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Member Orientation



For Prospective, New, and Existing Members

Membership Orientation Hosts



Cardiss Knight

- VP Membership



Lorisa Taylor

- Director Member Orientation

Agenda

- Introductions & Welcome
- PMI Global Overview
- PMI Dallas Chapter
- Membership Benefits
- Question & Answers
- Next Steps

PMI Global



PMI Global Overview

Founded	1969
Headquarters	Newtown Square, Pennsylvania
About	The Project Management Institute is the leading not-for-profit professional membership association for the project management profession.
Member Benefits	• Free Download for the PMBOK Guide • Save money on globally recognized certifications & more • Master new skills through FREE webinars and events • Stay ahead of deadlines using 1000+ FREE tools and templates • Join local community to make local & global connections
Membership	Over 750,000+ members worldwide from over 222 countries & territories
Website	https://www.pmi.org/

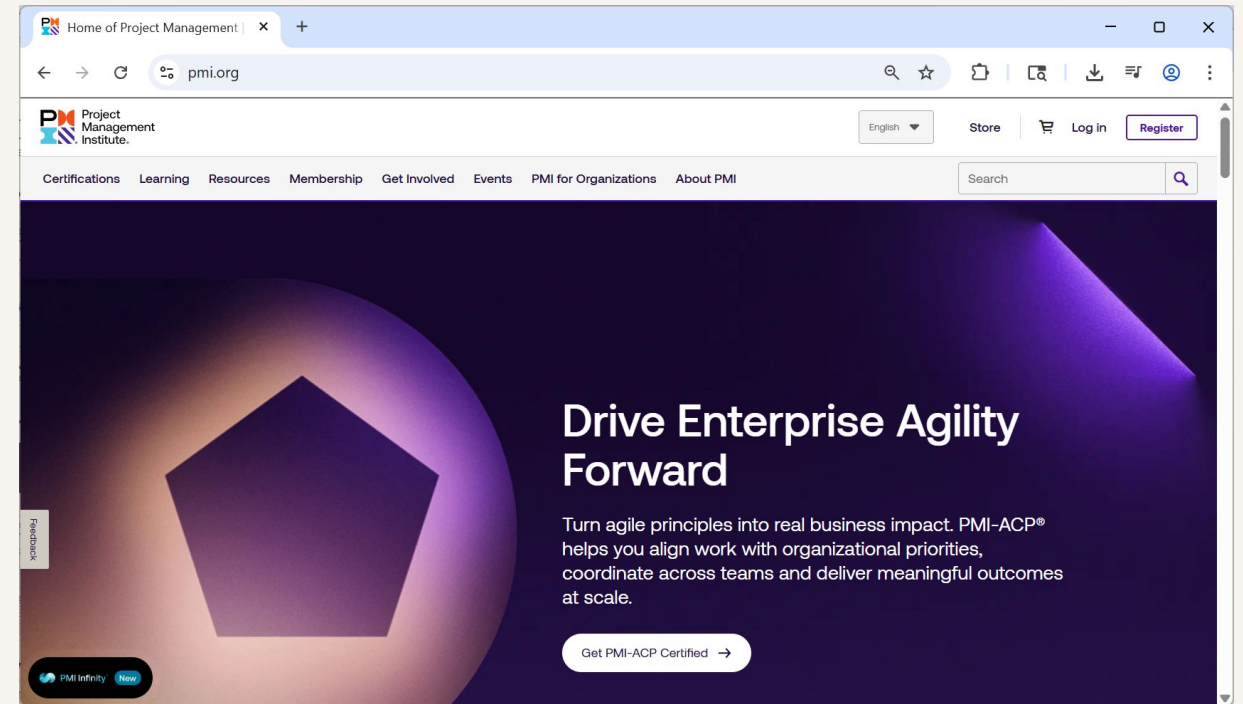


PMI Global Benefits

Free PMI.org Account	Paid PMI.org Membership	PMI Certifications
Registering for a free PMI.org unlocks access to dozens of free: • Online Courses • Digital Tools • Virtual Events • Thought Leadership Reports	A paid PMI membership adds access to member exclusives, including: • Special member pricing on certifications, eLearning courses, and training sessions • Standards and practice guides, including the PMBOK® Guide • PMI Infinity™, our AI-powered co-pilot • Webinars, templates, and tools for project success • Member and community events	PMI certification gives you credentials and demonstrate your proficiency in core or specialized project management to employers, clients, and colleagues. • Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM)® • Project Management Professional (PMP)® • Program Management Professional (PgMP)® • Portfolio Management Professional (PfMP)®

