



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

Here are some details about upcoming events, educational resources like certification exam preparation dates, and celebration of Chapter members who achieved important milestones. Note - there will not be a July Newsletter publication.

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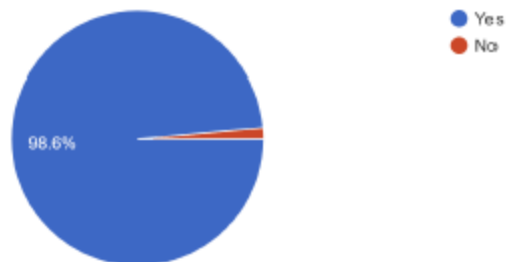


Chapter Bylaws

Results from recent vote on Bylaws Revision:

Do you approve of the updated PMI Delaware Valley Chapter By-Laws as posted for Review on March 10th on the Chapter Website?

70 responses



Upcoming Chapter Events:

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

Project Bytes LIVE

June 27th, 7:00 to 8:00 PM

Agile KaffeeKlatsch - Every Thursday at 12:30 pm

- Upcoming dates: June 22, 29, 1, 8, 15
[Learn more](#)
- Join us for Agile KaffeeKlatsch, a weekly 30-minute power session led by Leigh Ann Gunther, Senior Technical Project Manager and esteemed Agile Philosopher. Along with occasional expert guest speakers, Leigh Ann shares invaluable insights on Agile principles and practices, addressing the challenges Agile teams face while offering practical tips for boosting your organization's agility and productivity.
- Agile KaffeeKlatsch provides a welcoming platform for professionals at any stage of their Agile journey to connect, learn, and explore ideas from thought leaders in the field. Bring your questions and challenges, and join us for these engaging sessions that will leave you eager to apply your newfound knowledge. Don't miss this unique opportunity to expand your Agile expertise and network with fellow practitioners.

Saturday July 8, 2023
CAPM® Exam Prep

[Learn more >>](#)

Saturday July 8, 2023
PMI's ATP PMP® Exam
Prep Course

[Learn more >>](#)

From the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee

The Chapter's DEI Team is dedicated to supporting all the members of our community. Join us on our journey in 2023, participate in our events, leverage our resources, and share your big and small ideas with us.

A Month to Celebrate Freedom and Equality through Juneteenth and Pride
By: L'Tanya Reyes

Juneteenth

Project managers can acknowledge Juneteenth by recognizing it as an important day in American history and taking steps to celebrate and honor its significance. Here are some ways to do so:

- Educate yourself and your team: Learn about the history and significance of Juneteenth and share that knowledge with your team. Please encourage them to do their research and learn more about the holiday.
- Celebrate the day: Consider holding a team event to celebrate Juneteenth. This could be a virtual event or an in-person gathering: have a potluck, play music, or engage in other activities celebrating African American history and culture.
- Support Black-owned businesses: Consider donating to a Black-owned company or purchasing goods or services.
- Volunteer: Consider volunteering with organizations that support the Black community.

Pride Month

Project Managers play a critical role in creating an inclusive workplace culture. With June being LGBTQ+ Pride Month, it is essential for Project Managers to acknowledge and celebrate diversity in their teams.

First and foremost, Project Managers should ensure that LGBTQ+ team members feel seen, heard, and valued. This can be done by creating an open and accepting environment where everyone can bring their whole selves to work.

In addition, Project Managers can take concrete steps to promote LGBTQ+ inclusion in their project planning and execution. This includes using inclusive language in communications and documentation, ensuring that project teams are diverse and representative, and considering the impact of project decisions on LGBTQ+ stakeholders. By acknowledging, celebrating, and honoring June for Freedom and Equality, Juneteenth, and Pride Month, project managers can promote diversity, equity, and inclusion in the workplace, positively impacting communities. As an inclusion effort throughout the project lifecycle, Project Managers can create a welcoming and supportive workplace for all team members. It is also essential to provide resources and support for employees, such as Employee Resource Groups (ERG) and access to mental health resources. Let's celebrate diversity and create a culture where everyone can thrive.

Women of Project Management

In March 2023, PMI proudly announced a collaboration between the Project Management Institute and Women of [Project Management® \(WOPM\)](#), the dedicated global community for women in the project profession. WOPM is a professional organization committed to promoting equal representation for women and women of color in the field of project management,

through a supportive membership community, and tailored resources, including, mentoring, certifications, health & wellness, workshops, networking, and career opportunities that engage members during every stage of their career journey. The collaboration aims to amplify the voices of women in project management across its global community and enable more female project managers to enter or progress in the profession.

Read more here: <https://www.pmi.org/about/press-media/press-releases/wopm-collaboration>

Have you read the March 2023, [PMI State of Women in Project Management Report](#)? The research was based on the PMI Annual Global Survey on PM to 8,313 project professionals, including 1,927 respondents who identify as female. The survey explored multiple facets of project management, including key drivers of project success, power skills, evolution of the PMO, adoption of standardized project management practices, and professional training and development.

The PMI-DVC encourages a welcoming space for all members to take the next steps in their personal and professional journeys. Join with other women Project Leaders, and embrace local challenges and the world's greatest challenges, such as, gender-based violence, climate change, and economic inequities. Invest in yourself!

Education Corner

Our summer classes are now posted for registration – we look forward to you joining us for our Foundations in Project Management or CAPM/PMP Prep Courses. Fall dates are also available.

