

CPM ANNOUNCES DRIESSNACK DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

The CPM board is pleased to announce the following recipients of the Driessnack Distinguished Service Award.

The Driessnack Distinguished Service Award, which is named after Lieutenant General Hans H. "Whitey" Driessnack USAF, is CPM's most prestigious award. The award criteria are:

Awarded to individuals who have made major contributions to project performance management policy, concepts, and practices, which have national and international implications. This recognition is awarded to individuals who have provided critical contributions to the evolution of Earned Value Management and project planning and control standards, research, and education, and have promoted the exchange of theory, development, and application among project management professionals.

- The award winner is selected by the CPM Board of Directors.
- This award is typically awarded at the Integrated Project Management Conference during October or November.



MR. NEIL ALBERT

Mr. Neil Albert was an elected member of the CPM Governing Board from 2005 through 2011; first serving as the CPM President then as the CPM Past President.

During his tenure, Neil guided the CPM organization through three major changes, as the organization went from a Project Management Institute College, to a PMI Community of Practice and then to the current wholly independent CPM organization.

Neil provided steady leadership through these changes, ensuring the logistics of such change (organizational, governance, legal, financial, and personnel) maintained the integrity of CPM as a professional organization while never letting its mission -- to serve the best interest of the EVM community -- cease being the focus of the CPM Governing Board's activities.

What is truly outstanding regarding Neil's contribution to project performance management during these difficult transitional periods was his ability to simultaneously promote the continued growth of EVM internationally, while maintaining productive relationships across various EVM interested parties.

To ensure the changes in CPM did not fracture the CPM community and to bring it closer together, Neil worked tirelessly with PMI, NDIA, SCEA, US and foreign government organizations, and with individuals from around the globe (from those just starting out in EVM to corporate leaders responsible for billions of dollars in assets).

This contribution cannot be overstated as CPM for the last 35 years has provided the EVM community a global platform for interested parties from government, professional and corporate sectors, as well as individuals and organizations interested in advancing EVM. Through his efforts, Neil prevented these relationships from being jeopardized by the occurrence of the aforesaid organizational changes.

If not for Neil's leadership and his ability to connect with individuals, his ability to relate the fundamentals and theory of EVM to a broad audience, and his deep and enduring vision to see EVM expand across the globe, the state of EVM would be very different.

Notable International EVM contributions include:

- Worked with Mr. Wayne Abba to open the door to EVM in Turkey.
- Established CPM's first Global Advisory Committee, which reached out to the international community to obtain their participation in CPM.
- Met with Japanese Diet representatives to promote the use of EVM in Japan.
- Helped to enhance understanding of how EVM could be applied in Japan's cultural and governmental environment. Emphasized importance of sound project organization and estimating as precursors to effective performance management. Known widely in Japan as "Mr. WBS.

Mr. Albert's Driessnack award was presented at the IPM 2013 Conference.



MR. WALTER H LIPKE

Mr. Walter H. (Walt) Lipke has been a member of CPM since 2004. He has made many contributions to the evolution of EVM standards, research, and education, and has promoted the exchange of theory, development, and application among project management professionals which have had significant national and international implications.

These contributions include:

- Became a leading "thought leader" as the most published author on EVM with 45 unique citations and 18 reprints in the Earned Value Bibliography. Walt's papers have covered the cost and schedule aspects of EVM.
- Developed and published novel theories related to EVM which created interest from European EVM academics and practitioners, which in turn led to conferences held in London in 2006 and 2007. This precipitated the formation of the EVM European Association in 2008 and the inaugural EVM Europe Conference being held at CERN, Switzerland in November 2009 at which Walt attended and presented.
- European interest in Walt's novel work has resulted in four EVM conferences being held in Europe, promoting academic and practitioner interest in the method and its research and application for European projects.
- European interest in Walt's extensive bibliography of published papers has resulted in an EVM Research Centre of Excellence being established at Ghent University where his ideas have been turned into many research projects by student's at the faculty of Economics and Business Administration.
- European academic interest in Walt's work also resulted in a collaboration which generated a successful research proposal for more than €1.2 million over a 6 year period. This project controls/EVM research project is led by Ghent University (Belgium) and includes CERN (Switzerland), George Washington University (USA) and University College London (UK). The project is currently in the first year of research activity.

While Walt is best known for the development of Earned Schedule in 2003, and the extensions to Earned Schedule including the P Factor measure of schedule adherence, his other ideas include the application of statistical methods to EVM for cost and schedule prediction. Walt's earlier work also includes the use of EVM data for applying Statistical Process Control techniques to the management of software projects.

Notable International EVM contributions include presentations to:

- The EVM Europe Conferences (4 times); and presentation to the PMI Belgium Chapter in 2007
- The EVA UK Conference, London in 2006 and 2007
- Australia 3 times at the:
 - PROMAC Conference held in Sydney in 2006
 - Project management component of the Australian Defence and Industry Conference held in Adelaide in 2007.
 - Remote keynote presentation at the Project Governance and Controls Symposium (PGCS) in May 2013.(Walt's work has been a significant factor in generating the interest needed to re-establish the renamed PGCS.)
- The CPM Japan Conference in 2004.

Walt made many earlier contributions of national significance to the USA while he was employed by the Software Division at Tinker AFB, all of which occurred in the context of applying EVM to software projects, to include:

- The Test Program Set and Industrial Automation (TPS and IA) functions of the Software Division became the first US Air Force activity to achieve Level 2 of the Software Engineering Institute's Capability Maturity Model® (CMMR) in 1993.
- TPS and IA functions became the first software activity in Federal service to achieve CMM Level 4 distinction in 1996.
- TPS and IA functions became ISO 9001/TickIT registered in 1998.

These very significant achievements were awarded the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers' Computer Society Award for Software Process Achievement in 1999.

Other contributions by Walt of national and international significance include:

- Commissioning the Earned Schedule website at www.earnedschedule.com in 2006 which is maintained at his expense with volunteer webmaster support. This site, with a very small number of exceptions, has made freely available all of the Earned Schedule and other literature and toolsets to the global EVM and project management communities.
- Making his intellectual property freely available to PMI enabled inclusion of Earned Schedule (and follow on techniques) in Appendix D to the PMI EVM Global Practice Standard 2nd edition.

Mr Lipke's Driessnack award will be presented at the EVM World 2014 Conference which is being held May 21-23, 2014 at the Grand Hyatt, San Antonio, Texas.

CPM HUNTSVILLE CHAPTER UPDATE

Meeting Topic: Kick-off Meeting

Organizer: Mr Bob Wasser, BCF Solutions

Presenters:

- Gary Troop, President of CPM
- Jerald Kerby, NASA EVM Program Executive
- Chuck Hanes, Boeing, Exploration Launch Systems
- LTC Tom Huff, US Army, ARSGM Product Manager
- Steelray Software, Presentation of Advancements in their tools

Date: Tuesday, 11th February 2014, 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Central

Location: Holiday Inn Research Park, 5903 University Drive, Huntsville, Alabama, 35806

Sponsor: Steelray Software: Business Intelligence Software for Project Managers

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