

PMI Insights



Congratulations to Our Volunteer Recognition Award Recipients!

The Annual Volunteer Recognition Awards recognize individuals/teams for their outstanding and extraordinary performances above and beyond the normal volunteer role. The three recognition award categories are Volunteer of the Year, Director of the Year and Team of the Year.

Volunteer of the Year - Brian Klemm



Volunteer of the Year:
Brian Klemm

Above and Beyond

Rain, Snow, or Shine, Brian was committed to the Chapter platform migration project (GoogleDoc to O365 SharePoint Online). During the course of the project, Brian always and gladly stepped up to work on the Document Migration efforts. Furthermore, Brian also led the creation of the Chapter SharePoint Document Management training documentation and he delivered the training at our annual Director Transition meeting. In addition, post Go-Live, Brian continues to be the lead volunteer in managing our chapter's O365 SharePoint support process.

Project or Program Management Skills

Ability to lead and manage. Responsible and Accountable; Results Driven, Collaborative & Energetic. Brian went above and beyond what he was asked to do and he did it with enthusiasm and desire to make a positive difference to the Chapter. Brian was the "positive" catalyst in our team to move things forward and get the work done.

Director of the Year - Sudhakar Mattu



Director of the Year:
Sudhakar Mattu

Leadership

- Revived, strengthened and influenced our relationship with Junior Achievement Chicago; successfully executing 2 major Project Management workshops for over 200 high school students, engaging over 15 chapter volunteers)
- Reconnected the Chapter with local universities so we can play a stronger role in the community
- Collaborated across chapters (particularly) St. Louis Chapter and with Global PMIEF.

Innovation

Not only did Sudhakar revive our work with Junior Achievement, he took it a step further and delivered a Project Management workshop for 20 high school students who were interning at Exelon Corp as part of a "stay in school program". Way to be the connector between academia, corporation and communities.

- *Engaging Our Members:* Sudhakar has successfully engaged 15 volunteers to participate in an outreach event recently. Sudhakar has created a fun and rewarding experience for our volunteers, many of them have become repeat volunteers due to his efforts.
- *Building PM awareness in our community* Sudhakar's outreach events have increased awareness towards Project Management in the community. These events are particularly engaging young people and making a positive impact in the community. Youngsters are being exposed to project management methods and PMI in a fun and rewarding environment.



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION 2015-2016

Team of the Year - 2015 PM Symposium Team

Accomplishment

The group is being recognized for creating a high performance volunteer team, delivering a mega event with a high member satisfaction rate & generating a record high attendance for the first time.

Synergy and Diversity of Skills

The Symposium team was carefully selected well ahead and activities meticulously planned in January/February timeframe. The keynotes and session tracks were scheduled well and various Project Management topics were identified. The tracks were very interactive and received positive feedback. The women panel discussion was

something new that was tried for the first time and received excellent feedback. Timely communication was the key to successful registration and 2015 saw a record attendance of 400. Overall 2015 PM Symposium raised the bar to a new level.

Value Creation and Repeatability

The value created by PM Symposium team is immense in terms of standardization, reuse of templates & documenting lessons learned. Registration process for this signature event started well in advance in May of 2015. Proper documentation was in place to enable communication and collaboration. Oncoming new teams have a solid framework in the form of documentation, lessons learned & touchpoint meetings in order to jump start the planning process for future events. .



PM Symposium 2015 Team at the Volunteer Appreciation Event - 8.13.2016

PM Symposium Team

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| Pitchiah Balasubramanian | |
| Brian Smith | Bobby Taruc |
| Nick Christiano | Paul Jones Jr |
| David Martin | Victor Ancieta |
| Nazeer | Chuck Dunlop |
| Thowfeek | Laura Saran |
| Magda | Terri Uyttebroeck |
| Markowska | Cindy Ogilvie |
| Renata Norman | Ura Puranda |
| Anand Girap | |
| Bobby Taruc | |
| Anand Girap | |



PM Symposium 2015 - PMs with Keynote - 10.23.2015



Volunteer Appreciation Event Attendees: 8-13-2016

NOVEMBER DINNER MEETING

Project Management 2020: Practical Advice for Personal Transformation

Presentation Abstract

Organizations across the globe are calling for stronger project leaders as global socio-economic, political and digital transformation pressures change the way everyone will conduct business in the future. Are you ready for the future today?

Join us for a special evening on Wednesday, November 9th for a lively panel discussion with Chicago-area industry senior leaders. Be prepared for an evening of learning as they share with us their journeys and stories from the front lines on what it takes to succeed as a project leader of tomorrow.

