



## PMI-DVC Connect August 2022, Volume 1, Issue 20

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

In this issue, we highlight next month’s Professional Development Day and Certification Night, , share about the upcoming Board of Directors election, discuss our progress regarding membership, spotlight one of our members for their volunteerism, provide information regarding various educational offerings, a volunteer opportunity and member benefits. As per usual, we celebrate Chapter members who achieved important milestones.

Newsletter Editorial Team: Rich Lobron, Amber Hill, Kelly Stoner and Kaitlyn Luboff.

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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 – Block Value Chain: Preparing for the Future in Project Management
  - [Learn More](#)
- Certification Night – on Thursday, September 22, 2022.
  - This will be our first In Person Meeting!
  - This event will give you insight about certifications that will help you stand out from the crowd. Perhaps having a certification will make your manager, or maybe your potential next manager take notice? Certification Night will cover a wide range of certification topics, such as how certifications are perceived by managers and how much work it takes to earn them. These topics and more will be addressed by people who have done the work and earned the certifications.

- We will of course discuss the PMP and CAPM but also touch on some of the other 21 certifications that PMI offers. The ACP is the chapter's most popular certification after the PMP and CAPM, so there will be a focus on it by two long time chapter members Mark B. Sleighter and Leigh Ann Gunther. To learn more about the program, speakers and to register click [here](#).

## Chapter News

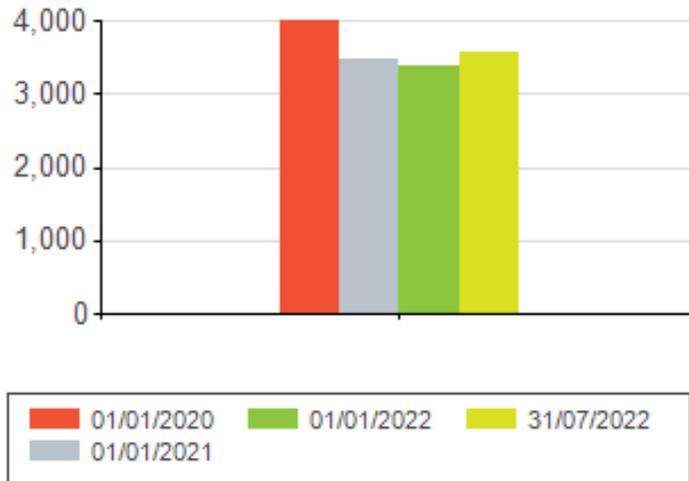
- **PMI-DVC Board of Directors Election 2022**

- It's that time again for the election of the members of the PMI-DVC Board of Directors! This important tradition is our opportunity to guide the continuing process of the chapter and help shape its future. Voting in the election contributes to the leadership, membership engagement and the entire PMI organization. The election process as shown below is quite simple:
- The nominating committee will comprise a ballot of nominees for the open director positions
- All chapter members in good standing have voting rights in the election
- The election will be conducted by electronic ballot via e-mail, which will be conducted this fall
- The nominating committee will conduct the counting of the ballots
- All of the of the nominees who receive the majority of the casted votes for each available position on the ballot will be elected to the open director positions
- We encourage all chapter members to take part in this election. Please stay tuned for an e-mail invite to cast your vote. One vote makes a world of difference.

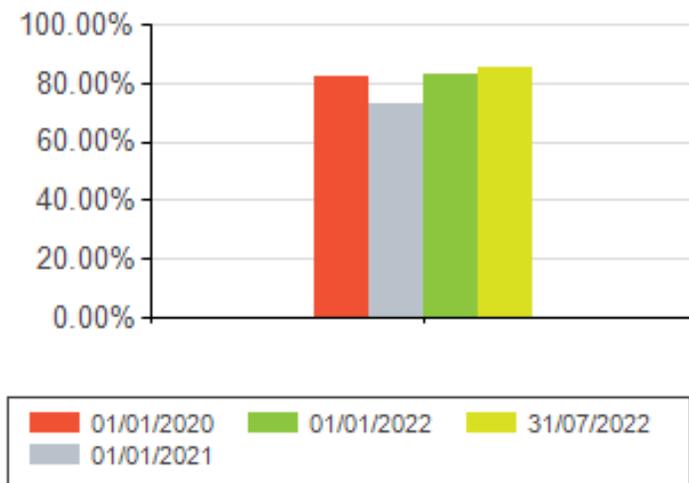
- **Membership Count and Member Retention**

- Both continue to recover from the impact of Covid. Membership is now the highest it has been since our peak in 2020 while Member Retention is the highest it has been in the last 3 years! Thank you for your confidence in our Chapter!