PMI Global Website

- **Dashboard:** ID, Chapter, Certification, PDUs
- **Certifications:** CAPM, PMP, etc.
- **Learning:** Exam Prep, Courses, PMBOK
- **Resources:** PM Infinity, Online Community, Job Board
- **Get Involved:** Volunteer Opportunities
- **Events:** Global Summits, Training, PMXPO
- **PM for Organizations:** Industries



- **About PMI**
- **Membership:** Global Benefits, Local Chapters



<https://www.pmi.org/>

PMI Dallas Chapter



PMI Dallas Chapter

Founded	Chartered in 1983
Headquarters	Dallas, Texas supporting the DFW Metroplex
Mission	To support the growth and development of project management practitioners as well as build awareness of the project management discipline and its critical role in business and organization success.
Vision	The PMI Dallas Chapter will be recognized as the professional organization and resource of choice for project management within the Dallas area.
Initiatives	Project Management, Membership Involvement, Corporate Involvement
Membership	5,300 Members and Growing!
Website	https://pmidallas.org/



PMI Dallas Chapter Benefits

- Free webinar events hosted by PMI Dallas Chapter and partners
- Blue Dot/ Green Dot program to match job seekers with job offers
- Posting of project manager employment opportunities on website
- Mentoring Program (request or be a Mentor for Members)
- Free Book Review program (free book in exchange for book review)
- Monthly newsletter with summary of chapter news and events
- Corporate Ambassador program
- Volunteer opportunities to increase skills and earn free PDUs
- Free gift recognizing attainment of PMP certification
- Select Benefits for Student and Military memberships
- Discounts for monthly dinner meetings



2026 Board Members



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Past President



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Patt Chowdhury
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Cardiss Knight
VP Membership

Position	Current Member / Email Address	General Areas of Responsibility & Support
President	Kimia Penton president@pmidallas.org	Support to members and Board, Past President Council, Chapter Election Liaison
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VP Finance	Shailesh Helekar finance@pmidallas.org	Annual Budgets, Profit & Loss, Taxes
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VP Membership	Cardiss Knight membership@pmidallas.org	Benefits, Registration, Member Orientation, Volunteers, Member Engagement, Recruitment, Retention, Reporting
VP Operations & Support	Dwarkanathan Iyengar ops@pmidallas.org	Annual Planning & Logistics, Inventory & Supplies, Contracts & Facilities, Tech Management, Dinner Meeting Logistics, Governance & Board Support, PDU Filing
VP Professional Development	Sunil Kumar Suvvari profdev@pmidallas.org	Project Management Conference, Military Program, Book Review Program, Mentoring Program, Thought Leadership
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2026 Partners & Sponsors

We would like to thank our Dallas Chapter sponsors who help our chapter enrich and grow the skills and careers of project management professionals in the Metroplex.



Interested in becoming a sponsor?

Contact:

VP Marketing, Harshad Desai, vpmarketing@pmidallas.org



Programs

Military Outreach Program

We support veterans, transitioning service members, and military spouses exploring how PMI and project management might fit your goals.

We're all local volunteers with PMI Dallas. That means we offer informal peer support—not coaching, not job placement, and not training.

Sign up on our Chapter website to get in contact with a mentor!

