

# PMI Insights

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## Update on the 2017 Mentor Program: Still Time to Apply!

The **2017 PMI Chicagoland Core PM Mentor Program** is having a banner turnout and we are only halfway into the Application Period! During the first half of the application window, we have received 65 applications for the 2017 Spring Core PM Mentoring Session which runs from February through June, 2017. The number of Mentee applications has outpaced the number of Mentor applications to such an extent that the 2017 Spring Mentee application window has been suspended.

In order to balance the disparity, the Mentor window is still open. We need more qualified PMI Chicagoland members to apply as mentors. If you have a PMP certification and at least 10 years of PM experience, you can (and should) apply. To apply, and/or get more information about the 2017 Spring Core PM Mentoring Session go to [http://pmi-chicagoland.org/Mentorship\\_Core\\_Landing\\_Page](http://pmi-chicagoland.org/Mentorship_Core_Landing_Page).

To get the word out, the Director of Mentoring and Mentoring Helpline Program Lead facilitated the **December 1st PMI Chicagoland Knowledge Sharing Event**. Thirty-four members were in attendance at the Arlington Heights Library. The meeting began with overviews of the **Core PM Mentoring Program** and the **Mentor Helpline Initiative\***. Overviews were followed by an interactive discussion around the more than 40 questions attendees has submitted before the event. And of course, ad hoc questions prompted lively discussion as the meeting progressed. Interestingly, of the 34 members in attendance, only 12% had applied to the 2017 Spring Core PM Session.

Without a doubt, significant interest in mentoring (mentors and mentees alike) abounds. In order to try to meet that demand, a **2017 Fall Core PM Mentoring Session** is being added. Both prospective mentees and mentors can express interest by completing an interest form now. As the application window approaches, the Mentoring Leadership Team will give an early heads-up to these individuals. Go to [pmi-chicagoland.org/Applications\\_for\\_the\\_Mentoring\\_Program](http://pmi-chicagoland.org/Applications_for_the_Mentoring_Program).



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

## Upcoming Event:

### PMI CHICAGOLAND'S 2017 LEADERSHIP FORUM

Friday, May 5, 2017

at the Chevy Chase Country Club in Wheeling, IL

### "Winning in the Marketplace 2020"

*harnessing the power of project management to drive Organizational transformation*



## PMI CHICAGOLAND CHAPTER DINNER MEETING

# Top Three Communication Challenges for Your Team This Year

**Wednesday, January 11, 2017**

Abbington Distinctive Banquets  
3 South 002 IL Route 53,  
Glen Ellyn, IL, 60137

5:30 pm - 9:00 pm

**Price:**

Members: \$40

Non-members: \$55

**Presenter:**

Wayne Turmel

Welcome to 2017! Please join us as the PMI Chicagoland Chapter welcomes Wayne Turmel to kick-off the new year. Wayne will discuss and provide us with his insights and ways we can achieve strong beginnings as we start new projects or apply new techniques for continuing projects.

**Presentation Abstract:**

Are you excited about the year ahead, or stressed out? Probably both. If you're a project manager looking to lower your blood pressure and enhance team performance, come to this session with your best ideas and biggest fears. You'll leave with practical take-aways to make 2017 your best (or at least less migraine-inducing) year yet. In this fun and interactive session, you'll discover

**Learning Objectives:**

- The top three communication challenges PM are experiencing right now (Email, Virtual Meetings, Using the right technology in the best way)
- How to assess where you are and what you need to do to stop the madness
- Top communication tips and action items to get the year off to a great start and make your life easier.



**Speaker Bio:**

Wayne Turmel is an author, speaker and co-founder of the Remote Leadership Institute. He's almost disturbingly obsessed with helping people manage their teams and projects using today's online communication tools to make work easier and more productive. He's the author of several books including "Meet Like You Mean It – a Leader's Guide to Painless and Productive Virtual Meetings," and is a frequent speaker at PMI and other events. The Remote Leadership Institute is the world's best online resources for the training and information you need to help lead, train and manage people and projects.

You can find out more at [www.remoteleadershipinstitute.com](http://www.remoteleadershipinstitute.com)

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## PMI Chicagoland Chapter Seeks Chapter Board Candidates

The chapter is seeking candidates for PMI Chicagoland Chapter Board positions for the 2017-2018 term (July 1st, 2017 through June 30th, 2018). More information about each Board positions can be found at the "About Us" tab on the [www.PMI-Chicagoland.org](http://www.PMI-Chicagoland.org) website. If you are interested in being considered, please go to the "Get Involved" tab at [www.PMI-Chicagoland.org](http://www.PMI-Chicagoland.org) website. Download the "Board Member" self-nomination form, fill it out and email to [PastPresident@PMI-Chicagoland.org](mailto:PastPresident@PMI-Chicagoland.org).

**The deadline for submitting a Board self-nomination form is February 28th, 2017.** If you have any questions about the Chapter Board roles or the nomination process, please contact Jim Karthan at [PastPresident@PMI-Chicagoland.org](mailto:PastPresident@PMI-Chicagoland.org).

