

From the Marketing and Communications Team and Editor

Welcome to the **April** Issue of our Chapter's newsletter, *PMI-DVC Connect*!

In this issue, there is a special recap on the chapter's 45th anniversary celebration highlighted by tributes to beloved PMI founder and chapter member, the late Jim Snyder. Always check in on regular sections including President's corner, upcoming events, educational resources like certification exam prep dates, and Speciality Interest Groups (SIGs).

Newsletter Editorial Team: Kelly Stoner, Nancy Berger, Kaitlyn Luboff, Abey Abraham, Melanie Kuchma

Support the PMI-DVC by following us on social media and engaging with the posts.



President's Corner:

Ken Golkin, PMP

[Connect with me on LinkedIn](#)

What You Give Is What You Get

PMI-DVC exists for the benefit of our members. Our primary way of doing that is to help project managers be successful in their careers. A corollary is to raise the visibility of the importance of project management, as a rising tide lifts all ships, as organizations recognize the value of project management all of us benefit. PMI-DVC provides this in [three ways](#):

1. PMI-DVC events
2. PMI-DVC classes
3. Volunteer activities

With expansion of our SIGs, we will be having up to three or more virtual meetings a month. If you are good with Zoom or want to get really good and you are also comfortable with being the MC at our events, contact [Steven Casiano](#) and attach your resume when you do.

We have an urgent need for senior project managers to take on a mentoring role. Contact [Ted Szklenski](#) and attach your resume if you are interested.

In the coming months you will see a lot of changes in the PMI-DVC [website](#) to improve the user experience and make it easier for you to find the things you need and do things that you need to do. I will have more on that next month.

Celebrating Jim Snyder as PMI-DVC Turns 45

Jim Snyder was an ever-present figure in PMI, as an original founder, for 55 years. His enduring spirit of service to project management and PMI was shared at the PMI-DVC chapter's 45th anniversary celebration on Tuesday, April 16th at Midtown Social in Berwyn, PA.

The chapter board and its members were joined by PMI Global staff and board of directors to recognize the milestone and honor Jim. His friends and fellow members saluted Jim's enduring legacy with testimonials, anecdotes, and fun facts about PMI member #2 and its first vice president.



After time for eating and networking PMI-DVC board members, and PMI staff shared their reflections. Many speakers touched upon Jim's easy-going way he approached members, volunteers, and staff.

[Ken Golkin, PMI-DVC Chapter President](#) and [Frank Gorman, Administration & Board Secretary, Vice President](#), talked about the first time they met Jim. Ken shared that he had never heard of project management until Jim asked him if he was a project manager. Frank provided some insight into his mutual background with Jim. Both he and Jim were originally from Baltimore and served in the military. Frank said the first time he had heard of project management and PMI was when he read some military

documents. Frank said that he was serving as the chapter's VP of Programs when working at an event when he first met Jim and asked for his PMI membership number. Frank said that Jim simply said: "I am PMI member #2."

Brantlee Underhill, PMI Chief Community Officer, shared a bit of Jim history (he pioneered PMI-DVC as one of the first chartered chapters) and character (he would regularly call customer care). Brantlee fondly recalled that Jim was as committed to his work with the [PMI](#)

[Educational Foundation \(PMIEF\)](#) as walking around the office with a fundraising form to purchase chocolates.

[Marie Hegarty, Membership & Volunteers, Vice President](#), read a letter by former chapter member and volunteer, Kristi Baldwin, PMP, AHPP, RMP. Kristi wrote about volunteering with Jim to bring project management to Philadelphia high schools. One of those experiences



occurred in 2017-2018: "...With the help of sign language, Spanish to English translations we delivered project management concepts week after week. At the end of that program, the students successfully presented their projects, and some proud parents came to watch. It was an awesome experience. I enjoyed the look on your face when you would watch the students capture the concept of Project Management." Jim touched almost all areas of PMI as he promoted its value until the end of his life. He never took his eye off progressing PMI and its future even as a steward of its history. He left his mark on chapters, congresses, and the PMI Educational Foundation.