https://pmidallas.starchapter.com/form.php?form_id=51

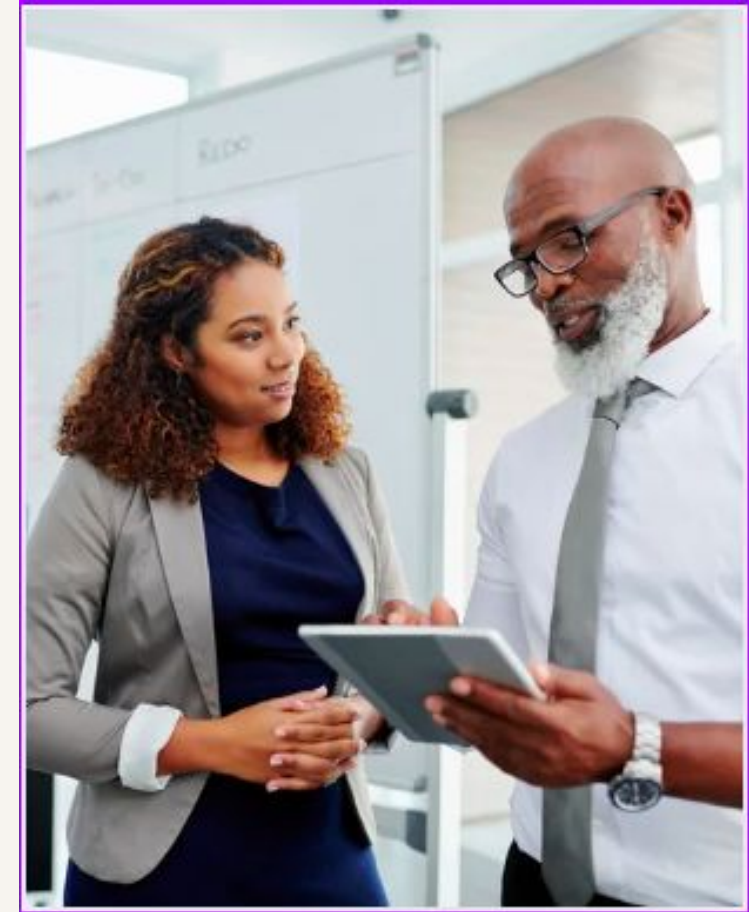


Mentor & Mentee Program

Interested in Being a Mentor or Mentee?

Dallas Chapter Mentorship Program offers an experience that enables, empowered and provides an opportunity for others to advance their knowledge-base in the profession. Sign up today to be connected with someone in the chapter.

https://pmidallas.starchapter.com/form.php?form_id=25



Corporate Ambassador Program

The Corporate Ambassadors are a group of individuals which act as liaisons between PMI's Dallas Chapter and their respective companies with their main function is to ensure close alignment between the groups. They are also focused on increasing engagement / membership at their respective companies. Corporate Ambassadors meeting virtually on a Bi-Monthly basis to collaborate and share information.

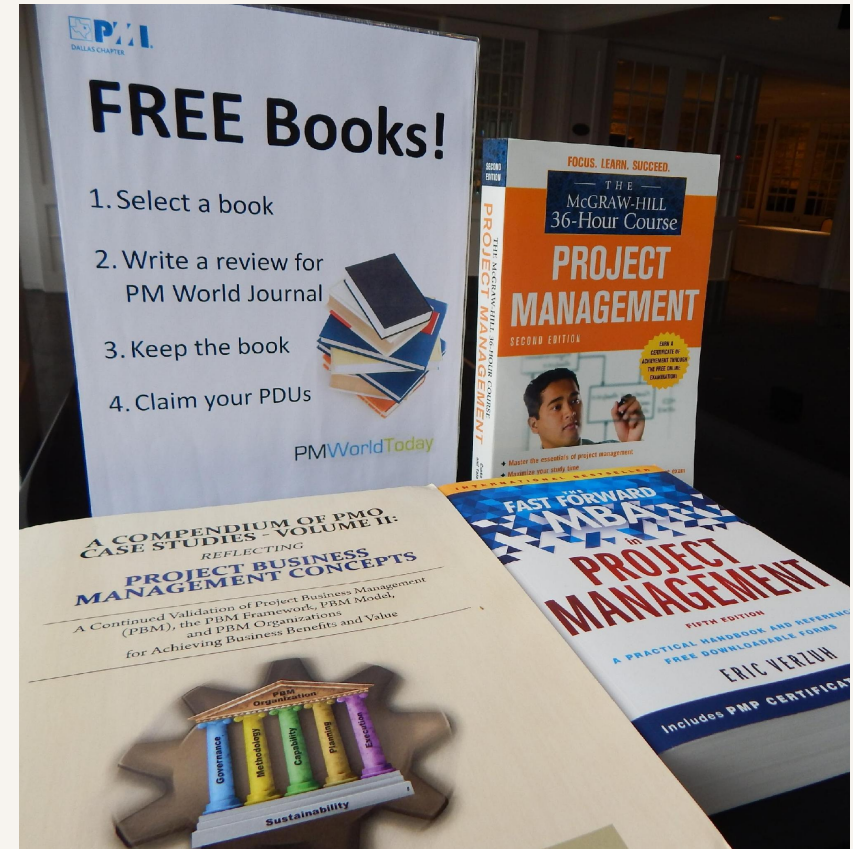
If you are interested in joining, please contact CorpAmbassador@pmidallas.org or visit the Volunteer Network: <https://pmidallas.org/Volunteer>



Book Review Program

Are you a bookworm and interested in expanding your knowledge in the project management field?