**Membership Count**



**Member Retention**



## Education Corner

Registration for the Fall semester is now open. You can register at <https://pmi-dvc.org/education>.

- **Foundations in Project Management-**
  - For those of you who are new to project management, this course is a great way to, well, build your knowledge foundation. The course starts on September 10 and runs

for four successive Saturdays (i.e., September 10, 17, 24; October 1). The full course outline is available [here](#) and if you want to register now, click [here](#).

- Now for those of you who have your PMP, is there someone on your team or someone you know who would really benefit from learning more about project management? If so, then please forward this newsletter or tell them about this course.
- PMI-DVC Members = \$875
  
- **CAPM Exam Prep-**
  - We have just received notice that PMI will be updating the CAPM exam starting in January of 2023. Although *past performance is not indicative of future results*, every time PMI has changed an exam, it has gotten harder. So, if you have been thinking of getting a CAPM certification, now is the time to get it done. The fall CAPM Exam Prep course meets on three Saturdays starting on October 8 (i.e., October 8, 15, 22). The full course outline is available [here](#) and if you want to register now, click [here](#).
  - 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 and to register go to: <https://pmi-dvc.org/education/courses>.

## 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 Corner

- **Spotlighting** Jessica McBride, MBA & PMP. Jess has been a member of PMI-DVC since 2016 and volunteers on the Job Posting Board and New Website committees. Jess recently co-authored a two-article series on “behavioral economics” with Jerry Rosenthal, LSS Master Black Belt. The articles were published by American Society for Quality, Lean Enterprise Division. Here is information about the first article:
  - **Title:** Why Being a Human in the Workplace Is Hard: Exploration into a New Dimension of Process Improvement Including Behavioral Economics, Lean and Change Management.
  - **Date Published:** July 20, 2022
  - **Synopsis:** Behavioral economics tells us that people do not make decisions that are in their best interest, rather that they are irrational, and that this irrationality is quite often predictable. We can use this to help manage people in the workplace and apply that to our projects and process improvement engagements.
  - **Link to download the article:** [Click here](#) (pages 3-8)

The second article will be published in the fall and will explore the change management aspect of behavioral economics. If you have any questions or comments about these articles, you may contact Jess and Jerry directly via LinkedIn:

[linkedin.com/in/jessicacmcbride](https://www.linkedin.com/in/jessicacmcbride) and [linkedin.com/in/jerryrosenthal](https://www.linkedin.com/in/jerryrosenthal)

- **Opportunity-** Do you want to help young people learn some basic project management skills and have fun doing it? The Education Team has a great volunteer opportunity called the [Future City Competition - Teach PM Skills to Students K12 VRMS# 36050](#)
  - Right now, we are looking for volunteers to Zoom into middle school classes and talk to students about project management. We already have most of a presentation complete and will be engaging with schools after classes start up.
  - We also have some volunteers who are engaging with other project-based learning organizations, like FIRST Robotics and the Philadelphia Solar Car race (model cars).
  - If you are interested apply for this VRMS opportunity or contact Ken Golkin, VP of Education directly at [kgolkin@pmi-dvc.org](mailto:kgolkin@pmi-dvc.org). This opportunity will give you the most fun you can have while earning PDUs.

## Member Benefits

- **Construction Certification (CPBEP) Pilot-** Beginning August 3<sup>rd</sup>, qualified candidates will be able to apply to sit for the Construction Professional in Built Environment Projects (CPBEP) certification. The curriculum includes seven e-learning courses and three micro-credentials. All courses combined provide the required knowledge for candidates wishing to sit for the comprehensive exam for the CPBEP certification. [Read the FAQ](#) and [check out the landing page](#) to learn more.
- **Discover PMI – Ask Us Anything Series-** we will discuss KICKOFF™ - a FREE, 45-minute course and toolkit for informal project managers or members of project teams.

KICKOFF™ guides users through the basics of project management with bite-sized, engaging content and actionable templates to effectively manage projects from start to finish. Please consider attending this upskilling seminar that is to take place on September 21st. To register, please click [here](#).

- **New Free PMI eLearning Hub-** Sample PMI's eLearning courses for free and invest in the project skills you'll need to be future ready. [Access eLearning Hub here](#).



- Looking for a quick hit of 20 minutes of learning and a third of a PDU? Check out [Project Bites](#). Free for PMI-DVC members contact Rich Rinaldi [rrinaldi@pmi-dvc.org](mailto:rrinaldi@pmi-dvc.org) with questions about registering (not a trial).
- **Podcast Channel Is Here!** For our members and others who prefer their content in a Podcast format (but still 20-minutes), we are pleased to announce our first podcast in a series of many. An engaging chat with one of our speakers. This edition... "The People Centric Approach to Project Management" with [Jonathan Cinelli, PMP, ACC](#).

