**Execution is a discipline!**

“*No worthwhile strategy can be planned without taking into account how to execute it. Execution is a systematic process of rigorously discussing the how’s and what’s, questioning, tenaciously following through, and ensuring accountability”* Larry Bossidy — former CEO, Honeywell International.

7 months into 2012! Has the PMI Sydney Chapter been executing? Of course, yes!

The PMI Sydney Chapter (PMISC) has been systematic in the execution of the chapter’s purpose statement: “to serve our membership base and support the promotion and advancement of the art, science and benefitof the project management profession” by delivering great events, short courses, certification classes and planning the inaugural conference. It has been an amazing learning experience to be the leader of this great team. It has been mind-boggling to see plans turning into execution and dreams turn into reality!

I would like to thank the current Board of Directors for thinking outside the box, tenaciously following through, taking accountability and being great leaders.

If you have not visited our web site ([www.pmisydney.org](http://www.pmisydney.org)) in a while, check out the great changes Maja Kowalski, the PMISC Communications Director and her team are making to support the PMISC Communication Strategy. Maja has been one of the finalists for the National Distinguished Contribution in Project Management (DC in PM) award and while she was not awarded the 2012 National DC in PM title, she is certainly the PMISC winner in national collaboration, energy, enthusiasm and willingness to make a difference to the members and the profession.

Can your career afford stagnation? If the answer is ‘no’, check the PMISC website for great short courses and certification preparation workshops that our PMISC Development Director, Ha Nguyen and her team have carefully selected, or come to the events that our enthusiastic and inspirational Events Director, Kate Morris, organises so passionately.

Can your organisation afford to be out of the loop with latest in project management? If the answer is ‘no’, call our PMISC Marketing Director, Gus Sabatino and become a sponsor of an event, a banner, or a booth at the upcoming conference.

Gus not only discusses sponsorship opportunities, but great leadership tips and techniques as well, such as the ones he recently presented at BA World held in Melbourne and Sydney. It goes without saying that project management success is not only about excellence in application of processes, but pig-headed determination to facilitate, motivate and integrate processes and people towards the delivery of fit-for-purpose outcomes. Thanks Gus, for inspiring a few more sponsors to join us in the pursuit of excellence in the project management profession!

Who would not like to “Build a Better Future” for our kids and communities where diversity, innovation and creativity lead the way, through acquisition of project management as a life skill? The PMISC recently appointed Building Better Future Director, Gordana Marijan, and she needs your help to achieve just that. Have a chat with Gordana, or have a look at our web site and join the PMISC team in the pursuit of a better future.

“Give a fish to a man and you feed him for a day, teach him how to fish you will feed him for a whole year”. Wouldn’t that be wonderful if we all could exchange professional and life experience through volunteering or mentoring? You don’t have the time? I agree it may be time consuming, but the pleasure of contribution, collaboration, change and growth outweigh the mentor’s time spent learning and the mentees time spent teaching.

Yes, you read it right! It is quite amazing how much a mentor learns about one self and others by mentoring, and the mentee, who is expected to be the recipient, becomes a teacher, as experience gets exchanged, cultural diversity understood and the generation gap bridged. If you would like that experience, call our PMISC Volunteer/Mentor Director Vikas Patole and his team to explore opportunities.

Congratulations to Chintan Shah, who has been working with the PMISC as a Volunteer Associated Director for quite a few years and has been appointed the National Young PM of the year. Well-deserved award Chintan!.

Congratulations to Vikas Patole and Mentor Associate Director Andre de Bruin for releasing the online PM mentoring application. Well done!

Do you ever wonder how the science of project management can be so interactive and integrative especially when it comes to cost management including earned value management (EVM)? Wouldn’t it be fantastic to understand EMV well, and how project controls add to the project manager’s leadership skills?

If you wonder about that, wait no more! In August our Special Projects Director, Kym Henderson is organising talented international speakers to come to Australia to present at PMOz. After the conference the speakers will join PMI Sydney and PMI Canberra Chapter members respectively to deliver a terrific event and several workshops on project controls. Thanks Kym, I am looking forward to August!

Do you know someone who has left the chapter or PMI to pursue other interests and perhaps are now wondering about the benefits of belonging to a professional organisation, or about the power of networking with other professionals? If so, our PMISC vibrant Membership Director, Venesa Lalic has a deal for them. Contact Venesa for details about receiving a free guest pass as an opportunity re-join the PMISC.

Finally, PMISC would not integrate and operate so well without the amazing diligence and collaboration of Amany Nuseibh, our PMISC Director at Large and PMIQLD Events Director, our efficient and diligent Secretary Angela Chellas, our great Treasurer, Chris White, who has smartly been working towards better national chapters financial process, and our dear vice president Peter O’Driscoll. Congratulations to Peter for organising a PMI Sydney Chapter Toastmaster. This is going to be another terrific initiative that can greatly enhance the art and science of project management.

Thank you members for your great participation, Associate Directors and volunteers for making it all possible, presenters for advocating the professional and sponsors for your amazing support!

On that note, it is that time of the year again. We are now gathering a 2013 Board Nomination team to kick start the 2013 election process. Watch this space! Participate, nominate, join in!

*“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader”.* John Quincy Adams