Woven through his experiences were his meaningful friendships and professional relationships. Like his ribbons and pins he proudly wore, he treasured his PMI relationships the most. Jim was grateful to PMI: "My memories of PMI and the things that I cherish the most about the organization are the friendships I've made."





You can always find a listing of upcoming chapter events on our [website homepage](#). Here are a few events happening soon!

PMP Exam Prep Study Group April 11 to May 9, 2024 Tuesdays and Thursdays (6:30 pm - 8:00 pm)	Free for members/ non-members Read More >>
Penn State Great Valley: Risk Management Certificate Begins May 7, 2024 Tuesday Evenings (6:00 pm - 9:00 pm)	\$895.00 for members/ non-members Read More >>
Penn State Great Valley: Project Management Certificate Program May 7 to December 10, 2024 Tuesdays (6:00 pm - 9:00 pm)	\$640.00 Members/Non members (<i>PMI-DVC members get a 10% discount with the code PMIDVC</i>) Read More >>
Chapter Meeting: Successful AI Projects and Avoiding Failure May 7, 2024 Tuesday (6:30 pm - 8:30 pm)	Free for members/ non-members Read More >>
Chapter Meeting: Posting of Intermediate and Advanced Techniques for Scrum Masters and Agile Coaches May 14, 2024 Tuesday (6:30 pm - 8:30 pm)	Free for members/ non-members Read More >>
Chapter Meeting: Developing Your Sphere of Influence May 21, 2024 Tuesday (6:30 pm - 8:30 pm)	Free for members/ non-members Read More >>

Special Event: Project Management in the Generative AI Era

May 22, 2024

Wednesday (4:30 pm - 7:15 pm)

Free for members/
non-members

[Read More >>](#)



Why Serve on the PMI-DVC Board of Directors?

The career benefits of [Board service](#) are invaluable. When you apply for jobs or contracts, you need to distinguish yourself from the competition. According to recruiters in 2024, once a position is posted, they can receive as many as 50 resumes within the first few hours—and you can assume that everyone who applies has a PMP and some degree of project experience.

[Board service](#) can set you apart. It reflects a commitment to the profession beyond certification and experience—it shows that you are someone who gives back. It showcases leadership, management, teamwork, and soft skills development. It expands your professional network, provides insight into PMI's operations, and opens doors for further involvement at higher levels, if desired. While time commitments vary by position, you'll be supported by teams of volunteers—most of whom are experienced in their roles.

Ready to jump-in and join the PMI Delaware Valley Chapter Volunteer Team?

1. Visit the [PMI Volunteer Site](#)
2. Select the United States.
3. And, under *Chapter/Global HQ*, select **DELAWARE VALLEY CHAPTER**.

Browse the open positions and apply. Descriptions of each position are provided. One of our volunteers will be in touch shortly to welcome you into the fold.

Do you have questions about volunteering with the Chapter? [Reach out to Marie >>](#)



DEI member survey results are in!

Member's recently received the [chapter's first-ever DEI survey results](#) via email.

We thank everyone that participated in the survey for your valuable feedback. We will host meetings to discuss the results further if there are questions. Please [reach out to us](#) directly to share your thoughts. Let's continue this important conversation.

New! Intra Organizational Liaison Committee

The Intra Organizational Liaison Committee (IOLC) is a new group formed by PMI-DVC's President Ken Golkin. Its focus is to deepen the relationship of all sponsors, partners, and supporters by strategically connecting with synergetic organizations. We work with different groups within the PMI-DVC team to leverage our wide network of relationships and continue delivering value to our members. Our relationships range from universities, corporations, nonprofits, and professional organizations. If you are interested in joining a committee that collaborates and leverages opportunities with external-facing institutions, let's connect.

For a rare opportunity to expand the PMI-DVC network of influence contact with [Rebeca Cruz](#),

Dir. Intra Organizational Liaison Committee.



From the Contracting and Consulting Special Interest Group (SIG)

The new Contracting & Consulting Special Interest Group (SIG) within PMI-DVC will support PMI-DVC members by providing education, mentorship, and networking opportunities for members interested in starting or expanding their business as independent contractors and/or consultants. With a focus on grass roots methods of professional development, the SIG will focus on providing face to face and virtual networking opportunities, education, and focused discussion (promoting open dialogue and

exchanges of ideas) on topics and issues relevant to independent contractors and consultants in the field of project management.

