



PMI-DVC Connect May 2023, Volume 2, Issue 5

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

In this issue, we provide information about some upcoming events, including some face-to-face gatherings, news about our remarkable volunteers, an interview with the Chapter Vice President and discussion of our diversity, equity and inclusion program. 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 are a few events happening soon!

PMI-DVC Networking Event 5/17 - Join us in person!

Wednesday, May 17, 2023 from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Taphouse 23, 266 E. 4th Street, Bridgeport, PA 19405

PMI-DVC Members: \$10 (Appetizers and snacks are included in the fee)

[Reserve your spot!](#)

This will be a great opportunity for Chapter members to get together and talk to each other in an informal setting. Bring your business cards!

Parking is available across the street from the venue. The attire is business casual.

Agile KaffeeKlatsch - Every Thursday at 12:30 pm

The next few dates: May 18, 25; June 1, 8

[Learn more](#)

Join us for Agile KaffeeKlatsch, a weekly 30-minute power session led by Leigh Ann Gunther, a 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.

Thursday June 1, 2023
Agile and Scrum 2023!
Hosted by ILL

[Learn more >>](#)

Saturday June 3, 2023
Foundations in Project
Management

[Learn more >>](#)

Wednesday June 14, 2023
PMI-DVC Annual
Membership Meeting

[Learn more >>](#)

Saturday July 8, 2023
CAPM® Exam Prep

[Learn more >>](#)

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

[Learn more >>](#)

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Volunteer of the Month:

The person selected as Volunteer for the Month of May is Kaitlyn Luboff - Director of our Chapter's Monthly Newsletter. Kaitlyn has been coordinating the production of our newsletter for some time. Read more about Kaitlyn Luboff 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.

Volunteer Engagement Platform

The VRMS (Volunteer Relationship Management System) is now the VEP (Volunteer Engagement Platform). Please see the list below for the current status of Volunteer Opportunities in VEP. <https://volunteer.pmi.org/>

OPEN VEPs:

26839 – Social Media Volunteer

30901 – PMI-DVC Mentee

30900 – PMI-DVC Mentor

26816 – Program Committee Team Members

37456 – Presenter to PM University Students

35723 – Marketing &

Communications Volunteer

29257 – Director of Agile

30475 - Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee Member

26837 - Event Promotion Volunteer

37661 - Education Presenter for
Monthly Member Orientation
Meeting
30619 – Director of Networking
26735 – Chapter MeetUp Host
15503 – Guest Pass Program Coord.
30617 – Director of Volunteers

28203 - JPB Team, Content Creator
and Graphic Designer
38877 – Chapter Historian
38878 - Database Reporter
38879 – Board Position, VP/Finance &
Treasurer

Board Member Interviews are Back!

This month's member interview is with our Chapter Vice President, Ken Golkin. Ken has been involved with the chapter for many years. For many years, Ken led our Education program, with a focus on building links with academic institutions and building our course platform. Since January, he has served as our Chapter's Vice President. Ken has been an active participant with the Future Cities program for decades and has helped lead PMI-DVC into a role as a supporter of this initiative. Please enjoy this interview, which was provided through the efforts of Nancy Berger of our newsletter committee team. [Ken Golkin Interview](#)

Special Opportunity: Thesis & Doctoral Research Grants

Accepting applications until June 19th

Explore the PMI Thesis & Doctoral Research Grant Program, providing up to \$25,000 for project, program, and portfolio management research by doctoral and master's students. Application period runs from April 17 to June 19, 2023. Open to part-time or full-time students with university approval. Click the link to learn more about this chance to advance academic knowledge and enhance industry practices.

[Learn more and apply](#)

From the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee

Creating Winning Strategies for Positive Team Meetings, by Dontay Hilton

As companies work towards a more diverse and equitable workplace, Project Managers have an important role to play in ensuring teams leverage their unique backgrounds to promote creativity and productivity.

One way to incorporate DEI in team meetings is to lead with acceptance. This can be implemented by introducing cultural norms, such as recognizing that everyone has different work styles and strengths that should be respected. Furthermore, leading with acceptance includes having difficult conversations, addressing any microaggressions, and managing team dynamics and boundaries.

Another key strategy is utilizing diverse knowledge. Project Managers should ensure their teams tap into the diverse perspectives and experiences present in the room. This will help create

innovative ideas, generate creative solutions, and open up the conversation so that everyone feels encouraged to offer their input.

Finally, using the shared interpretation technique is a great way for Project Managers to promote participation among team members. The “Round Robin” technique is an example of this in which team members take turns explaining their ideas, assumptions, and interpretations, allowing everyone to provide feedback and understand how each individual is processing the data.

Project Managers can leverage all of these strategies to encourage DEI in their team meetings, ultimately creating an inclusive atmosphere where all members feel respected, heard, and valued.

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!