- Visit the Book Review Table at the next Chapter dinner meeting to select a FREE book to review. Books are available on a first come first serve basis.
- Write a review for PM World Journal
- Keep the book
- Claim your PDUs



Job Search & Hiring Programs

At every dinner meeting, there is a networking opportunity for members engage in “green dot” / “blue dot” to help connect job searchers with hiring chapter members.

Dallas Chapter Members also gain access to local job listings and free job posting service that provides space to post a job. To take advantage of this service, please visit the following...

- Job Listing
 - <https://pmidallas.starchapter.com/classifieds.php>
- Job Posting
 - https://pmidallas.starchapter.com/form.php?form_id=48&c=1



Applied Project Management

The Applied PM Team drives outreach and community impact by building meaningful partnerships and connections. The team serves as a liaison to Project Management Institute groups, colleges, professional associations, and nonprofits to promote collaboration, expand awareness of PMI best practices, and support community-based project initiatives.

If you are passionate about sharing project management, passionate about community and service, then this is the team for you!

Contact us for more information at:

 Appliedpm@pmidallas.org | AVPAppliedpm@pmidallas.org



Want to Get Involved

Interested in getting Involved?

We are always looking for volunteers to help us serve our chapter. If you would like to volunteer for a position with our PMI Chapter, please click on the link below to be taken to our application form.

Volunteer Network: <https://pmidallas.org/Volunteer>

Current Opportunities Include

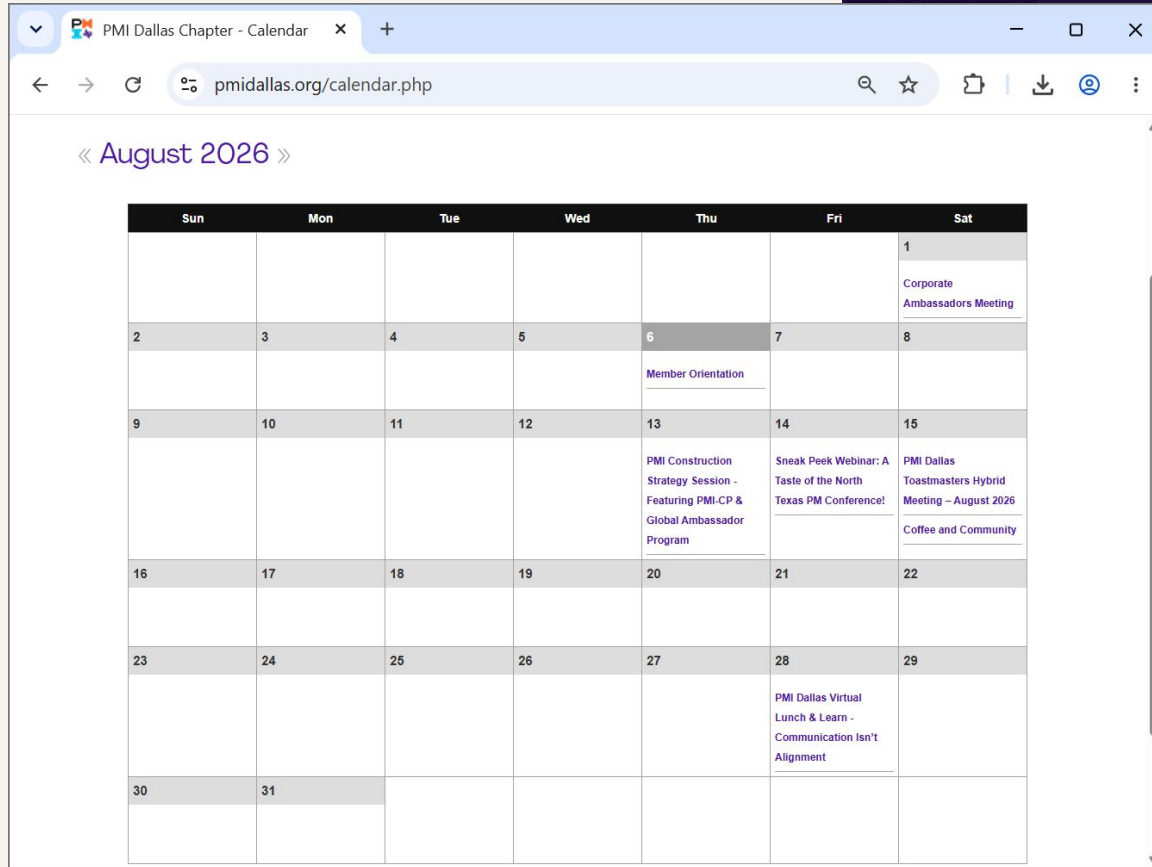
Newsletter Director | Content Manager | Web Master | Volunteer, Membership Team | Volunteer, Technology Team | Mentoring Specialist