Key Learning Objectives:

Upon completion of this presentation, participants will be able to:

- Know what project management in the future will look like and how PM roles are changing/
- Identify the critical soft skills leadership wants from you as well insights into what it takes to be a successful PM when things get really hard.
- Know how to begin the journey of reflection and personal transformation to take on these challenges of the future.

NOVEMBER DINNER MEETING DETAILS

LOCATION AND TIME:

1000 N Milwaukee Ave, Wheeling, IL 600908

Wednesday, November 9, 2016
5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

DINNER MEETING FEES:

Members: \$40 Non-members: \$55

MEAL TYPE: Dinner

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#)

2020 is right around the corner!
Can you afford to miss this session?

PANEL DISCUSSION



WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 9, 2016

PANELISTS

Amy J. Martin, PMP, MBA, MHRM

Senior Director, Enterprise Program Management Office
Aon Hewitt

Jane von Kirchbach

Director, Enterprise Systems and Data
Pfizer

Silvia Prickel

Managing Director, Enterprise Quality
United Airlines

Brian Donovan, PMP, MBA, LSSBB

Program Director
Abbott Laboratories

Hugh Pinkus, MBA, CPA, ITIL, PMP, LSSBB

Program Director
The Healthcare Operations Group

MODERATOR

Laszlo S. Gonc, CISSP

Partner
MVP Advisory Group

NOVEMBER DINNER MEETING SPEAKER BIOS



MODERATOR:
Laszlo S. Gonc, CISSP Partner

Technology and security investments should enable companies like yours to drive business value and deliver a better customer experience, not cripple your delivery. Is your company engaging and retaining customers securely?

I help senior leadership and their teams develop technology strategies that make sense, navigate the world of cyber security, mitigate IT risk and meet regulatory compliance requirements.



Silvia Prickel
Managing Director, Enterprise Quality
United Airlines

Silvia Prickel recently accepted an opportunity as Managing Director to lead Enterprise Quality and Release Management (eQRM) with accountability for test environment and data provisioning, test automation, continuous integration, and Release Governance on behalf of the United Enterprise. She is a veteran Information Technology executive with a proven track record of leading, managing and delivering highly successful business solutions to achieve revenue and efficiency targets. Her area of expertise and passion is in Business Strategy and Optimization, Organizational Change Management, and IT Service Management. Silvia is an IT Service Management certified professional, and a Six Sigma Black Belt. Silvia also co-authored three books for IT Professionals. She advocates digital disruption and a technological revolution. Silvia is an active member of the Metropolitan Club Board of Governors, Chair of the Chicagoland PMI Executive Council, and a member of the Association of Information Technology Professionals. Silvia earned a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science



Jane von Kirchbach
Director, Enterprise Systems and Data
Pfizer

An executive leader with 15+ years of experience delivering business transformations enabled by information technology. Effective at building culturally diverse, team-centric organizations, and passionate about mentoring and growing others. A thought leader who approaches challenges with a disciplined and pragmatic approach, but also with creativity required for innovation and breakthrough ideas. Customer focused and skilled at building relationships at all levels of organizations. An authentic leader, leading with passion, purpose and integrity.

Areas of expertise include Data and Analytics, IT Strategy, Application Development, IT Operations, Enterprise Architecture, ERP/SAP, Solution Design, Program Delivery and Change Management.



Brian Donovan
PMP, MBA, LSSBB
Program Director, Abbott Laboratories

Currently a program director at Abbott Laboratories driving major enterprise wide change initiatives with integrated governance and sustainable large scale improvements.

Demonstrated success on global business improvement initiatives and leading PMOs for a Fortune 50 medical devices & pharmaceuticals company, Abbott Laboratories (NYSE: ABT).



Amy J. Martin, PMP, MBA, MHRM
Senior Director, Enterprise Program
Management Office, Aon Hewitt

Responsible for the Aon Hewitt global enterprise program management office responsible for setting the strategic direction and driving organizational change for how project management proven methods and behaviors are to be embraced across Aon Hewitt's 33,000 employees. The purpose for establishing the EPMO is to support the organization to do two things really well; 1. Deliver on commitments to clients, and 2. Execute on innovation ideas. These are foundational components to the organization's success whereas project management needs to be a core capability in order to deliver these objectives with consistent excellence.



PHugh Pinkus, MBA, CPA, ITIL, PMP, LSSBB
Program Director
The Healthcare Operations Group

An experienced, results-driven leader with a proven record of implementing IT-enabled Lean Six Sigma transformational change to the Fortune 1000 health care, pharmaceutical, and manufacturing markets. Exceptional client satisfaction achieved by developing actionable strategies and operational frameworks combined with tight PMI-based project management. Projects focus on operational, supply chain, and financial process improvements. Increased client profits by over \$350 million since 2004.

