

2025 PMI Chicagoland Annual Business Meeting Minutes 05.14.2025

Call to Order

- Meeting opened by Raj Nair at 06:18 pm.
- Raj Nair welcomes members to the hybrid 2025 Annual Business meeting of PMI Chicagoland.

Agenda

- Call to Order
- Officer Roll Call
- Meeting Minutes from 2024 Annual Business Meeting
- 2024 Financial Report
- Operational Achievements/Highlights from 2024-25
- Announcement of elected Board Slate for 2025-26
- Acknowledgement of Outgoing Board Members
- Close Meeting

A Roll of Officers

Present on-site

- President, **Raj Nair**, PMP
- Past President, **Ura Puranda**, PMP
- VP Business Outreach, **Robert Thompson**, PMP
- VP Finance, **Robert Mack**, PMP
- VP Professional Development, **Ravi Avasarala**, PMP
- VP Marketing and Communication, **Leslie Farrell**, PMP
- VP Community Outreach, **Sameer Khaja**, PMP
- VP Technology, **Ravi Natarajan**, PMP

Present online via Zoom

- None

Absent

- VP Membership, **Andrew Damico**, PMP
- VP Operations, **Tina Dodson**, PMP

Minutes from 2024 Meeting by Ura Puranda

- Raj Nair requested the review of the meeting minutes from the 2024 Annual Business Meeting and asked for a motion from the floor to approve the minutes as presented.
- Jonathan Lee, moved to approve the 2024 Annual meeting minutes.
- Srinivas Saineni seconded the motion.

- Raj Nair called for a vote. The motion was passed by a voice vote of the majority of the members present during the meeting. No objections.

Financial Report by Robert Mack

- Robert Mack presented the 2024 financials.
- Explanation of chapter financials and year to date net worth
- Key points from Robert Mack's presentation:

2024 Summary as of Dec 31, 2024

	Budget	Actuals
• Income	\$319,230	\$227,242
• Expense	\$318,383	\$245,300
• Profit/Loss	\$847	-\$18,057

Financial Statement as of December 31,2024

	<u>Net Worth</u>
• Bank Accounts	\$587,873
• Receivables	\$ 12,505
• Fixed Assets	\$ 165
• Total	\$600,544

Chapter Operational Achievements/Highlights from 2024-25 by Raj Nair

- Raj presented the chapter operational achievements/highlights of 2024-25.
- 2024 – 25 Membership Profile: 10 Board Members, 26 Directors, 150+ Volunteers, 4877 Members as of May 3,2025.
- 2024 – 25 Key Membership Metrics:
 1. Membership (growing steadily and stabilized)
 2. Retention (steady retention rate above 90%)
 3. Credentials (approximately 3030 have PMP, plus 496 other credentials)
- **2024 Key Chapter Celebration**
 - **Variety of Events for Member Services**
 - PM Symposium (225)
 - New Member Orientation
 - Member Quarterly Networking
 - Mentoring Fall 35 mentors; 8MLTs
 - Launched Mentoring Lite program
 - Improved Sponsorship and advertisement to support our events
 - 10-point Quality Improvement Program

- **Volunteer Recognition**
 - Annual Volunteer Appreciation Event
 - 90+ volunteers (Recognition and Fun)
 - Certificate of Appreciation
- **Community Events**
 - Serve with a Purpose
 - Supported Chicago Marathon
 - Food Packaging Holiday Family Activities
- **2024 -2025 Operational Achievements/Program Highlights**

Key Chapter Events:

- **Programs:** Provided variety of programs with different contents including 8 chapter meeting, professional workshops, ChatwithBoard, panel discussions.
- **PM Symposium: Delivered Oct 11, 2024 PM Symposium** themed “ The Future of Work” three tacks, awesome keynote speakers and entertaining lunch break (225 attended!!)
- **Job Fair:** Conducted Job Fair for project management professionals to network with companies and receive resume feedback , free for members Carlisle Banquet on June 12, 2024 (201 Attended)
- **Career Conference:** 8th Annual Career Conference with attendance of 118 career aspirants at Harper College with with awesome speakers on Dec 07,2024
- **Chapter Strategy:** Communicated Chapter strategy and roadmap, providing leaders with training to understand their leadership style and do effective collaboration.
- **AI Workshop:** AI in Project Management - Use Cases of Generative Tools in Waterfall and Agile Environments
- **Leadership Forum: Delivered 20th Annual Leadership Forum.** Three keynote thought leaders sharing insights on “Accelerate, Adopt & Evolve”, discussing not only the current trends in business but also left with actionable information and that can be applied to their organizations, making them more effective at delivering value.
- **PMI NA-LIM:** PMI Global Summit 2024, Los Angeles, CA– Chapter leaders attended the sessions and brought home “Experience AI in action, Trends in Project Management, Innovate and Elevate and networked with fellow PMI volunteers.

