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**Ricardo Vargas** from Belo Horizonte, Brazil, has been a member of PMI since 1997. He is the first Brazilian member to serve on the PMI Board of Directors.

Mr. Vargas received the PMI Distinguished Contribution Award and the PMI Product of the Year Award in 2005. He has served as president of the PMI Minas Gerais Chapter and as component mentor for PMI in Latin America from 2003 through 2006. He is also a sponsor for the PMI Educational Foundation in Brazil.

Mr. Vargas participated in the revision of *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide)*, and was member of the *PMBOK® Guide* update project team in 2004. He was also chair of the Translation Verification Committee for the Brazilian Portuguese translation of the 2004 *PMBOK®*.

Mr. Vargas is chair of Macrosolutions, a consulting company based in Brazil with operations in the United States, Africa and Europe. He is the author of nine books about project management, with more than 100,000 copies sold. Mr. Vargas was responsible, over the last 10 years, for projects that totaled more than US \$5 billion in various industries such as telecom, information technology, finance, oil, gas and energy.

Mr. Vargas holds the Project Management Professional (PMP®) credential, a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering and a master's degree in Earned Value Project Management from Federal University of Minas Gerais (UFMG), Brazil. He also earned a masters certificate in project management from George Washington University in Washington, D. C., USA. Mr. Vargas has taught several MBA courses at Brazilian and American universities. He also presented several technical papers in this area, covering portfolio management, risk management, earned value, troubled projects and ethics. Mr. Vargas is a member of the Institute for Global Ethics.

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