



**PMI-DVC Connect**  
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**From the Marketing and Communications Team and Editor** – Welcome to the July Issue of our Chapter’s newsletter, *PMI-DVC Connect!*

In this issue, we provide a short and sweet guide to running effective meetings, 3 ways you as project leaders can integrate DEI practices in your day-to-day, share special deals on IIL offerings, and invite you to participate in the Philadelphia Future City Competition as a volunteer. As per usual, we’ll share details about upcoming events, educational resources like certification exam prep dates, and celebrate Chapter members who achieved important milestones.

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### **Upcoming Chapter Events:**

***You can always find a listing of upcoming chapter events on our [website homepage](#). Here is what's happening soon!***

- PMI-DVC Professional Development Day, September 16, 2022
  - [Learn More](#)

## Chapter News

**PMI-DVC was invited to apply for Chapter of the Year Award in our region and size category! In early June the Chapter received this notice from PMI:**

*“Congratulations! We cordially invite the PMI Delaware Valley Chapter to apply for the 2022 Chapter of the Year Award in your region and size category.*

*This means that you are doing a great job! As a pre-qualified candidate, you are in the top 40% for member retention and member satisfaction.*

*We would like to learn how you achieved this success. Below, you will see a survey link and login instructions. Questions focus on PMI core values and you are encouraged to describe activities/results regarding how your chapter aligns to these. The core values of PMI are 1) project management impact, 2) professionalism, 3) volunteerism, 4) community and 5) engagement. Achievements should be based on 2021 initiatives.”*

To the Board this invitation is the reward and recognition for meeting your PM needs. Thank you for your faith in us!

## Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Team (DEI) Update

**PMI-DVC June Guest Speakers - "Every Day DEI"**

On June 15, 2022, the Chapter had the pleasure of hosting one of its own, Estelle Redding, and a guest, Dr. Marcine Pickron-Davis, to speak on the topic of Every Day DEI. Estelle is a member of our DEI Committee and the PMO Manager at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, and Dr. Pickron-Davis serves as Chief Diversity and Community Relations Officer for Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. They walked us through how we, as project leaders, can integrate simple DEI practices as part of our day-to-day project management.

Beyond defining key terms and walking through the history and evolution of DEI, both speakers shared enlightening stories and facts underpinned by three main objectives:

1. **Be accountable:** recognize that acceptance is not the same as agreement, and therefore not a compromise of beliefs. Choose to approach each other with respect and dignity.
2. **Be willing:** admit when our beliefs are wrong and be open to learning and changing based on new knowledge.
3. **Be proactive:** choose to take action in small, medium, and big ways when witnessing negativity as a result of biases.

If there's one takeaway from this presentation, it's that we can use the tools available to us to make a difference. As DEI practitioners, we believe that everyone has the ability to recognize and acknowledge privilege, understand different perspectives and incorporate inclusion as a behavior. Diversity, in its many forms, exists in the workplace and we can all actively support equity as a practice to provide individuals and groups with what they need to succeed.

We want to thank both of our speakers, Estelle Redding and Dr. Marcine Pickron-Davis, for taking the time to help guide our members on the practical application of DEI as project managers and leaders within our organizations.

After the summer break, we'll host a session featuring another very special guest - stay tuned for more information! To read about PMI updates, [click here](#).

Feel free to share your DEI research with us, too! Interested in learning more, volunteering with us, or sharing suggestions on topics and speakers for future events? Contact Marie Hegarty at [mhegarty@pmi-dvc.org](mailto:mhegarty@pmi-dvc.org).

## Education Corner

*Registration for the fall semester will open in mid-July. You can register at <https://pmi-dvc.org/education>.*

- **Foundations in Project Management**  
4 Saturdays (September 10, 17, 24; October 1)  
PMI-DVC Members = \$875
- **CAPM Exam Prep**  
3 Saturdays (October 8, 15, 22)  
PMI-DVC Members = \$750
- **PMP Exam Prep**  
5 Saturdays (October 8, 15, 22, 29; Nov 5)  
PMI-DVC Members = \$750

One big advantage of the fall exam prep courses is that each is followed by our volunteer-led study groups, free to chapter members and non-chapter members who have taken our exam prep course.

- **CAPM Exam Prep Study Group** – Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30 – 8:00 PM for 5 weeks (Nov 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30, Dec 05, 07, 12, 14)
- **PMP Exam Prep Study Group** – Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:30 – 8:00 PM for 5 weeks (Nov 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, Dec 01, 06, 08, 13, 15)

For more information on all of the Chapter course offerings on CAPM, Foundations and PMP and to register (once registration is open) go to: <https://pmi-dvc.org/education/courses>.

## Job Posting Board: *Running Effective Meetings*

*Check out this simple guide from the Job Posting Board Newsletter on how to run more effective meetings. [Read it now](#).*



## DID YOU KNOW?

The Chapter offers members a listing of open positions posted by recruiters or companies seeking Project Managers, Program Managers, and Portfolio Managers, or similar roles. The positions are posted for 30 days only. Link: <https://pmi-dvc.org/job-board-mbr-access>.

