



CHICAGOLAND CHAPTER

PMI Insights



New Chapter Executive Leadership Team In 2014-2015

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– Jim Karthan, President

A new executive team is in place and already leading PMI Chicagoland into the 2014-2015 term. As new president Jim Karthan pointed out at the Leadership Team transition meeting on July 19 in Downers Grove, IL, this year's team will continue to focus on setting strategic goals to members' changing needs and meeting those goals with an efficient operation.

All PMI leadership executives and directors were present to talk about their roles and share details regarding how they plan to provide education, knowledge and strategic initiatives in support of PMI Chicagoland's 4000+ members. These executives included business leaders from the previous year which contributed to making this year's annual conference a very exciting and seamless transition.

On behalf of the PMI Chicagoland's Board and the PMI Global Institute, we'd like to welcome the new Executive team.

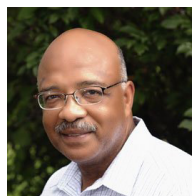
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Here's a brief synopsis of the roles for the Executive Leadership Team:



Jim Karthan, President

Provides leadership and guidance to the chapter board of directors as they fulfill the strategies, goals and objectives defined in the chapter's Long Range Plan. Also, Jim acts as liaison between the chapter and PMI International, helping to ensure PMI Chicagoland policies, procedures and activities support PMI International's mission and vision.



Greg Jones, Past President

Fulfills an important advisory role for the current president and board. As immediate Past President, Greg provides coordination and oversight of special projects as assigned and is an important liaison with the PMI International Executive Office.



Louisa Kim, VP, Membership

Represents PMI Chicagoland members' interests to the chapter board of directors and develops initiatives to attract, maintain, and grow chapter membership. Also, Louisa helps assure that adding value to membership remains a primary strategic goal of the chapter.



Ravi Avasarala, VP, Education

Develops and coordinates educational forums and activities used by members and others as part of their professional development plans. For Ravi, these initiatives include chapter forums, presentations and workshops that enable members to increase their knowledge and skills in the field of project management.



Stefan Lorincz, VP, Business Outreach

Develops strategies for the Chapter's initiatives in the areas of corporate and Executive outreach. In his role, Stefan works closely with outreach program directors to set program goals and develop new initiatives.

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Larry Witham, VP, Operations
Serves as the primary operations and administrative officer for the chapter. Larry's responsibilities include the operations, logistics, and administrative functions of the chapter.



Mike Malinowski, VP Finance
Responsible for managing all chapter financial assets. Mike oversees the budget process and produces monthly status reports according to regulatory guidelines for compliance.



Malcolm Culbertson, VP, Technology
Provides technology strategy and direction for the chapter. In his role, Malcolm directs the committee areas of the website used for collaboration and documentation of chapter leadership and volunteers.



Aisleigh McGann, VP Community Outreach
Promotes project management, PMI Chicagoland and PMI International through programs that reach out to academic institutions, other professional associations and local non-profit charitable organizations. Aisleigh and her team focus on building relationships with community partners and providing chapter members' with opportunities to volunteer their project management skills and experience.

Contact information for the Executive Board and more can be found on the Chapter website at www.pmi-chicagoland.org.

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DINNER MEETING DETAILS

Wednesday, September 10

Meridian Banquets
1701 W Algonquin Rd
Rolling Meadows, IL
60008

REGISTER ONLINE

5:30 pm CT
Registration and Networking

6:30 pm CT
Dinner Meeting

DINNER MEETING FEES:

Chicagoland Chapter Members:
\$40
Non-Chicagoland Chapter Members:
\$55

SEPTEMBER 2014 CHAPTER DINNER MEETING

Agile Express for Project Executives

During this seminar you will learn about adopting agility to manage projects as well as to promoting an agile culture within your organization.

