

## From the Marketing and Communications Team and Editor

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

As summer approaches, we'd like to remind you of ongoing educational and networking opportunities. Please review our regular sections, including President's Corner and Upcoming Events, as well as educational resource info for certification exam prep dates and Special Interest Group (SIG) announcements.

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## President's Corner:



Ken Golkin, PMP

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### For What It's Worth

One of the best things about being the president of PMI-DVC is that I get invited to the screening meetings for potential speakers. Last week I met Joshua Barnes from Process Mentors, who will be speaking on "Understanding Value Stream Management for Digital Products" at our July 23, 2024 meeting. The fun thing is that after going through all the necessary questions, we started just talking about what makes projects successful. What might surprise some of you is that while we were in quick agreement that being on time and on budget are important, in the end all that really matters is whether the project delivers business value. This

is not to say that meeting deadlines and staying within budget are unimportant; rather, they're only important in terms of how much they contribute to the business value of the project. We exchanged some stories about our experiences that only project managers could appreciate.

While we're on the subject of project value, Mike Palladino, a past president of the chapter, delivered a wonderful talk titled "What is Agile and the Agile Mindset" on April 9 that dove deep into the value that the agile mindset brings to projects. [Read more at President's Corner.](#)

This month's picture is not me, but Bill Nye at NASA HQ in Washington DC. I was there as part of a Planetary Society Event lobbying congress to fund NASA projects to explore the solar system. Even when I'm not doing PMI stuff, I'm busy supporting projects. There was much discussion about the value of those projects and how to explain it to the congressional staffers we met with.



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

<p><b>Special Event: What Every IT Project Manager Should Know About Cyber Security and AI</b></p> <p>May 30, 2024 Thursday (5:30 pm - 8:15 pm)</p>	<p>Free for members/ non-members <a href="#">Read More &gt;&gt;</a></p>
<p><b>Chapter Meeting: Agile Transformation: Planning the Long Game for Real Change</b></p> <p>June 4, 2024 Tuesday (6:30 pm - 8:30 pm)</p>	<p>Free for members/ non-members <a href="#">Read More &gt;&gt;</a></p>
<p><b>Foundations: Summer 2024 Foundations in Project Management</b></p> <p>June 1st to June 22nd, 2024 Every Saturday (8:30 am - 4:30 pm)</p>	<p>Free for members/ non-members <a href="#">Read More &gt;&gt;</a></p>
<p><b>Special Event: Penn State Great Valley: Lean Agile Fundamentals</b></p>	<p>Free for members/ non-members <a href="#">Read More &gt;&gt;</a></p>

<p>June 11, 2024 Tuesday (8:30 am - 4:30 pm)</p>	
<p><b>Chapter Meeting: Special Topics Impacting Project Management Contracting &amp; Consulting</b></p> <p>June 13, 2024 Thursday (6:30 pm - 8:30 pm)</p>	<p>Free for members/ non-members</p> <p><a href="#">Read More &gt;&gt;</a></p>
<p><b>Chapter Meeting: Modernizing Project Management with AI: Remove the Disconnect Between People, Apps and Data for Exceptional Project Outcomes and Happier people</b></p> <p>June 18, 2024 Tuesday (6:30 pm - 8:30 pm)</p>	<p>Free for members/ non-members</p> <p><a href="#">Read More &gt;&gt;</a></p>



### 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.

[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. [Read more here.](#)

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 >>](#)



**FROM THE  
DIVERSITY, EQUITY &  
INCLUSION COMMITTEE**

National Military Appreciation  
Month: A Salute to Service

By, L'Tanya Reyes

May is a month of gratitude and recognition as we celebrate National Military Appreciation Month. This month is a time to recognize and honor the courageous men and women who have served and continue to serve in the United States Armed Forces and appreciate the contributions and sacrifices of military members and their families.

As project managers, we understand the importance of discipline, leadership, and teamwork—qualities that are deeply ingrained in military personnel. Veterans and active-duty service members often transition into civilian roles with a wealth of experience that can significantly enhance project management teams. Their ability to strategize, manage resources efficiently, and lead under pressure is invaluable.

