

Keynote Speakers: Leaders in Their Fields



Walter J. Fancher, Manager of Business Operations, Spirit AeroSystems, Inc.

Walter Fancher is employed as the Manager of Business Operations at Spirit AeroSystems. He has several years experience in teaching finance, organizational theory, business management and project management as an adjunct professor at Oklahoma Wesleyan University. He has developed and taught classes for Rockwell International and Boeing. He has an undergraduate degree in Business Administration and a Master of Business Administration Degree; he also has several course units in Management by Objectives from UCLA. In all Mr. Fancher has 25 years of professional experience in industrial engineering, capacity planning, finance, scheduling, and business operations. He is also licensed in Early Settlement (Mediation) for the City of Tulsa, has received a Certificate of Achievement from Princeton Premier as a Professional Business Leader and is a member of Delta Mu Delta; an honor society in Business Administration.



Pierre Bonnal, Professor and Head of the Business Administration Dept., Haute École de Gestion, Geneva, and CERN, Geneva

Pierre Bonnal holds a mechanical engineering degree from l'École Nationale d'Ingénieurs de Tarbes and another in industrial engineering from the newly renamed École Centrale of Marseilles. He holds a M.Sc. in project management from the University of Quebec and a Ph.D. in industrial management from the Institut National Polytechnique de Toulouse, France. He is a newly appointed professor with a solid industrial background, having worked at Airbus Industrie, Fatigue Technology Inc., Doris Engineering, Areva-SGN, and Switzerland-based CERN. His academic fields of interest are project management and governance, front-end project management (feasibility analyses), project risk management, innovation and R&D management, and corporate strategy and governance.

CERN, the European Organization for Nuclear Research, is one of the world's largest and most respected centers for scientific research and is credited as the birthplace of the World Wide Web. In his presentation, you'll learn about one of the world's largest particle accelerators, the Large Hadron Collider, and other extraordinary programs currently underway at CERN and how earned value management and collaboration plays a critical role in groundbreaking scientific discovery.

Panel: Future Directions in Project Performance Management



Joe Houser
Vice President
KM Systems Group



Neil Albert
President & CEO
MCR, LLC



Michael Hatfield
Author

Joe Houser has over 35 years experience of program and financial management experience in the commercial and the government sectors. He is Vice President of KM Systems Group and has been responsible for developing and conducting program management and earned value management training for over 15 years. His experience includes all phases of acquisition management, from strategic planning through implementation for IT programs. Joe is Vice President of Education & Certification of PMI College of Performance Management.

Neil Albert is President and CEO of MCR, LLC, a small business specializing in cost/schedule analysis, acquisition management, and program assessment support. He directs and manages cost estimating, project management support, earned value management, contract management, software acquisition, logistics, and education and training in support of government and industry customers. He has broad experience in electronics, transportation systems, information (software) systems, space and defense systems, energy, and environmental systems. Mr Albert is a Certified Cost Estimator/Analyst and an active member of the Society of Cost Estimating and Analysis. He has served as President of PMI College of Performance Management and currently serves on the PMI-CPM Board as Immediate Past President.

Michael Hatfield, PMP, CCC, EVP, is the author of the recently released book *Things Your PMO Is Doing Wrong* (PMI Publishing, 2008) but is probably best known as the long-time columnist of *The Variance Threshold*, carried in *PMNetwork* magazine, for over 10 years. Michael blogs for PMI and is a regular contributor to *Projects @ Work* magazine. He has written over 130 articles, columns, paper presentations, and keynote speeches and was on the team that developed PMI's *Earned Value Management Practice Standard*.