

## Dr. Don Gottwald named GLC Director of Scholarly Research

At the July meeting of the GLC Board of Directors, W. Donald Gottwald, PhD, CCP, PMP, was approved as the Director of Scholarly Research. In this new role, Dr. Don will be involved directly in the advocating, directing and controlling the scholarly research conducted under the aegis of the PMI Great Lakes Chapter. The GLC scholarly research sponsorship includes and is not limited to the following:

- Directing the scholarly research studies that are approved by the GLC Board, both funded directly and/or funded by others (e.g., PMI Research Department)
- Coordinating scholarly research studies, either funded by GLC or by others, which involves contacting the GLC membership
- Guiding GLC members, especially graduate students, interested in conducting scholarly research
- Supporting other PMI Chapters interested in collaborating with GLC on scholarly research studies

In his new Director role, Dr. Don will be part of the Outreach division leading the Scholarly Research Committee. He has developed the appropriate scholarly research guidelines and controls to be followed by GLC including Institute Review Board (IRB), human subjects, etc. The GLC Scholarly Research Guidelines will be posted on the GLC website pending final approval by the GLC Board.

Dr. Don Gottwald, a Professor of Project Management, is currently developing and teaching doctoral level courses in Project Management with Capella University and Wayne State University. His previous experiences included assignments serving as an educator and project/program manager in a variety of academic and industry positions, including department chair of Computer Information Systems and Quantitative Methods, Director of the M.S. in Business Information Technology, and Professor of Business Information technology and Project Management. Dr. Don has held several IT management and technical positions in Health Care, Medical Insurance, Telecommunications, Automotive, Retail, and K-12. He earned his Ph.D. at Wayne State University and is a Certified Computing Professional [CCP] and Project Management Professional [PMP]. His professional experience encompasses Enterprise Resource Planning systems, Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery, Business Process Management, Technical Project Management and Leadership, and Network Architecture and Information Systems Security, as well as international operations and marketing. His primary research interests include project leadership practices that provide extraordinary results; project initiation practices vs. strategic intent; communication and leadership aspects for determining optimum team composition in virtual situations.

