

IIA Meeting on March 7, 2013

**Topic by Joel Haden, Architect and PMP:
"Project Management—Huh?"**

Date: Thursday, March 7, 2013
Time: 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Location: Bush Brothers
1016 E Weisgarber Rd
Knoxville, TN 37909
CPE Credits: 2 CPE
Cost: \$20 member/non-member

Directions to Bush Brothers:

- Traveling west on I-40, take Papermill exit and follow the signs to Weisgarber Road, then turn right.
- Traveling east on I-40, take Papermill exit, turn right on Papermill, then right on Weisgarber.
- Bush Brothers will be on the right.
- The meeting location is in the first building on the left.

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Description

Have you ever tried to explain what you do to your seven year old? As the joke goes the seven year old observes after the explanation, "Oh, you mean, you play on your computer and talk on the phone all day?" Certainly to the casual observer that's what project management might look like.

My presentation will introduce you to the fundamental concepts in project management. You'll learn about the iron triangle of scope, schedule, and budget, and quality. How organizations are structured matters to their success in completing projects on time and within budget.

We'll dive into how project managers look at the world – or at least should according to the Project Management Institute. You find out how those perspectives can shift depending upon the type of project. Do you manage an IT project like a construction project? What are some different ways project managers define the fundamentals of scope, schedule, budget and quality for a project? What are the artifacts you should be looking for if you're reviewing a project, or even better should be producing and elaborating on if you have the pleasure to manage a project? You'll learn about qualities of a successful project manager, and some of the frameworks out there for defining, measuring, and developing needed competencies, and how organizations set these expectations for their project managers, and senior managers and executives who should be accountable for project managers achieving expected results.

There are some areas of project management where the auditor's discipline is incredibly valuable: ensuring project managers are consistently chosen and consistently doing their work according to company policies and procedures, and working with leadership to ensure policies and procedures are in place. Beyond that there are roles the auditor can fill on a project team or in a Project Management Organization. There are some great project management tools that might benefit your practice. Additionally, the auditor's discipline is a great asset in identifying and acting on lessons learned as the project unfolds, and then taking a critical eye to the results a year later and asking, "Is the project delivering promised results?" I'll tell you more about what best practice companies are doing in this area and my own work.

About Your Speaker

Joel Haden, Architect and PMP

I am working as part of a small corporate team to put in place a consistent approach to governing and improving the quality of project management at TVA. In the past, I've been responsible for managing projects:

- 30,000 square feet of industrial builds at Sequoyah Nuclear Plant
 - Environmental product business startups
 - Award winning marketing communications campaigns a branding and way-finding system and its implementation at 500+ TVA locations
 - Award winning smart growth program that reached over half of the ~700 communities in the TVA's service area
- Relationship management outreach / sales campaigns

A decade or so ago, I realized that I have a knack for using ideas and tools from my varied past professions to turn grubby data and half-formed wishes into actionable plans that achieve admirable results. That's what why I like project management.



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