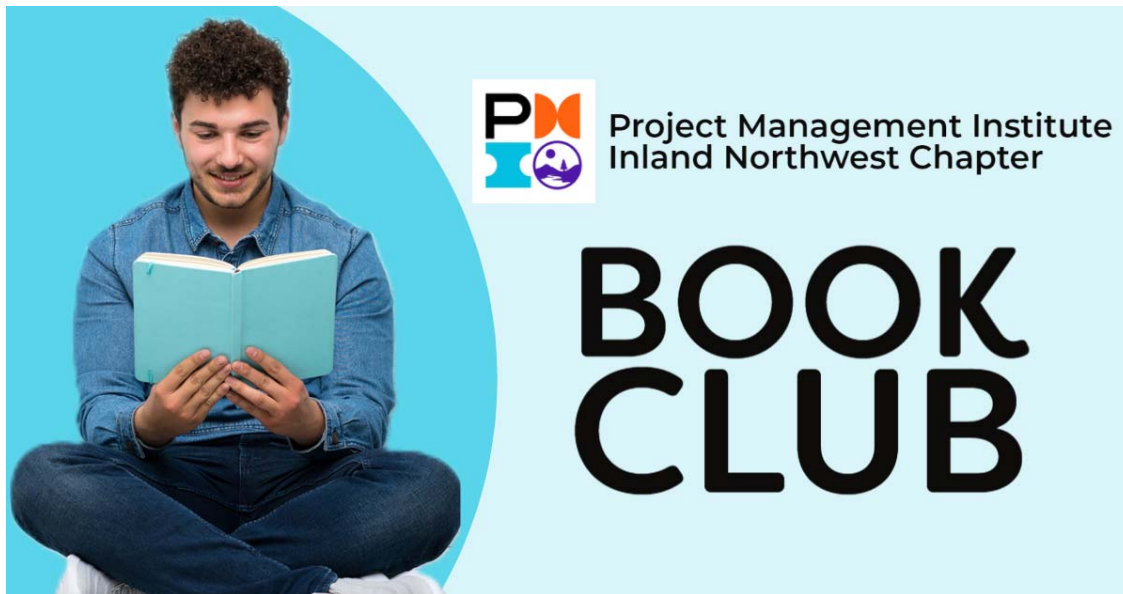
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March Book Club

Chapters 1 & 2: March 23rd - 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Join us for book club! We'll be reading "Never Split the Difference: Negotiating As If Your Life Depended On It" by Chris Voss. Project Management is often a series of high stakes negotiations. Our book club series will discuss this practical guide on how to navigate these negotiations to get more of what you want accomplished this year. Get a copy of the book (Available at our local [Auntie's Bookstore](#) or at [Amazon](#)) and read Chapters 1 and 2 by March 23rd, then meet with the group to discuss.

You'll earn 1 PDU for each hour spent reading (which you'll self-report on the PMI website). We estimate 3 PDUs for the first two chapters.

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Project Management Roundtable

March Project Management Roundtable

March 29th, Noon - 1:00 pm

We are starting up something new this year! We invite you to join us in a Project Management Round Table. This will be a discussion based series on relevant project management topics.

For our first round table we will be discussing stakeholder engagement and resource management. From discussing the different types of software to discussing practical examples we will have several questions queued up to keep the conversation flowing.

This free virtual event earns 1 Ways of Working PDU.

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Project Management Focus: Communication

In March and April, our events are focused on the theme of communication! As project managers, we're sure you know that communication is one of those things that sounds simple, but is actually complex.

Communication is Key to Building a Strong Team:

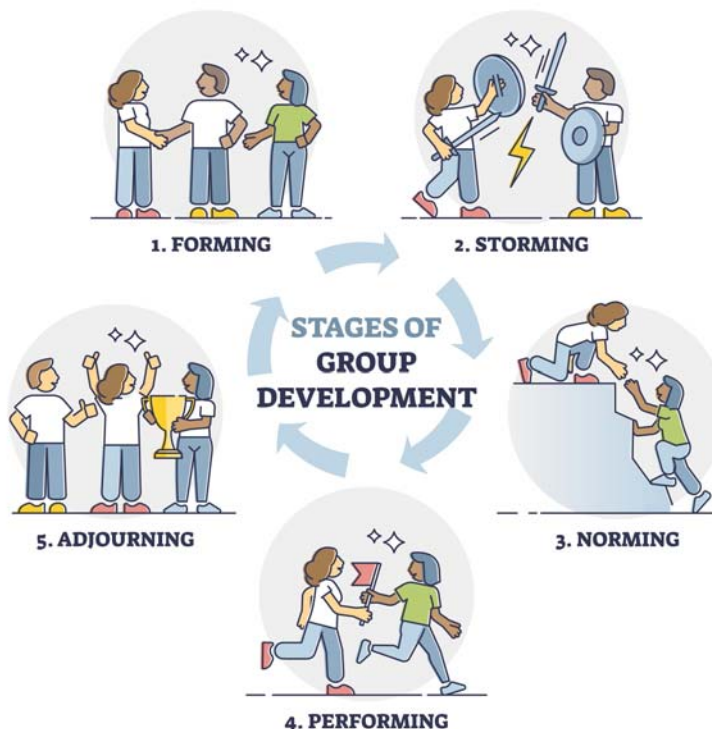
Ruth Powers, VP Programs

Have you ever heard of the cell phone game Spaceteam? It is a collaborative game where each player is given a player board and instructions come across the top of the screen;

techno-babble. You have to say the instructions quickly while still paying attention to what everyone else is saying because the action they are saying might be for your board. As the game progresses the instructions come faster and sometimes an instruction is for everyone to perform.

Why am I telling you about this game? Well, it is a great example of communication, collaboration and how our inherent personality types can mean success or failure to the entire team. It amazes me how the quiet and shy one of the group might suddenly leap across the table to “help” someone else with their job. Some team members would get much louder and more forceful than their typical demeanor. While others would become overwhelmed and shut down. Sound familiar? If not, perhaps it should, while this game helps bring out personalities quickly it is a great example of what happens in any given project team.

In 1965, Bruce Wayne Tuckman published “Tuckman’s Stages.” In this book he talked about team dynamics and labelled the first four stages that a team goes through. In 1977, Tuckman and doctoral student Mary Ann Jensen added the final stage of development or really the ending stage - adjourning. Not surprising communication is a key component in each of these stages. We start off on our best behavior, we become more vocal with our needs, we begin to understand how we can work together until we are a well-formed team moving to the finish line with common goals and objectives.



Now, I am not suggesting that everyone go download Spaceteam, although this game uncovers inherent personality traits at an alarmingly quick pace, your team might not be very willing to participate. What I am suggesting is that you spend a few moments each

stages to get to the performance stage quickly and end the project on a high note?

Look for another Project Management Focus about communication in our April newsletter!

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