

### **Project Management or Propaganda: What's in Your Toolbox?**

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Mrs. Corbin presented a stimulating presentation on the structured aspects of project management that ensure on-time performance that meets the expectations of the management, team, and especially the customer. Project management is a profession, but so often, individuals in other professions are required to perform project management functions with little to no training. As with any profession, it is desirable to succeed and have fun doing it, and this generally requires some minimal “tools of the trade.”

Project management is a delicate and continuous marrying of resources (usually conveyed as the art and science of project management) to manage the three primary aspects of a project: scope, time, and cost. Mrs. Corbin describes the relationships in terms of the three legs of an equilateral triangle. When one changes, the other two must change to compensate. That means if project scope changes, time and cost must also be re-evaluated. Also remember, the customer can only prescribe two of the primary aspects. If the customer prescribes the scope and time, for instance, then the cost must be commensurate.

Project management is a planning and organizing function, and while there are numerous computer programs available for project management, these programs only facilitate project management – they do not perform the functions and don't eliminate the need to understand the tools. In order to learn more about the discipline of project management please visit the Project Management Institute (PMI) at [www.pmi.org](http://www.pmi.org).

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Clarissa Corbin speaks passionately about project management.



The group listens intently to Ms. Corbin's message.