**PMI Orange County – The Elected Governor’s Position**

**A Call to Service and Leadership**

**What is the Board of Governors?**

As a mutual benefit non-profit corporation, members need to elect from their membership a governing body. In 2010, PMIOC changed from electing 9 directors with functional roles each year to a Board of Governors (BOG) comprised of 6 elected members, each serving a 2 year team. Three members are elected every year, providing over lapping terms. Each year the new Board takes effect as of April 1st.

Governors are elected at large, in other words, to serve on the board but not elected to a specific role. Prior to April 1st, the newly constituted BOG meets and determines among themselves who will assume the President and the 5 defined VP roles per the chapter By Laws.

**What are the job descriptions for a Governor?**

All governors have these fundamental responsibilities: (see By Laws for more detail)

* To insure the fiduciary integrity of Chapter operations
* To develop and set the Strategic Direction for the Chapter
* To oversee operations within the context of the Strategic plan and insure operations are in accordance with the Charter of PMI Global.

The specific titles are President, VP Operations, VP Finance, VP Strategic Planning and Membership, VP Administration and VP Communications.

**A Call to service and Leadership:**

For dedicated PMI OC members, serving on the BOG provides a unique opportunity to lead an organization strategically and operationally. For most PM’s, we inherit the resulting projects set by the leaders of the company’s we work with. In PMIOC, being on the BOG gives you the opportunity to generate the strategic direction and oversee and mentor the organization to execute those plans. Not only will you work within the chapter but also with the regional and international PMI leadership teams. Annual regional leadership and the North American Annual conference provide opportunities to learn from other PMI leaders.

**Call for Nominations:**

The nominating committee encourages experienced active members to consider stepping forward to consider this experience. We strive to provide a qualified slate of candidates of more than the three required so our membership has choices in leadership. Please read the following comments from current and past Governors about their experiences. Interested? Send message to nominations@PMI-OC.org

**Cindy Pham MBA, PMP, MCITP**

**VP of Strategic Planning, President**

As the PMI-OC Governor of Strategic Planning, Cindy Pham feels rewarded by being able to give back to the project management community and to watch her volunteers grow. “ I trained them and gave them all the tools and support needed to be successful, but ultimately, it comes down to the director’s commitment.”

All sitting members on the Board of Governors are responsible to strategically lead the directors and member volunteers within their organization. As the VP of Strategic Planning, the director of Membership, the director of Volunteers and the director of ­­­­­Strategic Planning, report to her. In addition to the strategic objectives of these organizations, this position also strives to achieve a tighter alignment to the Chapter’s goals as a whole.

Her experience in this capacity has contributed to her being more involved with future projects for the company where she is employed. “PMI-OC has become my second family” and she strongly encourages anyone who is not a member, to join PMI-OC Chapter. “We are a very dynamic group and have many programs and networking opportunities to offer.”

**Greg Scott, PMP**

**Past President, President and VP Finance**

After 7 years active membership and serving if some volunteer positions, I accepted the appointment to VP Finance to complete a BOG term that had become vacant due to job relocation

As VP Finance, I learned so much more about the Chapter, the great teams of volunteers and the wide spread respect in the PM community for our Chapter. I also had the opportunity to re-build the finance organization to better serve the Chapter.

Selected by my fellow governors to serve as Chapter President, I stepped into a role that expanded my experiences in leadership and organizational development. Most rewarding is seeing members step forward into many volunteer positions and then put their personal mark on the organization. As Past President, I have been rewarded by leading our Nominations Committee in meeting candidates for election and leaning more about our dedicated members.

**Adam Khamseh**

**VP of Finance, President**

1. ***Why did you decide to serve on the PMI-OC Board of Governors?***

I have been a member of PMI-OC since 2007 but wanted to be more than just a member. I started to volunteer with the organization and wanted to see the “Bigger Picture”. The Board of Governors was moving towards a Strategic role at the time and serving on the Board has allowed me to volunteer with the organization at the Strategic level.

1. ***How has serving on the Board helped you grow both professionally and personally?***

Being a member of the Board of Governors requires you to work closely with the other Board Members. Serving in this role has helped me to become more patient and to understand and appreciate the value of working with others.

1. ***What have you found to be the most rewarding aspect of serving on the Board of Governors?***

I greatly appreciate the free time that volunteers throughout all levels of the organization are giving each week. It is rewarding to work with so many great volunteers.

1. ***What would you say to someone who is considering a nomination for the Board of Governors but is concerned that it may be too much work or responsibility?***

You will not be doing this alone. I have been fortunate to have a strong team that I can rely on and when one member leaves I have been able to replace them. You will be able to rely on your team members and volunteers and will not be alone while serving on the Board of Governors.

1. ***Are there any final thoughts you would like to communicate to someone that may be considering this opportunity to serve?***

Serving on the Board of Governors has been an extremely satisfying experience. Remember that this is a fiduciary responsibility to the chapter members and volunteers of PMI-OC. Your responsibility as a Board Member is to put the organization and the members first and to ensure the members and volunteers of this organization have a good experience.