Keep a look out for our first event in May 2024!

We are still in need of up to three volunteers to serve on the Contracting and Consulting SIG committee. Remember that volunteer hours also count towards PDUs! Please contact Tari Johnson, if interested.

[Tari Johnson, M.Ed., PMP, PMI-ACP, CSM](#)

Director, Contracting and Consulting SIG



Expand Your Reach: Discover the Power of Influence with Steven Kury!

As we step into April, excitement is building for the Leadership & Communication Special Interest Group's inaugural event next month. We are thrilled to announce that in May, Steven Kury, an accomplished software Product Manager with extensive experience in data systems for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, will lead a session titled "Developing Your Sphere of Influence." Delve into the world of influence and leadership with this special upcoming event.

Why Attend?

Unlock Your Potential: Enhance your leadership skills, foster productive relationships, and create a positive working environment.

Expert Insights: Gain a wealth of knowledge from Steven's experience in large Scaled Agile implementations and product management.

Practical Takeaways: Acquire actionable strategies to identify fundamentals of leadership and expand your influence in professional settings.

Stay tuned! Details of the event, including the final date and registration information, will be shared soon. Stay tuned to secure your spot for this engaging and enlightening presentation in May.

Join Us in Shaping the Future: The Leadership & Communication SIG is dedicated to providing platforms for growth and learning in the realms of communication and leadership. By participating in our events, you're not just attending a session; you're stepping into a larger

conversation about the future of project management and the critical role of influential leadership.

We can't wait to see you there and explore the dynamic field of influence together!

For more information and to express interest in volunteering, please contact

[Vaughnda Johnson, PMP](#)

Director of Leadership & Communication SIG



From The Agile Special Interest Group (SIG)

Upcoming Agile Events

05/14/2024: Intermediate & Advanced Techniques for Scrum Masters and Agile Coaches

06/04/2024: Agile Transformation: Playing the Long Game for Real Change

To learn more about the topic/speaker and to register, [click](#).

Agile SIG is still looking for engaged and committed volunteers. Listen to Pierre LeManh's [recent video message](#) discussing PMI: Next and the importance of Disciplined Agile.

Interested? Contact me Sanjoy or complete the [Volunteer Opportunity ID: 44436](#).

Thank you!

[Sanjoy Bhattacharjee MSBIA, PMP, ACP, DASSM](#)

Director, Agile - SIG



Powering You Forward!

Your PMI-DVC AI SIG is updating the [AI Transformation Project Management: Resource Guide, January 2024](#). We would love to hear from you with content suggestions!

- Upcoming PMI-DVC AI SIG's events:
- 05/07/24: How To Run Successful AI Projects and Avoid Failure - Virtual
- 05/30/24: CyberSecurity & AI: What Every PM Should Know - Penn State, Great Valley
- PMI recently introduced the second course on AI in Project Management, "[Data Landscape of GenAI for Project Managers](#)," Value: 5 PDUs, Complimentary for members, \$19 for non-members.

- Coming Next! [Prompt Engineering Essentials for Project Managers](#)
- This Summer, PMI expects to unveil its AI Guide for Project Managers. The guide will be a collection of resources and tools—think of it as an extension of our other AI-related courses, thought leadership, and your AI teammate PMI Infinity. It will be a living document that we'll update in real-time as AI technology evolves.
- PMI has begun the process of developing the first ANSI-accredited standard for Artificial Intelligence in Project, Program, and Portfolio Management.
- Explore PMI Infinity, Generative AI for Project Managers (PMI's first course) and more at [Global PMI's Artificial Intelligence in Project Management](#)

[Paula DAmico, PMP, CSSBB, MBB, MBA](#)

Director, AI SIG & Group Director, SIGs



Current Postings

The Chapter offers members a listing of open positions posted by recruiters or companies seeking Project Managers, Program Managers, Portfolio Managers, or similar roles. The positions are posted for 30 days only. Log in to access the [Job Board](#).