Calendar / Events



Event Offerings



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `pmidallas.org/calendar.php`. The page displays a calendar for August 2026. The calendar grid shows days from Sunday to Saturday. Events are listed in specific cells:

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Corporate Ambassadors Meeting
2	3	4	5	6 Member Orientation	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 PMI Construction Strategy Session - Featuring PMI-CP & Global Ambassador Program	14 Sneak Peek Webinar: A Taste of the North Texas PM Conference!	15 PMI Dallas Toastmasters Hybrid Meeting - August 2026 Coffee and Community
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 PMI Dallas Virtual Lunch & Learn - Communication Isn't Alignment	29
30	31					

- A variety of in-person and virtual events
- Open to members and guests (free and paid options available)
- Monthly Dallas Chapter Dinner Meetings
- Morning Breakfast Meetings
- Midday Lunch & Learn Sessions
- Educational Webinars
- Professional Trainings & Workshops
- Community Engagement & Networking Events
- Register Online at -

<https://pmidallas.org/calendar.php>



PMI DALLAS CHAPTER

North Texas Project Management Conference 2026

Future-ready leadership starts here.



September 26, 2026



UNT Frisco

Keynote Speaker



Tammy Huddleston

VP, Design, Code & Construction

Dallas Fort Worth
International Airport



Transforming Travel through
Strategic Project Management



Our Future
Events



Registration Open

Early Bird: \$185 before Aug 15



Group savings

for 3+

Register Now >

Tickets

\$240.00 Member Ticket

\$185.00 **Early Bird rate before August 15**

\$250.00 Non-Member Ticket

\$195.00 **Early Bird rate before August 15**

Registration Link - Register now open, visit:

<https://pmidallas.org/meetinginfo.php?id=1512>

Group Discount

Register with colleagues from the same company and **receive \$25 off early bird pricing per person when you sign up as a group of 3 or more.** Email profdev@pmidallas.org for code



Monthly Dinner Meeting

On Thursday, Aug 13 @ 5:30-8pm join us virtually for our Monthly Dinner Meeting.

Join PMI Dallas to discover how the PMI Construction Professional (PMI-CP) certification and PMI's growing construction community can help you stay ahead in one of the nation's fastest-growing industries.



Our Future Events

The flyer is for a 'PMI CONSTRUCTION STRATEGY SESSION' featuring the 'PMI-CP & Global Ambassador Program'. It includes the PMI Dallas logo, a background image of a construction site at sunset, and a circular inset showing two men in hard hats reviewing plans. The text 'BUILDING TOMORROW. TOGETHER.' is prominently displayed. Event details include the date 'August 13, 2026' and time '5:30 PM-8:00 PM CT', with a note 'Via Zoom Conference'. A section titled 'OUR SPEAKERS' lists four individuals with their photos: Evelyn Davila, Ricardo Mcklmon, Zomi Yao-Bai, and Jason D. Smith. At the bottom, it says 'LIVE PRESENTATION + LIVE Q&A' and features a 'REGISTER NOW' button with a hand cursor icon. The website 'WWW.PMI.ORG' is listed at the very bottom.

PMI Project Management Institute. Dallas

PMI CONSTRUCTION STRATEGY SESSION
Featuring PMI-CP & Global Ambassador Program

**BUILDING TOMORROW.
TOGETHER.**

August 13, 2026 | 5:30 PM-8:00 PM CT
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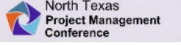
Sneak Peek: North Texas PM Conference

On Friday, Aug 14 @ 12:00 - 1:00pm join us virtually for our Sneak Peek Conference Webinar!

Join us for a free, fast-paced preview webinar where you'll get a sample of the exciting sessions you won't want to miss at the PMI Dallas North Texas PM Conference. Note: PM Conference to be held Sept 26, 2026 - See Calendar for conference registration.



