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Volunteer Appreciation Reception Held in Burlington

PMI Mass Bay Officers Thank Volunteers

by Geoff Moore, Freelance Writer & Newsletter Team Member

How many volunteer project managers does it take to make the PMI Mass Bay Chapter a professional and forward thinking organization?

The answer is not [42](#), although that is close to the number who attended an appreciation and recognition reception given by the Board of Directors on Friday 24 February at the Burlington Marriott. In fact for the year 2004-2005 over 100 members contacted Director of Volunteers, [Michelle Runge](#), to enquire about and sign up to assist the 12 volunteer groups that operate within the Chapter.

Volunteers who were able to attend this special event, which is planned to be held annually, found to their delight they were not alone, as they chatted with the board of directors and introduced themselves to fellow contributors. Martin Hatzadourian, President, thanked them for their many contributions to making the Chapter a vibrant community and presented attendees with signed certificates of appreciation, inscribed with details of their contribution.



Martin Hatzadourian, President and Ed Horniak, Past-President at the Volunteers Appreciation Reception presented certificates of appreciation to PMI Mass Bay volunteers.

Michelle Runge, added her thanks and congratulated everyone for overcoming what she calls "the inertia of volunteering". The first step usually involves a member acting on their desire to contribute, to be more involved and to return something to the organization by [contacting Michelle](#). This is followed by a discussion to understand both opportunity and interest. It may take a short time to identify the right group and arrange introductions only to discover that the pace or level of contribution is greater or less than anticipated. For some, the first rush of enthusiasm has no immediate high impact outlet and they turn away and decide it's not for them. Others begin to understand the structure or dynamics and persevere, overcoming "the inertia of volunteering". They break through to become key contributors, working their way through supporting to leadership roles as time and interest permit.



Michelle Runge, outgoing Director of Volunteers, thanks PMI Mass Bay Volunteers at the reception.

Volunteer opportunities are posted on the [PMI Mass Bay website](#), but as many at the reception will also attest, it was following up on a personal interest and seeking out a contact, that resulted in their involvement and the recognition that goes with it.

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