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 3, 10, 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

- **PMP Exam Prep | Project Management Professional**

Education hours and exam preparation for the gold standard of project management certification. Recognized worldwide, the PMP validates your competence to perform in the role of a project manager.

[LEARN MORE >>](#)

Summer 2023 July 8, 15, 22, 29, Aug 5 [Register Now >>](#)

Fall 2023 October 14, 21, 28, Nov 4, 11

For more information on all of the Chapter course offerings on CAPM, Foundations and PMP and to register go to: <https://pmi-dvc.org/earn-certifications-overview>

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. Log in to access the [Job Board](#).

Several positions are noted:

Title	Published Date
Assistant Project Manager	May 8, 2023
Construction Project Manager	May 8, 2023

DID YOU KNOW?

The Job Posting Board Team offers a semi-regular Newsletter, Career Connection: <https://pmi-dvc.org/career-advice-features>. 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.

Member News



As integral members of our community, we want you to be the first to know that the new [Certified Associate in Project Management \(CAPM\)®](#) certification exam will be available 25 July.

[Review the FAQs](#) to learn how this update will better support entry and associate-level professionals and utilize the new [Exam Content Outline](#) when updating your training materials.

Is CAPM Worth It?

Read this article from Forbes Advisor to find out! (HINT – the answer is YES):

<https://www.forbes.com/advisor/education/capm-certification-salary/>

In addition, click [here](#) to see what **PMI CEO Pierre LeManh** says about the value of CAPM.

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 **54** New Members who joined the Chapter in **April, 2023:**

- Anthony Ableman, Tracy Antoniades, Michael Arszman, Abiodun Ayeni, Tammy Bicking, Joseph Bohrer, Haley Bowers, Danielle Budenz, Tracey Bunch, Stephanie Byrd-Harrell, Brian Camfield, David Carbone, Cori Carpenter, Amy Chau, Nicholas Cincotti, Patrick Davin, Bonnie Dipasquale, Tiffany Dougherty, Danielle Durham, Shilpa Gandre-Babbe, Harrison Grove, Michael Gustavson, Christopher Hawk, Kimberly Hooven, Maria Houston, Shawn-Ere Jackson, Meredith Jarrell, Kristie Jenkins, Guada Joseph, Jason Kifner, Joshua Koplín, Ryan Lee, Danielle Ma, Levida McCall, Daniel McCauley, Nicole McMEnamin, Paola J Morales Jaramillo, Alexandra Ossa, Wayne Parks,

Sachin Patel, Eric Paulukonis, Robert Pompey, Christopher Reid, Douglas Ruby, Robert Rynkar, Derrick Samuels, Brenden Saylor, Nancy Schwertner, Steven Serrano, Artan Shala, Jeremiah Spoon, Vinay Sridhar, Carolyn Stevens, Varun Vuppala.

Member Certifications:

- Congratulations to our newest Certificate holders who achieved certifications in **April, 2023**:
 - AHMC – Linda Mullally
 - [CAPM](#) – Allison McGrew, RAJENDRAPRASAD MEDEPALLE, Shelly Piascik, Aaliyah Reese, Elizabeth Tyre
 - [DASSM](#) – Lauri Accardi
 - [OTF](#) - (Organizational Transformation Foundation) – Michael Piercey, Allison Saillard
 - [OTI](#) - (Organizational Transformation Implementation) – Michael Piercey
 - [OTO](#) (Organizational Transformation Orchestration) – Michael Piercey
 - [PMI-ACP](#) – Christopher Blume
 - [PMP](#) – Abiodun Ayeni, Stephen Bernardini, Rmanda Chapman, Patrick Davin, Nancy Ejike, Azda Forster, Phillip Graves, Melissa Hunting, AJAY JOSHI, Joshua koplín, Krista Kutney, Megan Mead, Olimpia Muresan, Sachin Patel, Rachel Sill, Nasiru Tajudeen, Melissa Templeton, Caitlyn Todd, NONA TOMPKINS, Jesus Bharani, Valluri, Elvina Wardjiman Chen

Member Anniversaries:

- Congratulations to our members who celebrated Chapter membership anniversaries in **April, 2023**:
 - **25 Years** – Kathleen Gotthelf, Barbara Robinson
 - **20 Years** – William Domenick, Jennifer Long
 - **15 Years** – Jeff Lank, Mark Sleighter
 - **10 Years** – Violet Gilchrist, Jennifer Glacken Anderson, David Manley
 - **5 Years** – Denise Aronson, Natalie Battinieri, Tom Battle, Tony Borreggine, Margaret Buffington, James DiTaranto, Melanie Grenier-Brusse, Edward Heck, Philip Howard, Philip Howard, Luigi Lazzari, John Mosco, Bjarni Nermoe, Thomas Notaro, Jeffrey Proctor, Nicole Rosenau, George Snedeker, Kris Swackhammer, Alina Umair, James Yates

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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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