Member Exclusive Targeted Benefits:

- **Enhanced member experience** by great speakers, new member orientation monthly; introduced Networking/Open house quarterly locations around Chicagoland (smaller group for better interaction)

- **Provided exclusive member benefits** through Core PM Mentoring Program offered during the Spring & Fall. 20-30 Mentor/Mentee pairs each session. Kicked off new Mentoring “Lite” and new platform Mentor Loop
- **Conducted specific workshop** to benefit members to improve skills/usage of PM tools (AI in Project Management). Established Membership/Volunteer table and board member availability at dinner meeting
- **14th Annual PM Symposium** successfully held at Meridian Banquets with 225 attendees, A big thanks to all the 3 Gold sponsors and 1 Copper sponsor
- **Supplemented leadership development** with relevant leadership training at annual transition onboarding, focused on developing new/existing volunteer leaders

Chapter Products & Services:

- **Delivered Value-Add Professional Development Programs** – aligned to PMI Talent Triangle
- **Enhanced technology platform by partnering** with an AV vendor to deliver better stakeholder experience and operationalized the production and delivery mechanism to facilitate hybrid, virtual and in-person events. Launched QR code attendance and PDU reporting
- **Improved Chapter financial reporting** for budgeting and decision making. Managed Region 2 funds with oversight of 17 Chapters
- Contributed to **PM Talent Growth, Executive Council** presented executive panel discussion on “Women in Project Management” an In person event. Established **Prof Association (Construction) SIG** – 30 attendees
- Amplified Chapter brand through increased target marketing, press releases and maximize the use of social media channels, expanding reach to younger audiences. Generated 35+ weekly eblast, Obtained 5 sponsors in 2024 and 3 in 2025, developed new brand kit, logo, signatures and new sponsorship brochures

Community Impact Partnerships:

- Nurtured strong social good partnership with LOV, Ladies of Virtue; Empowering Youth through ‘Project Management in STEM’ (in partnership with DuPage County ACT-CO). A Night of Insight with Ladies of Virtues: Mental Health in Focus at the September Chapter Dinner Meeting. Supporting the BOA 2024 Chicago Marathon
- Sustained Military outreach partnership with Black Diamond Charities delivering unique, free project management fundamentals class to US military and veterans to help integrate and advance their civilian careers



- **Expanded Academic Outreach** to accredited educational institutions, building on existing relationships and establishing new ones. Three Student clubs are active/in-progress.
- Hosted a joint PM session for IMSA students. Academic and Social Outreach conducted 3-day Project Management skills for Life workshop at Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy
- **Community Day** conducted in conjunction with Career Day. A joint collaboration with Dream Academy Foundation. Youth Outreach team / PMI Chicagoland members volunteered to organize the event

2024 Community Service Awards

- **Announced Community Service Award – NONE**
- **Announced Community Service Award – Education:** *Inner-city Computer Stars Foundation (i.c.stars)* . For 25 years has created pathways to tech careers for underserved Chicagoans. The two-year program uses project-based learning, combining business, leadership, and technology workshops. Through i.c.stars, individuals lacking access to education and career pathways gain the skills and networks to join Fortune 500 firms

2024 Student Scholarships

- **Announced Student Scholarship Recipient – Pooja Vasudevan**
- **Announced Student Scholarship Recipient – Daniela Amezola**

Announcement of Elected 2024-25 Chapter Executive Board

2024-25 Nomination Committee Members:

1. **Ura Puranda - Committee Chair**
2. **Monique Hubartt**
3. **Antuanet Sanchez**
4. **David Omelka**
5. **Elfrida Gabriel**
6. **Chris Peckham**
7. **Anjali More**
8. **Daniela Amezola**
9. **Greg Jones**
10. **Raj Nair – Observer**

2025 – 26 Board Slate Calendar:

- Dec 15 – Feb 20: Board Self-nominations & Nominating committee Notifications
 - Feb 21 – March 21: Candidate Interviews
 - March 22 – April 10: Slate Nominations & Voting Prep
 - April 11 – May 9: Membership Vote on 2025-2026 Board Slate
 - May 14: 2025-2026 Board Slate Vote Results Announced
 - July 1: 2025-2026 Board Term Starts (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026)
- **Results (Total Voters 4900): Votes Cast: 173**
 - **155 approve (93%)**
 - **11 did not approve (7%)**
 - **7 Abstain**

2025 – 2026 Term Elected Chicagoland Chapter Executive Board Candidates:

- President – **Ravi Avasarala**, PMP
- Membership – **Bijal Patel**, PMP
- Marketing & Communications – **Leslie Farrell**, PMP
- Professional Development – **Catrina Franklin**, PMP
- Business Outreach – **Sunil Chainani**, PMP
- Community Outreach – **Sameer Khaja**, PMP
- Technology – **Ravichandran Natarajan**, PMP
- Finance – **Robert Mack**, PMP
- Operations – **Tina Dodson**, PMP
- Past President – **Raj Nair**, PMP

Acknowledgement of Outgoing Chapter Board Members

- Past President **Ura Puranda**, PMP
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Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn made by Jonathan Lee and seconded by Srinivas Saineni.
- Raj Nair adjourned the meeting at 7:05 pm.