## Volunteer Spotlight:

***Want to have some fun while earning PDUs? How does introducing K-12 students to project management strike you?***

Project-based learning is a hot topic in education and “Project” is our first name! PMI-DVC has partnered with the [Future City Competition](#) and we’re exploring partnerships with other project-based learning nonprofits in our area.

Sign up on VRMS, [opportunity 36050](#) “Future City Competition - Teach PM Skills to Students K12”, or Contact Ken Golkin [kgolkin@pmi-dvc.org](mailto:kgolkin@pmi-dvc.org) for more information.

## Member Benefits

***Take advantage of the Chapter’s relationship with IIL and ProjectBites to learn, and earn PDUs at a discount!***

## AgileCon2022



On Demand  
Earn 26 PDUs; \$189  
Get a \$10 discount with  
coupon code **AGILE202**

## IPM Day 2022



Goes live Nov.3, 2022  
Earn 26 PDUs; \$69  
Get \$10 discount with  
coupon code **IPMD2022**

## Self-Paced Courses



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# ProjectBites

Have you explored the offerings on [ProjectBites](#), yet? They offer bite-sized project management education and inspiration, another opportunity to earn PDUs. It's **FREE** to Chapter Members!

A screenshot of the ProjectBites website homepage. The header includes the ProjectBites logo and navigation links: Home, Speakers, All Bites, My List, Shop, Podcast, Community, Events, About, Contact. The main content area features three promotional cards: 'One-Year Anniversary Special' with details on pricing and access; 'ProjectBites Live!' with information on learning and earning PDUs; and 'Group Licenses' for team events. Below this is a 'Recently Added' section with a carousel of video thumbnails for topics like 'STOP MANAGING PROJECTS AND START MANAGING STAKEHOLDERS', 'Your Project Team Hates You', 'BEST PRACTICES FOR ARTICULATING A PROJECT VISION', 'CREATIVITY FOR PROJECT MANAGERS', and 'My Top Ten List of Top Aggravations'.

## Member Highlights

*Each month, we recognize members who have reached important milestones. Congratulations to each of you, and “Welcome” to those of you who are new.*

**New Members** – Welcome to the **48** New Members who joined the Chapter in **June, 2022!** Chace Allen, Vincent Alunni, Angelia Beers, Dawn Berkbigler, Dillon Bharrat, Helene Charles, Linda Clarke, Laverne Coleman, Joseph Cook, Terri DiSanto, Pegi Dura, Denise Evans, Olumuyiwa Fagbami, Robert Flanders, Dylan Geisinger, Nancy Gugerty, Ulf Hansson, Tiffany Henderson, Michael Herishko, Jennifer Hocevar, Matthew Howard, Matthew Kedvesi, Katie Kelly, Ashley Kerper, Kimberly Loesch, Joseph Mac Nichol, Lindsey Miller, Lydia Minford, Sameerah Moore, Giselle Patton, Christine Prestianne, Deborah Ramsey, Audrey Rhodes-Mosley, Prosenjit Roy Chowdhury, Al Saiia, Hanifa Sam, Elizabeth Sandy, Scott Scungio, Hamed Seresty, Ronak Shah, Thaifa Smith, Kevin Somerville, Zemi Stewart, John Francis Sunkler, Michael Wonsetler, Jennifer Yu, Ronald Yum, and Zenghui Zhao.

### Member Certifications:

- Congratulations to our newest Certificate holders who achieved certifications in **June, 2022:**
  - **CAPM** – Matthew Aaron, Jasmine Campbell, and Kimberly Murphy
  - **DASM** – Kerry Guarino
  - **OTF** – Catherine Lewis
  - **PMP** – Julia Bohnenberger, Ryan Doud, Robert Flanders, Kris Fraser, Elnora Hawley, Erik Nicholson, Giselle Patton, Devon Scanlan, and Amy Wasserman.
- **15-year anniversaries** - Congratulations to our Certificate holders celebrating **15 years** of certification in **June, 2022:**
  - **PMP** – Mercedes Diaz, Charles Gallagher, Mary Beth Rechen, and Dean Zerbe.
- **10-year anniversaries** - Congratulations to our Certificate holders celebrating **10 years** of certification in **June, 2022:**
  - **PMP** – Gerard Connor, Robin Dooley-Carino, John Helm, Jr., Michael Morelli, Richard Powers, Scott Scheidt, Carmen Smargiassi, Brian Taney, and Rose Williams.
- **5-year anniversaries** - Congratulations to our Certificate holders celebrating **5 years** of certification in **June, 2022:**
  - **PMP** – Robert Cochran, Ginny Dalfo, John-Paul Grillet, Ebtesam Hameid, Ruth Llorens, Maureen McDevitt, Mukesh Parmar, Dawn Poczynek-Holdridge, Jeffrey Proctor, Kris Swackhammer, Keith Weiss, Kenneth Wright, and Ernest Yeo.



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**\*2022 Annual Plan Goals\***

- *Grow Membership.*
- *Proactive outreach to members, academic, volunteer, community, and industry associations to build lasting relationships and engagement.*
- *Advancing the Project Management Profession through a range of professional development, training, and educational opportunities. Recognize achievements!*
- *Give back to our community.*

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