

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARD RECIPIENTS!!** The Annual Volunteer Recognition Awards recognize individuals/teams for their outstanding and extraordinary performances above and beyond the normal volunteer role. The three recognition award categories are Volunteer of the Year, Director of the Year and Team of the Year.

### ***2014-2015 Award Recipients***

***Volunteer of the Year: Congratulations to Becky Adams who received the Volunteer of the Year Award for her extraordinary achievements in the role of Project Director for the 2015 Leadership Forum.***



- Becky led an enthusiastic team to organize and deliver an exceptional Leadership Forum event targeted to executives. She possessed excellent project management skills with expert knowledge to influence executives and motivate volunteers for delivery success. She led the team to excel by extraordinary efforts to almost double the attendance from previous year, increased the length of the event with two renowned keynote speakers and distinguished panelists.

***Director of the Year: Congratulations to Annette Harris who received the Director of the Year Award for her extraordinary leadership in the role of Director of Member Communications.***



- Annette exceeded expectations from the start, improving the member communications for the Chapter and its members. The look, style and content excelled under her leadership. She delivered top-class publications, re-launched the Chapter newsletter, increased the quality of the content and continuously communicated the need to uphold the professional publication standards.

**Team of the Year: Congratulations to the Black Diamond Charities Partnership team that received the Team of the Year Award for their significant contribution to the growth and brand awareness of the Chapter.** Partnership team: *Jim Farland, Fred Barrett, Dawn Bluemke, Bill Flanagan, Judith Sol-Dyess, Paula Uscian, Sunil Thankachen, Terry Lacandia, Lee Hensel, Tim Knutsen, Shailender Goswami, Stacy Meyer, Donna Petrey, David Burns, DJ Driscoll, Louisa Kim, Pat Koch, Gerald Minzey, Tjuan Smith*



- Team created new outreach program to train wounded/disabled military veterans in the basics of project management to help transition to civilian workforce. They educated close to 50 veterans in two five week training classes accounting for the 35 hours credit for the PMP application, and continued to provide on-going support to students post training.

### **2013-2014 Award Recipients**

**Volunteer of the Year: Congratulations to Bernard Deir who received the Volunteer of the Year Award for his extraordinary contribution and delivery success as the project manager for the Executive Council.**



- Served the Executive Council since beginning of 2013 whose contribution enabled the EC core team to successfully deliver quarterly roundtables, and grow the EC membership. Possessed a high level of business maturity to effectively interact with seasoned executives and have a positive impact to the growth and health of the EC membership. Accomplished executive who was able to provide insightful and valuable perspectives to core team; asked and accepted as a EC member while continued role as project manager.

***Director of the Year: Congratulations to Aisleigh McGann who received the Director of the Year Award for her extraordinary leadership and management with a can-do attitude to drive team to delivery success.***



- Great team maker, attracted and recruited a group of high performing individuals to join her brand and Marketing team. Created comprehensive 3 year Chapter Brand and Marketing Strategy plan providing direction and guidance to improve Chapter brand. Managed and delivered “outstanding” Chapter stage backdrop that provided professional Chapter image at events and photo opportunities which helped improve Chapter brand. Initiated the creation of shared repository for all marketing materials with over 300 reference documents to support the Chapter.

***Team of the Year: Congratulations to the Marketing and Public Relations team that received the Team of the Year Award for their superior delivery success and sustainability to increase Chapter brand awareness.*** Team: Lyne Jele, Joanne Merkle, Margaret Norman, Monsurat Raji, Shawn Ritter, Martha Small, Aisleigh McGann



- Created a 3 year Chapter Brand and Marketing strategy to increase brand awareness, consistency and value. Created new Chapter brand displays to enhance Chapter image and reputation, increasing brand presence and improving brand experience. Established greater media coverage, recognition and presence of the Chapter in the public domain. Achieved superior quality and quantity of press releases from 6 to 60 in a year

## ***2012-2013 Award Recipients***

***Volunteer of the Year: Congratulations to John Mearns who received the Volunteer of the Year Award for exceptional contribution and consistent quality Chapter services.***



- Spearheaded the Job Slide initiative using his own equipment, and proactively sought out dinner meeting guests and event sponsors for job announcements, and transposed them into the Chapter job slide. His effort significantly benefits the Chapter and members looking for their next career opportunity. Exceeded expectations going above and beyond the tasks at hand looking for ways to improve existing set-ups, use of technology, and overall willingness to help, not just the Logistics team but all other teams.

***Director of the Year: Congratulations to Louisa Kim who received the Director of the Year Award for her extraordinary leadership in the role of Director of Mentorship.***



- Demonstrated great initiative in driving the Mentoring program, jumping in with little hesitation and did not skip a beat during her transition to lead the program. Had the ability to see past the “operational” aspects, and made that paradigm shift to push the program to the next level. Established the leadership needed to keep the current program moving forward and launched several new programs (e.g. Non-profit Project Mentoring). Great ambassador for the Chapter, building relationships across our leadership team, members, volunteers and external partners, and always supportive of other Directors by involving herself in cross-area programs (e.g. Red Cross) to help them be successful.

***Team of the Year: Congratulations to the (LOV) Ladies of Virtue Partnership team that received the Team of the Year Award for their superior sustained effort establishing Chapter Partnership. Team: Jamila McClinton, Sherrie Wright, Fred Barrett, Naila Crawford, Priyanka Inamdar, Kevin Sellers, Stephanie Peterson, Tjuan Smith***



- Trained 28 girls in basic project management skills which prepared them for success at college, in the workplace and with responsibilities of adulthood. Adapted Project Management Skills for Life published by the PMIEF for the LOV project management training curriculum. Raised awareness and visibility of the Chapter's Community Outreach initiatives to the international level through publication of articles about the partnership in our Chapter's Newsletter, emails to PMIEF Liaisons around the world, LinkedIn, etc.