During this month, let's acknowledge these contributions and consider how we can support our military colleagues within our projects and organizations. Here are a few ways we can celebrate and show our appreciation:

- ★ Organize a virtual or in-person event to honor veterans and active-duty service members on your team. Share their stories and achievements.
- ★ Offer professional development training and certification opportunities to military personnel transitioning into project management roles. Their skills can be further enhanced with formal PM education.

- ★ Consider organizing a fundraiser or volunteer event to support organizations that assist veterans and their families.

Let's make this May a month of meaningful recognition and support for our military heroes. By embracing their contributions and fostering an inclusive environment, we can build stronger, more resilient project teams.

Thank you for joining us in this important celebration.



## 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:

[Rebeca Cruz](#)

Dir. Intra-Organizational Liaison Committee



## The 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 grassroots 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.

Our first professional development offering, "Special Topics Impacting Contracting & Consulting." was postponed from May 23rd due to the Memorial Day Holiday weekend. The new date is June 13th. Please look for the updated registration link to register!

We still need volunteers to serve on the Contracting & Consulting SIG committee. Remember that volunteer hours also count toward PDUs! Please contact Tari Johnson if interested.

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

Director, Contracting & Consulting SIG



## Building High-Performing Teams Together

Welcome to our Leadership & Communication Special Interest Group! Are you ready to enhance your project management skills and lead high-performing teams? We're dedicated to helping you expand your influence and master essential leadership and communication skills. Our upcoming programming complements the insights from the Project Management Institute's November 2023 report, "[Building and Leading High-Performing Teams](#)." This report highlights the critical need for adaptability and the development of power skills in today's fast-evolving environment. We provide resources and support to help you thrive in these key areas. Join our upcoming events and consider volunteering to deepen your engagement, apply the insights practically, and help shape our community's future.

### Upcoming Events: Enhance Your Skills and Expand Your Network

We invite you to join us at two pivotal events that incorporate the principles from PMI's report:

- [July 30, 2024: Using Tuckman's Model to Navigate Effective Team Development](#)  
Join Tanya Boyd via Zoom as she explores Tuckman's Model in practical scenarios. Take this model beyond the PMP test question and learn to enhance team interaction and drive productivity.

### Volunteer Opportunities: Contribute and Grow with Us

Our SIG thrives thanks to the dedication of our volunteers, who are instrumental in shaping our programming, facilitating breakout rooms, promoting our events, and more. Volunteering offers a unique opportunity to make a significant impact on the development of our initiatives as well as build connections and apply the strategies discussed in our educational sessions.

Join Us!

Take part in our upcoming events and consider becoming a volunteer to help drive our mission forward. Together, we can put these valuable insights into practice and advance the field of project management.

For more information and to get involved, please contact Vaughnda Johnson, PMP, Director of Leadership & Communication SIG, at [vjohnson@pmi-dvc.org](mailto:vjohnson@pmi-dvc.org). Let's work together to build a community that champions growth, leadership, and influence!



## Upcoming Agile Events

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

07/23/2024: Understanding Value Stream Management for Digital Products

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

[AgileCon2024](#) Scaling the Future

*Live Day June 6, 2024*

*Available to Stream through September 9, 2024*

[Earn up to 26 PDUs and SEUs](#)

Agile SIG is still looking for engaged and committed volunteers.

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

Thank you!

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

Director, Agile - SIG



## Powering You Forward!

Upcoming PMI-DVC AI SIG's events:

05/30/24: What Every PM Should Know About CyberSecurity & AI  
In-Person Event, Penn State, Great Valley

06/18/24: Modernizing Project Management with AI: Remove the Disconnect Between People, Apps and Data for Exceptional Project Outcomes and happier people - Virtual Event

[WITI : Workforce Innovation, Trust and Influence](#) has offered 5 PMI-DVC chapter members one-year free membership - a value of \$297. Interested? Email Paula DAmico for details.

