



## PMI-DVC Connect February 2023, Volume 2, Issue 2

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

In this issue, we introduce the Chapter’s Volunteer Recognition Program and note some volunteer work with the Future Cities Competition. As always, 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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### Volunteer Opportunity

If you work in the Financial Sector and would like to use your skill set to both assist the Chapter AND earn PDU’s at the same time, we have an opportunity for you!

We have an opening on the Board for [VP/Finance and Treasurer](#) which will give the selected candidate the exciting opportunity to join Chapter leaders in shaping how the Board supports our members. Our day-to-day finances are handled by [CLA](#), and the VP/Finance will be working with them utilizing QuickBooks Online, Bill.com, and other tools to manage the Chapter’s finances. Please contact Bob Cochran with any questions or interest.

## Volunteer Spotlight: PMI-DVC Volunteer Recognition Program

**NEW!** The Board of Directors is pleased to announce the initiation of a [Chapter Volunteer Recognition Program](#).

The goal of the [program](#) is to recognize and honor extraordinary service by one or more volunteers who have substantially enhanced the discipline of project management with their commitment and support to advance the Chapter's goals and programs.

This award supports the Chapter's 2023 Annual Plan goal to expand its volunteer appreciation program and recognize distinguished volunteer members for their contributions to the Chapter with special performance recognition.

There will be two parts to the program: a Volunteer of the Month and a Volunteer of the Year selected from the Volunteer of the Month winners.

Any volunteer who is a PMI-DVC member working on, or supporting a project recognized by the board will be eligible to be nominated for this award.

### Volunteer of the Month



Mark Turner, who has been extremely instrumental in the creation of the new PMI-DVC.org website, has been named the chapter's first [Volunteer of the Month \(VOM\)](#) under our new VOM program.

Please extend congratulations to our inaugural VOM!!

### Upcoming Chapter Events:

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

#### **PMI-DVC Chapter Meeting: Effective Communications and Stakeholder Engagement (2 PDUs)**

Thursday, February 23, 2023; 6:30 - 8:30pm

Members - Free / No-Members - \$5.00

[Register](#)

#### **PMI-DVC Agile Community of Practice (1 PDU)**

Monday, February 27, 2023; 7:00 - 8:00pm

Complimentary

[Learn More](#)

### **Leadership and Innovation 2023 (up to 26 PDUs)**

Thursday, March 2, 2023; 8:00am - 5:00pm

Fee - \$169.00, PMI-DVC members can get a \$15 discount with code PMIDVC

[Learn More & Register](#)

## **Celebrate Black History Month**

***Black History is American History. Far too often the contributions of Black Americans have been neglected and ignored. The long march to freedom and equality begins with knowing and understanding people's origins, struggles and achievements.***

Dr. Carter G. Woodson was a scholar dedicated to celebrating the historic contributions of Black Americans. While studying for his master's degree at the University of Chicago, and later, a Ph.D. from Harvard University, Woodson observed the intentional misinterpretation of people of color in all aspects of society. In 1926, he launched the celebration of Negro History Week in the second week of February to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. President Gerald Ford officially recognized Black History Month in 1976, on both the fiftieth anniversary of the first Negro History Week, and the bicentennial of the United States.

What can you do to celebrate? Learn more and find resources in PMI-DVC [Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Monthly Recognitions](#).

## **From the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee; by Dontay Hilton**

**The Journey to DEI** - As a person who has spent much of the past two decades traveling internationally, as an active-duty service member, veteran, and project manager, I can attest to the various challenges that come with it: delayed flights, forgotten items, and the search for clean drinking water are just a few examples. Despite these hardships, I've found that travel can also lead to unexpected benefits when it comes to diversity, equity, and inclusion. Specifically, putting boots on the ground around the world has helped me to gain a deeper understanding of the needs of others, which in turn has aided me in creating more equitable and inclusive work environments as a project manager.

