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Introduction to Stage-Gate: A Framework for Project Success. Hosted by John Finley



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INTRODUCTION TO STAGE-GATE: A FRAMEWORK FOR PROJECT SUCCESS

Curious about how Stage-Gate can bring structure, focus, and better decision-making to your projects?

Join us for an engaging session introducing the Stage-Gate framework — a simple yet powerful approach used by organizations to guide projects from idea to completion with greater clarity and control.

Presenter John Finley will walk through the fundamentals of working in a Stage-Gate environment, sharing real-world insights from his experience in large corporations across St. Louis, Kansas City, and Jefferson City. In addition to covering the basics, John will discuss the pros, cons, and costs of Stage-Gate, and describe a novel implementation that helped rescue a struggling project.

Through these practical experiences, attendees will gain a balanced understanding of how Stage-Gate can impact both projects and organizations.



NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Join us for an engaging session designed to introduce you to the PMI-Mid MO Chapter, including its purpose and its role in supporting our members.

During this event, you will have the opportunity to meet with fellow PMI-Mid MO chapter members while immersing yourself in a welcoming atmosphere.

Feel free to ask about anything that piques your interest, whether it's the chapter's activities, membership benefits, or how to get involved.

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- Jessica Meller
- Cathy Hatfield

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- J.P. Doran
- Kari Utterback
- Prudence Myers
- David Magnusson
- Kevin Keens
- Michelle Lugria
- Mariah Oetting
- Shannon Murray
- Rachel Jung
- Jordan Kellerman
- Lisa Meester
- Sarah Renna
- Rebecca Johnson

10th Anniversary (8 members):

- David Kent Barnes II
- Olawale Ibitoye
- Kimberly Russell
- Tami Clark
- Ciara Bauer
- John Isbister
- Darin Boggs
- Holly Nunn

15th Anniversary (10 members):

- Robin Jones
- Travis Nichols
- Leonard Kellogg
- Catherine Eatherton
- Christopher Cash
- Sally Mackey
- Jana Bott
- Rhonda Durham
- Julie Allen
- Larry Seneker

20th Anniversary (2 members):

- Arthur Despins
- Elizabeth Lea

25th Anniversary (2 members):

- Gay Ann Christy
- Nancy Kuse



REMINDER

If you haven't already updated your contact information in your PMI account, please update it, so you can receive communications from the chapter!



As of January 26th, our membership stood at 346 with 230 PMPs, 13 CAPMs, 19 PMI-ACPs, 1 PMI-CPMAI, 1 PMI-PMOCP, 1 PMI-RMP, 106 Members with no Certification and 2 New Members in 2026.

Thank you for your support of PMI Mid Missouri Chapter and the project management profession! Your membership makes our mission possible. We hope to see everyone at a future chapter meeting or workshop.

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