For the most up-to-date information from your PMI-DVC AI SIG, subscribe to our [webpage](#),

[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](#).

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*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 New Members who Recently Joined the Chapter

Marsha Antes, Felicia Arnold-Carter, Bear Betzler, Lanette Biggs, Rohan Brooks, Charles Bryson II, Victor Bulaya, Joseph Bus, Aaron Console, Travon Cromwell, Shauniece Daniel, Erik Daron, Shashikiran Devadiga, Robert Dewey, Ferne Dillard, Ziad Elghazali, Nicholas Esposito, Rebecca Fisher, Odessa Georgia, Kang Guo, Amanda Haertter, Michael Henegan, Darryl Jackson, Jen Kieffer, Ram Naresh Kommanaboyina, Mari Lockwood, Brittany Maguire, Allen Maitz, Heather Malandra, Kelly McMillan, Kristine Mellett, Christopher Moffett, Debra Monaghan, Hassan Niaz, Oludemilade Olajoyegbe, Srinivas Pampati, Vivien Parent, Sandeep Phookan, Ravindra Pradhan, Romane Robb, Anne Romulus, Bradley Sariago, Paul Schneible, Gayle Schwartz, Gretchen Shanfeld, Mirabelle Tassah, Jenelle Triscari, Anthony Watson, Arthur Webb, Garrett Welsh, Brittany Wong



## Member Anniversaries:

- **Congratulations** to our members who recently celebrated Chapter membership anniversaries:
  - **15 Years** – Robert Danek, Brian Eppig, Albert Jennings, Ajit Mhatre, Richard Powers, Sharon Pressner Joshowitz
  - **10 Years** – Kellen Amobi, Jon Becker, Chris Connors, Amy Himmelberger, Samar Hatoum, Barbara Lassoﬀ, Karen Morgan, Joseph Palumbo, Mindi Walker
  - **5 Years** – Jodi Banks, Joan Barbeau, Warren Chester, Kevin Fein, Jeanne FitzPatrick, Ryan Gailey, Kelly Hautzinger, Jeremy Hill, Mark Hilpl, Anthony Innerarity, James McDonough, John McLaughlin, Barbara Meadows, Drew Meiers, Christian Peta, Tim Rea, Bill Sabey, Carrie Scheitrum, Gregory Suey, Alice Tantino, Molly Watts, Lamont Womack

## Member Certifications:

- **Congratulations** to our newest Certificate holders who recently achieved certifications:
  - **CAPM** – Steven Gdowik, Melony Graham, Erica Grenfell, Journey Hammond, Sarah Maxwell, Anna Marie Pedulla, Francis Phillips, Natalie Seweryn
  - **DASM** – Kyle T Haynes, Anddy Lizardo-Toval, Sean Lufkin, Peter Schwalbenberg
  - **ECC** – Ian Terrince Davis
  - **OTF** – Megan Reilly
  - **PMI-ACP** – Joshua Cornelius, Anddy Lizardo-Toval, William Perry Jr
  - **PMI-PBA** – Leslie Masson
  - **PMI-RMP** – William H Willson
  - **PMP** – Abiodun Adeleke, Paige Elizabeth Brown, Travon Cromwell, Billy DiNicola, Sarah Dolan, Jessica Evans, Callie Gillett, Nancy R Gregory, Ramarao Gollapalli, John Hatz, III, Meaghan Hill, Kaitlyn Kilduff, Drew Krause, Charlie Lee, III, Antoinette Marie Little, Saloni Lulie, Gowthaman Masilamani, Sr., Robyn Matthews, Margaret McCormick, Carmen Carolina Mijares-Hernandez, Shannon O’Leary, Dhruvil Patel, Clare Jeanne Reckner, Marichelle Rocha, Zachary Skinner, Sridhar Suri, Arthur Webb

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## 2024 Annual Plan Goals

*Increase Membership Engagement*

*Support Member Career Growth*

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