- Foundations in Project Management Learn the foundational principles and practices of project management and apply the course hours earned to your PMP or CAPM education requirement if you choose to move forward with certification. LEARN MORE >> Summer 2023 June 17, 24 Register Now >> Fall 2023 September 9, 23, 30, October 7
- CAPM Exam Prep | Certified Associate in Project Management Education hours and exam preparation for an ideal certification for those early in their career or who wish to grow into managing larger projects. LEARN MORE >> Summer 2023 July 8, 15, 22 Register Now >> Fall 2023 October 14, 21, 28

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>

DID YOU KNOW?

The Job Posting Board Team offers a monthly Newsletter, Career Connection: <https://pmi-dvc.org/get-involved-new/career-connection>. The team hosts a monthly Networking Call, as well. The next Networking Call is scheduled for [date, time]. Check out the PMI-DVC Events calendar for details.

Volunteer Spotlight:

Volunteer of the Month - The person selected as Volunteer for the Month of June is Niki Weiss. Niki is the backbone of our Spring and Fall PMP and CAPM study groups, one of the most popular member benefits we offer. She works with the instructors to identify topics for each of the 10 sessions in each group. She also interviews and recruits instructors and hosts for each of the meetings. Niki has been the lead for our study groups for the last 2 years and her effectiveness is a reflection of her ability to work well with others and to anticipate students needs. Read more about Niki Weiss and past Volunteers of the Month:

<https://pmi-dvc.org/volunteer-spotlight>.

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

Volunteers: The Gears that Power the Chapter

We have some great volunteer opportunities for members to help power the Chapter. Check them Out!

- VP/Finance & Treasurer – (Opportunity ID 38879) you may have seen this posting before but we have significantly revised the position with a bigger focus on leadership and strategy and a much-reduced role in day-to-day finance functions.
- Chapter Historian – (Opportunity ID 38877) 2024 will be the 45th anniversary of the Chapter and we would like to capture the Chapter's past history in time for the celebration.
- Database Reporter – (Opportunity ID 38878) If you are comfortable with Excel and looking for an opportunity with a reliable, predictable time commitment, this position might be the one for you.

New Members – Welcome to the 69 New Members who joined the Chapter in May, 2023:

Antonia Arias, Henry Blake-Smith, Justin Bussinger, Erika Callaghan, Sebastian Carpenter, James Cartwright, Prabhjot Cheema, Prabhjot Cheema, Jay Cheung, Rachael Cohen, Michelle Cordero, Amanda DeFuria, Justin DeLisio, Jason DeThomas, Stefany Dresh, Benjamin Eduful, Tara Erkinger, Toyin Ezeanyim, Kay Fitzgerald, Patricia Fortunato, Lauren Furman, Patricia Gandolfo, Loyda Garcia, Aaron Hooper, John Howell, Ajay Joshi, Thomas Klein, Kevin Kovich, Joanne Layne, Andrea Lightbody, Antoinette Little, Shante Major, Karen McArthur, Christie McDevitt, Koretta McGhee, Robert Midiri, Michelle Mora, Pat Mulligan, Ashley Nescio, Ehimen Ogienagbon, Carlos Parientes, Jalpa Patel, Kinjal Patel, Anna Marie Pedulla, Francis Phillips, Megan Phillips, Meera Ponnappa, Ryan Popek, Jesus Prieto, Amanda Reitbauer, Adam Richardson, Deb Ritchey, Crystal Rivera, Tisha Robinson-Daly, Erika Ruffin, Tanya Schweiger, Stephan Seidel, Leela Singh,

Christina Smalarz, Brooke Souder, Patrick Stewart, Blane Stoddart, Yuchi Ting, Fernando Ulloa, Rudraduttsinh Vaghela, Rony Varughese, Ray Verlinghieri, Angelo Williams, Ryan Wood.

Congratulations

...to our newest Certificate holders who achieved certifications in May 2023:

Member Certifications:

- o CAPM – Lindsay Peacock, Ryan Popek
- o PMP – Ruth Amoah-Koomson, Jason DeThomas, Jeanine Gaffney, Sara Lucas, Luis Mendoza, Linda Mullally, Wayne Parks, Walter Psculkowski, Steven Serrano, Dalton Tice, Saniyyah Tyler, Angelo Williams

Member Anniversaries:

Congratulations to our members who celebrated Chapter membership anniversaries in May, 2023:

- o 25 Years – David Laurence
- o 20 Years – William Weber
- o 15 Years – David Choi, Antoinette Dougherty, Melanee Jech, John Lalli, Christopher Millheim, Harshish Shah,
- o 10 Years – Brendan Davis, Susan McGarvey, Charles McHugh, Matthew Moyer, Priya Rajagopalan, Santana Rouleau, Debra Stout, Eric Thorson, Stephanie Wingert
- o 5 Years – J. Barnes, Monica Chance, Chui A. Cheung, Chris DiValentino, Karen Felder, Jeremy Hine, Bincy John, Sharon Lavin, Tony Lewis, Antoinette Liggians, Brian McCracken, Sandy McFadden, Alex McIntyre, David Parfitt, Michael Rafferty, Helen Robinson, Jeffrey Sensenig, Keith Shaffer, Deniece White

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2023 Annual Plan Goals

- ***Increase membership in PMI and the Chapter***

- *Promote Educational Outreach & Support Professional Development*
 - *Build lasting relationships through Volunteerism*

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