The rapid acceleration of globalization in the workplace brought on by the pandemic has resulted in a greater reliance on remote teams. Being a transnational worker or digital nomad has become more common, and many people now dream of working without geographical borders. To be successful as project managers in this new reality, we must adapt and learn new

ways to build and maintain inclusion within our teams, whether they are in the office, hybrid, or fully remote. This includes becoming proficient with tools like WhatsApp, WeTransfer, and WeChat, as well as understanding cultural differences such as starting the day later due to hot desert climates or dealing with frequent electrical blackouts in developing countries. If you want to improve the success of your projects, be mindful of your teams and meet them where they are instead of expecting conformity across the board.

### [Join Our Team](#)

Since 2020, our DEI committee has dedicated itself to supporting chapter members from all areas of our community. We invite those of you who may have yet to participate in our events to leverage our resources to grow professionally and personally.

Be sure to continue checking the monthly newsletter and visit the [chapter website](#) for more news about upcoming events hosted by the DEI team!

## **Young Men & Women in Charge Foundation Science Expo**

***Join us on Saturday, March 4th, as a volunteer!***

The Young Men and Women in Charge (YMWIC) [Science Expo](#) will be held on Saturday, March 4th, at Henderson High School, in West Chester, PA. Volunteers are welcome to join as judges, room facilitators, tech support, or logistics.

The mission of [\(YMWIC\)](#) is to empower and prepare economically disadvantaged and historically underrepresented students to excel academically, and become leaders in STEM careers by providing academic tutoring, mentoring, and financial assistance. [Learn More.](#)

Members of PMI-DVC have partnered with the [YMWIC Foundation](#) for 11 years. The Founder and CEO, Mr. Richard Roberts, is a PMP and an engineer. The YMWIC program is a community-based program with most programs scheduled in the evenings and weekends. The program includes Workshops, Science Project Support, College Readiness, Job Shadowing, Career Readiness, and Community Service.

If you or your colleagues who would like to join us on March 4th, please contact Marie Hegarty, [mhegarty@pmi-dvc.org](mailto:mhegarty@pmi-dvc.org)

## Education Corner

### ***PMI-DVC Supports the Philadelphia Future City Competition***



*Picture of students from Lionville Middle School, First place team in the Future City Challenge of 2022-2023.*

On Saturday, January 21st a group of PMI-DVC members had the most fun possible while earning PDUs at the 2023 Philadelphia Future City Competition. The winning school for this extremely interesting event where middle-schools presented ideas on dealing with Climate Change in Future Cities was Lionville Middle School. The winning school earned a trip to Washington DC to compete in the National Championships which will be shown on Feb 21st at 2:00 pm on FutureCity.org

PMI-DVC gave awards for Excellence in Project Management to J.R. Fugett Middle School from West Chester, PA and St. Cecilia School, Philadelphia. Our volunteers were part of the over 100-volunteer team that made the event at Delaware County Community College (one of our Educational Partners) work for over 300 students representing 32 schools.

You can offer to volunteer with the Future Cities Philadelphia chapter at <https://www.futurecityphilly.org/>

When asked about the experience this is what our volunteers said:

“In an uncertain future filled with the undeniable challenge of climate change, these kids are an enthusiastic bright light. Their ability to think inside (the rules of the contest) and outside the box to imagine a future was very admirable. I was one of the judges for the project management award and team after team said that project management tools and techniques

really helped them reach their goals. Our (PMs) participation in the contest hopefully shows that project management skills can help them move forward in all their aspirations. I look forward to volunteering next year!" - Suzanne Dreitlein

"I loved all the imaginative ideas that the students came up with! Impressive! Also, a rewarding experience to further the cause of STEM among students for the betterment of our planet's future!" - Eleanor Conwell

"What a terrific experience! The students were very receptive to learning how project management could help them with the challenge and the final projects were so impressive. Looking forward to next year!" - Gary Rosenfeld

"I really enjoyed listening to all the presentations that I judged. I admire the courage of all students that participated in the competition. There's definitely something valuable and meaningful coming to the future of the engineering field." - Rafik Eldaly

"Talking to so many school teams was definitely a great experience to see the hidden talent of middle schoolers who could become a great future Project manager. I felt that few of them could right away take on the role of a Jr Project manager." - Mabel Samuel