LEADERSHIP FORUM 2016

Strategy for Innovation: The PM Advantage

by Maria E Astudillo

The PMI Chicagoland Chapter's 11th Annual Leadership Forum took place in May, hosting senior leaders and project management executives from the Chicago, Illinois, USA area. This year's theme, "Strategy for Innovation: The PM Advantage," was selected to explore the role project management can play in enabling and driving innovation in organizations.

PMI Chicagoland Chapter President Jim Karthan, PMP; Vice President of Business Outreach Stefan Lorincz, PMP; and Project Directors Becky Adams, PMP and Jerome Rowley, CAPM, welcomed guests and speakers. Michael Docherty, author of *Collective Disruption*, and CEO of Venture2, and PMI Chair Antonio Nieto-Rodriguez, MBA, PMP, engaged the audience with their dynamic and thought provoking keynote presentations.

Mr. Docherty explained that large corporations need new sources of growth but struggle to embrace entrepreneurial opportunities. Many startups are great

at using speed and agility, but lack access to brands and distribution for scale, he said. Large companies and startups can collaborate in creating and scaling transformative innovation and new business opportunities.

Similarly, Mr. Nieto-Rodriguez presented on the changing face of to-day's companies, and the need for implementing adaptive agile management principles. He emphasized that companies require agile frameworks to develop innovative cultures that are highly responsive to change. Collective leadership is also crucial for creating collaborative environments, developing adaptive processes and driving exceptional employee engagement, he said.

Following this leadership forum, the Chapter Executive Council continued the conversation in its quarterly meeting, asking: "How do we become more innovative?" "How do we create disruption?" and "How can project management enable startup-like cultures?" After an intense

and engaging dialog, the Executive Council members agreed that project management is crucial for fostering innovation in organizations. Project management provides a repeatable framework for successfully delivering initiatives—which is fundamental for any organization looking to create breakthrough capabilities, commercialize new products, or develop new services and business models.



From left, Stefan Lorincz, PMP, program executive sponsor; Antonio Nieto-Rodriguez, MBA, PMP, chair of 2016 PMI Board of Directors; Becky Adams, PMP, project director.

"Strategy for Innovation: The PM Advantage" proved to be an important topic for today's leaders and project management executives. "We are delighted to have such an accomplished group of seasoned executives participating as panelists and speakers, and sharing their perspectives and experiences at the 11th Annual Leadership Forum," said Silvia Prickel, Chair of Leadership Forum 2016. "We thank them for their participation and collaboration with the PMI Chicagoland Chapter."

About us:

The Executive Council of the PMI Chicagoland Chapter was founded in 2005. It is a group of invited executives from the Chicagoland area companies who meet quarterly to share ideas, insights and best practices to improve management of projects and elevate the role of the project management in organizations. Please contact the VP, Business Outreach Amy Martin at VPbusinessoutreach@PMIChicagoland.org, or visit www.pmi-chicagoland.org for more information on the PMI Chicagoland Leadership Forum and the Executive Council.



Keynote speaker Antonio Nieto-Rodriguez, MBA, PMP, Chair of 2016 PMO Board of Directors.



Keynote speaker Michael Docherty, CEO of Venture2.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

PMI Chicagoland Toastmasters for Success!

PMI Chicagoland Toastmasters is a specialty club for members of the Project Management Institute (PMI) Chicagoland Chapter

What is PMI Chicagoland Toastmasters?

We are a group of like-minded professionals who are also members of PMI Chicagoland Chapter. We value friendship and self-development. We strive for our best and learn to be better communicators and leaders by participating during our Toastmasters meeting.

All speeches, presentations and discussions are tailored toward Project Management methodologies and current practices as based on personal and professional experience.

Club participants earn PDUs towards their PMP as well! To become a member and earn PDUs, please visit us at one of our upcoming meetings.

Every First and Third Wednesday -
6:00-7:15 PM.

Microsoft office (AON Center), 200 East Randolph Drive, Suite 200, Chicago, IL.
Please register for entrance at the security desk
<http://goo.gl/forms/IVXJ3H5GYQ>

Every Fourth Tuesday -
6:30-8pm

West Suburbs at DeVry University, Highland Landmark V, 3005 Highland Pkwy. Suite 100, Downers Grove, IL, 60515

For more information, please visit our website at <http://pmichicagoland.toastmastersclubs.org> for more information, contact Jerome Rowley, VP of Public Relations at **VP-PR email**.



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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.