We will cover the following topics:

Introduction of Agile manifesto, principles and practices

Overview of common agile methods and their application in software development

- Scrum
- Kanban
- Extreme Programming
- 'Scrumban'

Understand the roles on an agile team:

- Lead 'Agilist'/Scrum Master
- Product Owner
- Team
- Stakeholders

Improve visibility with agile reporting and management practices

- Burn-down charts
- Cumulative Flow Diagrams
- Time in process graphs

Adopt Agile Leadership



PRESENTER BIO: Sunita Arora, Senior Director and Agile Consulting Practice Leader

Sunita Arora serves as a Senior Director of Professional Services as well as Agile Consulting Practice Leader at MATRIX in the Atlanta office, working with clients on adopting Agile across their enterprise, while leveraging the strength of Agile delivery across projects both onshore and offshore. She has 15 years of experience in leading, implementing, and managing SDLC projects, and custom application development projects to produce high quality systems that meet specified business and functional requirements. She possesses extensive professional services management and program management experience managing cross-portfolio and cross-functional teams utilizing Agile and traditional methodologies.

Sunita is experienced in setting-up and establishing processes, standards, and implementing tools for enterprise level PMOs, as well as serving as the PMO Director. Her passion for process and productivity improvements has made her a strong advocate of Agile methodology sales and implementation. She has served as the Practice Lead for an Agile Practice development as well as a Scrum Coach for several organizations, conducting formal training for Scrum Masters, Product Owners, and development teams. She has led large-scale implementations and managed several multi-million dollar accounts primarily in the healthcare and financial industries. Sunita is a certified Scrum Master, PMP, PMI Agile Certified Practitioner, and Scaled Agile Framework (SAFe) Program Consultant (SPC). She recently presented at the RallyON conference on "Agility: a precursor of Big Data Analytics projects". Sunita also holds an MBA in Information Technology and International Business.

PMI Now Offers Professional Business Analyst Certification

The Project Management Institute (PMI) recently launched a business analysis credential program for PMI members in good standing who wish to earn additional credentials in business analysis. The program is aimed at business analysts who work on projects and programs, as well as project and program managers who perform business analysis as part of their role.

The PMI-Professional in Business Analysis (PMI-PBA) qualification is one of two certifications and six credentials developed and maintained by PMI through a vigorous process. The certification program includes:

- Certified associate in Project Management (CAPM) certification,
- PMI Agile Certified Practitioner (PMI-ACP) certification,
- PMI Risk Management Professional (PMI-RMP) credential
- PMI Scheduling Professional (PMI-SP) credential
- PMI Professional in Business Analysis (PMI-PBA) credential
- Portfolio Management Professional (PfMP) credential
- Program Management Professional (PgMP) credential
- Project Management Professional (PMP) credential



With more than 400,000 members worldwide, PMI's certification and credentials are distinguished by their global scope and application. PMI's certification program is designed to ensure that all certificate and credential holders have demonstrated their competence through fair and valid measure, and ensured by the most reliable testing measures.

Demand is growing for professional experienced in business analysis and the number of business analysts is predicted to increase nearly 20 percent by 2022, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. With the need for skilled professionals growing, the PMI-PBA credential will highlight expertise in this discipline and help stakeholders identify professionals who can define business requirements, shape the output of projects and drive successful business outcomes.

For more information on who should apply and the application process, go to <https://certification.pmi.org/default.aspx>

Upcoming Events

- Chapter Dinner Meeting Wednesday, September 10
- Lunch & Learn: Getting Started With Kanban Thursday, September 11
- PMP/CAPM Exam Prep Course September 13, 20, 27 and October 4
- Professional Development Day 2014 October 24

More information about these and other events can be found at the Chapter website: www.pmi-chicagoland.org

Join us for this premier event!

Professional Development Day 2014

MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND REGISTER TODAY!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

(7:00 check-in / networking)

PMI Chicagoland Chapter is excited to present the 4th annual Professional Development Day 2014. The event will host 20+ speakers during multiple sessions, networking and knowledge sharing opportunities, as well as fine food in a professional setting. Last year's event was a huge success with over 400 attendees, so don't miss out!



KEYNOTE PRESENTATION:

PM: The Next Generation. How will we manage projects in 2030?

Bill Fournet

Founder, President & CEO of The Persimmon Group

Location:

Meridian Banquets
1701 W Algonquin Rd
Rolling Meadows, IL 60008



- PMP earn 8 PDU's
- Multiple sessions
- Networking opportunities
- Business casual attire

Advance registration required. Limited seating to this event, so register today! Early-bird, student and Chapter member discounts. For more information, and to register, visit the PMI Chicagoland Chapter website at www.pmi-chicagoland.org

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

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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.

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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