"It was a pleasure to participate in the Future City 2023 event in person. The students came alive with the passion they had for the topic and the models that they crafted. If we could just bottle up their energy and passion, the future will be bright! I appreciated meeting the teachers and mentors as they are helping to ignite the learning passion. Kudos!" - Mureen Corbett

"The students demonstrated incredible skill in presenting somewhat complicated technical ideas to the public with great aplomb!!!! Each person had learned about the topic - Climate Change impacts on communities. Some truly imaginative ideas were presented and some real, potential solutions were clearly present. A great way to see middle-schoolers showing their abilities!! - Rich Lobron

The K12 Education Outreach team is always looking for volunteers. The "Talk to a PM" program was piloted in the fall with the Future City Engineering Fair and is gearing up to partner with other project-based learning non-profits. If you are interested sign up on VRMS for [VRMS 3650 Future City Competition - Teach PM Skills to Students K12](#).

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: Current Postings

*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/jobs>.*

Several positions within the PMI organization are noted:

Title	Published Date
Senior Gas Project Manager	February 6, 2023
Principle Project Manager	February 6, 2023
Senior Project Manager - Transmission & Substation	February 6, 2023
Lead IT Business Analyst	January 19, 2023

### DID YOU KNOW?

The Job Posting Board Team offers a semi-monthly Newsletter, [Career Connection](#). The team hosts a monthly Networking Call, as well. The next Networking Call is scheduled for February 21st at 5:30pm. [Learn More](#).

### Member Benefits

**FREE MEMBERS ONLY BENEFIT!**



Be sure to take advantage of [Project Bites](#), a members only benefit that offers free professional development resources to our members. These bite-sized video and audio segments cover a range of searchable project management subject-areas. Twenty minutes a piece, these convenient morsels inform, inspire and earn you PDUs towards certification renewal.

## 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 68 New Members who joined the Chapter in January, 2023:

Ketan Amlani, Maureen Andersen, Rudy Bailey, Jacquelyn Bellerby, Marvin Bleiberg, Mikaela Boone, Basilyn Bunting, Tricia Cabrey, Tricia Cabrey, Phillip Calhoun, Jill Campanella, Anna Caplan, Mark Capofari, Albin Chaiet, Jarrad Clift, Laura Cooper, Amaris Cosby, Bhavesh Dhanani, Heather Dong, Curtis Dorwart, Sutton Dougherty, Tara Dougherty, Kyle Gerhart, Christine Gershen, Erin Gover, Brian Hanley, Jason Hickman, Brynna Higgins, Christopher Justino, Nolan LeBlanc, Rongwei Lei, Loraine Lester, Cedric Lightfoot, Paige Loose, Deborah Maienshein, Leslie Masson, Megan Mead, Gary Miller, Robert Morris, Linda Mullally, Roy Mutsikwi, Helene Nadata, Kevin O’Brien, Yolanda Perez Reed, Katherine Picciotti, Daniel Pinedo, Leonard Pompeo, Baby Pothen, Zachary Reprogel, Michael Ricker, Brian Russell, Vincent Salvati, Elise Sarcich, Evgeniia Shunkevich, Kadiatu Sillah, Whitney Snead, Tyson Sowell, Ethan Sternstein, Sean Supplee, Ellen Thomas, Nona Tompkins, Robert Uche, Chan Voong, Caitlyn Wales, James Welniak, Kyle Young, Matthew Zettler, Evelyn Zoleta.

## Member Certifications

# Congratulations

*Congratulations to our newest Certificate holders who achieved certifications in January, 2023:*

- AHMC – Robert Cavanagh
- [BEPM](#) (Built Environment Performance and Materials Management Pro) – Wentzel Briar III
- [CAPM](#) – Amy Peters, Deborah Ramsey, Elise Sarcich, Brantlee Underhill, Evelyn Zoleta
- [DASM](#) – Wentzel Briar III
- [ECC](#) – Wentzel Briar III
- [OTO](#) (Organizational Transformation Orchestration) – Harry Ziff
- [PMP](#) - Mark Green, Otto Juhl, Zaneta Lasseter, Roy Mutsikwi, Margaret Noecker, Monique Parler, Maima Radcliffe, Andrew Russo, Vincent Salvati



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**\*2023 Annual Plan Goals\***

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