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 100 New Members who joined the Chapter in March 2024

Manoharan Subramaniam, Elena Marta, Lyra Gibbs-Lloyd, Lea Pajakinas, Michael Pierorazio, Todd Yanik, Marnie Anderson, Zakiya Fulton-Anderson, Devin Joyce, Nia Marshall, Matthew Brown, Caroline Mutuku, Randy Schenkel, Pamela Conti, Paul Heppner, Jhyon Pollard, Ramesh Singh, Oriana Wesolowsky, Abodunrin Abayomi, Vibhash Jha, Ahmed Soliman, James Dietrich, KAMILA WALKER, Robert English, Jeffrey McGowan, Olga Feschenko, Jenelle Garcia, starr robbins, Jamie Saxton, Ian Tu, Ashley Dierolf, Kareem El-Kattan, Steven Tuccio, William Welsh, Madeline Yovanovich, Marisa Cirard, Brandon Raquet, Osmond Mincarelli, Jessica Sheridan, Eric Daley, Elias Degermentzidis, Kristen Lahoda, Devin Long, Elizabeth Morinelli-Farmer, Maxwell Albone, Marlucy Baracho Spencer, Jamie Harrison, Kathleen LaVallee, Libby McBrien, Gary Parks, Brandon Rebel, Madison Zuschnitt, Mudasir Ahmed, Ana Ajose, LaKiesha Alexander, Christiana Beck, Mark Broome, April Burton, Joshua Callaway, Christina Craig, PMI Customer Gordon, Lauren Holloway, Karen Jeffrey, Aviva Kaminsky, Christine Kane, Shaista Lubna, Julie Martin, Alex McKinney, Krista Meiers, Gina ODonnell, Suzanne Pugh, ROBERT SAVA, Anddy Lizardo-Toval, Komal Singh, Stephanie Scattolini, Alison Tidwell, Sasha Williamson, Celine Wroblewski, Saumya Vatsa, Brent Young, Ellie Gulick, Casey McClintick-Sink, Anthony Niwore, Julia Stuhltrager, kasey cook, Neslihan Damiani, Khaleel Lindsey-Mcfadden, Ashley Medina, Jennifer Canna, Sasha Fray, Cheryl Marchuck, Mira Bhut, Jordan Lally, Marnie Hudson, Brandon Staffa, Brenda Turner, Megan Banks, Nicole Ewald

Member Anniversaries:

- **Congratulations** to our members who celebrated Chapter membership anniversaries in March 2024:
 - **20 Years** – Scott Larmore, Jessica Frieson, William Slofer, Michael Godown, Alexandru Boesteanu
 - **15 Years** – Brian Libby, William Leduna, Edward Vecchio, Anita Landis, Joanna Murray
 - **10 Years** – Joanne Pallas, Michael Conboy, Chris Connors, Joseph Kelly, William Adams, Matthew Heilman, Catherine Okite, William Gore
 - **5 Years** – Hiral Antala, Jason Romero, Casey Devlin, Michael Menges, Oluwasikemi Williams, Beverly Hazelwood, Cynthia Tedder, Earl Walker, Charles Morrow, Melissa Angeli, Susan Coenen, Moise Jean

Member Certifications:

- **Congratulations** to our newest Certificate holders who achieved certifications in March 2024:
 - [CAPM](#)- Ashley Bottari, Manoharan Subramaniam
 - [DASM](#) - Shawn Jackson, Briana Johnstont
 - [PMI-ACP](#) – Rashi Thakur
 - [PMI-RMP](#) - Adrian Mendoza
 - [PMP](#) – Casey Devlin, William Moore, Nina Seidel, ANTHONY ZINNI, Carina Spicer, Lauren Driscoll, Chad Kinslow, Emily Eckel, Steven Graves, Lucía López Ota, Gustavo Ramos Barbieri, Erin Riebel, Shakima Crooks, Jeanne Keagy, James Dietrich, Brandon Raquet, Anddy Lizardo-Toval, Stephanie Scattolini, Ellie Gulick

Special Thanks to our Sponsors and Educational Partners

Gold Sponsors



Educational Partners



2024 Annual Plan Goals

Increase membership engagement

Support Member Career Growth

Make it easy

Support the PMI-DVC chapter by following us on social media and engaging with the posts.