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- **New Bites-**
  - Project Leadership: It is VERY Different from Project Management – David Barrett
  - Year of the People! How are you driving employee/team value in a REMOTE PMO? – Jennie Fowler
  - The Impact of DevOps on Project Managers - Michael Roberts
  - Business Agility – A Delivery Outcome - Peter Monkhouse
  - Team Agreements - Leslie Wallace-Munce
  - How to Help Your Agile Team Overcome Burnout - Aina Alive
  - Stop Managing Projects and Start Managing Stakeholders! - Curtis L. Jenkins

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- - What are your learning goals for the next quarter? PMI DELAWARE VALLEY CHAPTER, in partnership with the IIL Advantage Program, welcomes the opportunity to help you, or your team, plan the next step in your professional education journey! International Institute for Learning (IIL) offers many methods of learning for individuals and groups. Some of our most popular topics include:
    - Agile, Scrum, and Lean courses and certifications
    - Leadership and Interpersonal Skills training
    - Business Relationship Management and Business Analysis certifications
    - Lean Six Sigma Belt Courses and Microsoft Project Certifications
  - **PMI-DVC Members:** Please log in to the membership portal [here](#) to browse available resources and access benefits.
  - If you have any questions about the IIL Advantage Program, please reach out to Dave Wolf at [dwolf@pmi-dvc.org](mailto:dwolf@pmi-dvc.org) or Kathy Lajoie Malik at [klajoiemalik@pmi-dvc.org](mailto:klajoiemalik@pmi-dvc.org).

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## 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 45 New Members who joined the Chapter in July, 2022!**

- Sadia Ali, Kathleen Allen, Harmon Amakobe, Jennifer Beers, Victoria Bisbing, Ryan Bond, Bill Buonasorte, Candace Caldwell, Daryl Clark, Eric Derr, Jacqueline Dim, Danita Dixon, James Donnelly, Chisom Ezenekwe, Jacob Flickinger, Douglas Gardner, Elizabeth Gayton, Kwame Heyward, Stephan Houcke, Kwan Hui, Weston Klimas, Saloni Lulie, Angela Madgin, Mark Massenzio, Charles McFadden, Aaron Moore, Erik Nicholson, Mark Noval, Monique Parler, Sonia Pascula, Lisa Potter, Karthikabanu Rajendran, John Rebar, Deane Rosen, Gianna Scipione, Christine Shaner, Garrett Skinner, Alex Tiessen, James Vallely,

Sharon White, Whitney White, Amanda Wilson, Edward Witchev, Whitney Withrow, and Cassie Wuensche.

### **Member Certifications:**

- Congratulations to our newest Certificate holders who achieved certifications in **July, 2022:**
  - **AH-MC** (Agile Hybrid Project Pro Micro Credential)– James Truver
  - **CAPM** – Ashley Cifarelli
  - **CD-MC** – Jon Willis
  - **OTF** (Organizational Transformation Foundation) – Coleen Moses
  - **PMI-ACP** – Vincent Alunni
  - **PMP** – Sapreen Abbass, Vincent Alunni, Samuel Gillin, Adesola Ogundimu, and John Francis Sunkler.
- **20-year anniversaries** - Congratulations to our Certificate holders celebrating **20 years** of certification in **July, 2022:**
  - **PMP** – Jeffrey Carstens and Andrew Marshall
- **15-year anniversaries** - Congratulations to our Certificate holders celebrating **15 years** of certification in **July, 2022:**
  - **PMP** – Claire Baillargeon, Lanina Cavicchio, Patty Gillon, and Brent Wangen.
- **10-year anniversaries** - Congratulations to our Certificate holders celebrating **10 years** of certification in **July, 2022:**
  - **PMI-RMP** – Stephan Jerabek
  - **PMP** – Krunal Naik, Sanjay Wathore
- **5-year anniversaries** - Congratulations to our Certificate holders celebrating **5 years** of certification in **July, 2022:**
  - **PMI-ACP** – Monika Dikshit
  - **PMI-PBA** – Deborah Bellew
  - **PMP** – Richard Boone, Wendy Carofano, MaryAnn Coyle, Norman Cross, Jr., Eddie Henderson, Sr., Sabrina Hyde, Darren Lamphere, Anne McVey, Velen Nelson-DeGrave, Paul Obrien, Laura Richardson, Tammy Rubenstein, Laura Talafous, Stephen Wzorek, and Jason Young

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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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