# PMP® EXAM REVIEW

DePaul University's PMP® Exam Review prepares you to complete the examinations required to become a certified Project Management Professional (PMP®) or Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM®).

You'll review the latest material and typical questions encountered on the exams, including the knowledge areas and process groups of project management.

CLASSES BEGIN IN FEBRUARY 2017 AT DEPAUL'S LOOP CAMPUS.

Learn more at [cpe.depaul.edu/pmpreview](http://cpe.depaul.edu/pmpreview).

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## Military Veteran Outreach

### US Vets Receive Project Management Training



PMI Chicagoland, in partnership with Black Diamond Charities, conducted another project management fundamentals training course this past fall. We had 19 veterans attend the series of 5 Saturday sessions.

In addition to core team instructors, we had four new volunteer instructors provided through PMI Chicagoland. The broad range of experience and industry perspective amongst the instructors created a compelling learning experience for the veterans, who were highly motivated and engaged. A number of the students are continuing their studies, now with a focus on preparing for the PMP exam.

Black Diamond Charities [www.blackdiamondcharities.org](http://www.blackdiamondcharities.org) conducts out-reach to enlist veterans into the training program.

New volunteer instructors will be needed for the spring session – starting with an instructor orientation on February 4, 2017. Contact Bill Baxter at [williamfb3@gmail.com](mailto:williamfb3@gmail.com) for more information.

## Special Announcement

Due to pending discussions with PMI Global regarding proposed bylaw changes, our Special Business Meeting scheduled for January 11, 2017, at 7 pm CST has been cancelled. We will follow up on this matter within the next few months. However, please note that our monthly January Dinner Meeting will be held on January 11, 2017, as scheduled.



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Good things happen when you  
**stay involved** with PMI

[www.pmi-chicagoland.org](http://www.pmi-chicagoland.org)

# President Barack Obama Signs the Program Management Improvement and Accountability Act

We are excited to announce that on 14 December, President Barack Obama signed The Program Management Improvement and Accountability Act of 2015 (PMIAA) into law.

This new law will improve United States federal government project and program management by:

- Creating a formal job series and career path for program and project managers
- Developing a standards-based model for program and project management
- Designating a senior executive responsible for project and program management policy and strategy
- Leveraging an interagency council on program management to share best practices

According to PMI research, only 64 percent of government strategic initiatives ever meet their goals, business intent, and government entities waste \$101 million for every \$1 billion spent

on project and programs. The reforms outlined in the PMIAA align with PMI member input that indicates organizations who invest in program management talent and standards improve outcomes, accountability and efficiency. The passage of PMIAA into law illustrates an acknowledgement of the value of project and program management by the United States government, and therefore lays an important groundwork as PMI continues to advocate for the profession in governments around the world.

This landmark new law would not be possible without the support of our bi-partisan Congressional champions. We would like to thank:

- Senator Joni Ernst (R-IA)
- Senator Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND)
- Representative Todd Young (R-IN)
- Representative Gerry Connolly (D-VA)

For more information, [read the official press release](#).

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## DATA SCIENCE IN PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Using Data Analytic Methods to Fast Track Project Management Maturity and Optimization

### KNOWLEDGE SHARING WORKSHOP

Thursday, February 16, 2017, 6:00 – 9:00 PM

#### NEW METHODS AND TOOLS TO IMPROVE PERFORMANCE

PM Predictive Modeling | Project Management Process Mining | Information Gain in the Project Environment | Robust Quality and Risk Management for Complex Projects Data Mining and Probability Techniques for Improved Decision Making | Rules Based Systems PRIMMS® Web Tool

#### WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Project Managers • Project Administrators • PMO Managers/Leaders
- Portfolio Managers • Risk and Quality Managers

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Discover untapped sources of project data that provide valuable insights

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Find out how to acquire real-time performance data  
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#### LOCATION:

Elmhurst College  
School for Professional Studies  
180 W. Park Avenue, Suite 255  
Elmhurst, IL 60126  
Online option available

#### RESPONSE REQUIRED

**Limited Seating Available**

[sps@elmhurst.edu](mailto:sps@elmhurst.edu)

(630) 617-3300

**FREE, Refreshments provided**



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## Chapter Leadership

The Leadership Team consists of two groups. There is an elected Executive Board made up of the President, Past President and Vice Presidents. The primary function of this board is to set the strategic plan for the chapter and to oversee the execution of that plan by the Directors and their volunteers. The Directors are appointed by the Executive Board and are responsible for the execution of the strategic plan through the tactical day to day operation of the chapter. The Directors coordinate the efforts of chapter member volunteers to accomplish the activities of the chapter. If you are interested in serving your PMI Chicagoland Chapter, contact our **Director of Volunteers** for more information.

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*The PMI Chicagoland Leadership Team is made up of dedicated volunteers who constantly strive to add value to the membership and to forward the best interests of the chapter. Please feel free to contact any member of the Board or Directors with any questions, concerns, or suggestions you may have.*

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