**Project Management Institute, Dallas**

Today's Speaker Line-up

**Greg Gornel**
Governance as a Quality Tool, Not a Bottleneck

**Nicholas Errico**
Delivering M.O.R.E. For Tomorrow

**Rebecca Sanchez**
From Stress to Success: The Missing Execution Skill Project Managers Need

**James Benvie**
From Impossible to Unstoppable: How the 1948 Berlin Airlift Strategies Apply to 2026's Logistics Crises

**Tanya Boyd**
The Creative Navigator: The Missing Language Between Strategy and Execution

**Dmitrii Selkov**
Your Dashboard Is Lying: Restoring Visibility in Complex Programs

**Greg Saunders**
From \$300K to 12 Tabs; a Business Case Analysis in a Week

**And**

**Nidish Jose**

**Kelley Webb**
Burnout Is a Project Risk: Managing Human Capacity for Sustainable Delivery Success

**Nancy Chevalier**
Leading Without a Paycheck

**Jennifer Jones**
The Hidden Risk of Standardized Project Governance

**Heather Kennedy**
KEYNOTE: Two Pillars of Impact for Project Managers

6 August 2026

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Our Future Events

Toastmasters Virtual Meeting

Join us in person or virtually
on Saturday, August 15 from
9-11am!

Develop skills to become more competent and confident when talking to other people, both in prepared speeches and impromptu conversations by joining PMI Dallas for the May Virtual Toastmasters meeting. Free to everyone. Network with professionals on a Saturday morning.

The event poster features a background image of a person presenting to an audience. Overlaid on this is a white box containing the Toastmasters International logo (a globe with the text 'TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL'), the slogan 'WHERE LEADERS ARE MADE', the event details 'HYBRID', 'AUGUST 15, 2026', '9:00 AM TO 11:00 AM CT', and a 'REGISTER NOW' button. A small PMI logo is in the top left corner of the poster.

PMI

TOASTMASTERS
INTERNATIONAL

WHERE LEADERS ARE MADE

HYBRID

AUGUST 15, 2026

9:00 AM TO 11:00 AM CT

REGISTER NOW



Our Future
Events

Coffee & Community

**Coffee. Conversation.
Community. Happening on
Saturday, August 15 from
9-10:30am at La Madeleine
in Plano!**

A relaxed morning meetup with chapter members and board leaders. No agenda — just connection. A simple way to get involved and meet great people.



Our Future
Events

Networking Happy Hour

Held Monthly - Keep an eye on the calendar as we add details!

These monthly events are open to current, new, and prospective members, making it the perfect opportunity to expand your network, reconnect with familiar faces, and meet other project professionals from across the area. Keep an eye on the calendar as we add details.



Project Management Institute. Dallas

EVERY MONTH

Happy Hour

EVENT DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON. ✨

KEEP AN EYE ON THE PMI DALLAS CALENDAR.

The graphic is a promotional poster for a 'Happy Hour' event. It features a purple background with a blurred image of people at a social gathering. The text 'EVERY MONTH' is in a white rounded rectangle at the top right. The title 'Happy Hour' is in large, bubbly, purple letters with a white outline. Below the title is a circular icon showing a hand holding a glass of red wine. At the bottom right, there are two more white rounded rectangles: one saying 'EVENT DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON. ✨' and another saying 'KEEP AN EYE ON THE PMI DALLAS CALENDAR.' The PMI Dallas logo is in the top left corner.



Our Future
Events

Lunch & Learn

Communication Isn't Alignment

Join PMI Dallas virtually on Friday, August 28 @11:30am for an engaging virtual session with Chelsea Lacagnina, MPH, PMP as she covers the topic, “Communication Isn’t Alignment”. This session will explore the gap between simply delivering information and creating true project alignment.



Our Future
Events



Event Space Recommendations



Event Space for Dinner Meeting, Workshops, & Networking

Help Us Find Great Event Spaces!

We're planning upcoming **dinner meetings, workshops, and networking events** and would love your recommendations for venues.

We're looking for spaces that:

- Seat 100-150 (Dinner Meeting) or 20–50 (Workshops/Networking)
- Offer AV capabilities (screens, microphones, Wi-Fi)
- Allow catering or provide food/beverage options
- Are easy to access with free parking
- Support evening and/or weekend availability

Know a great spot? Please share:

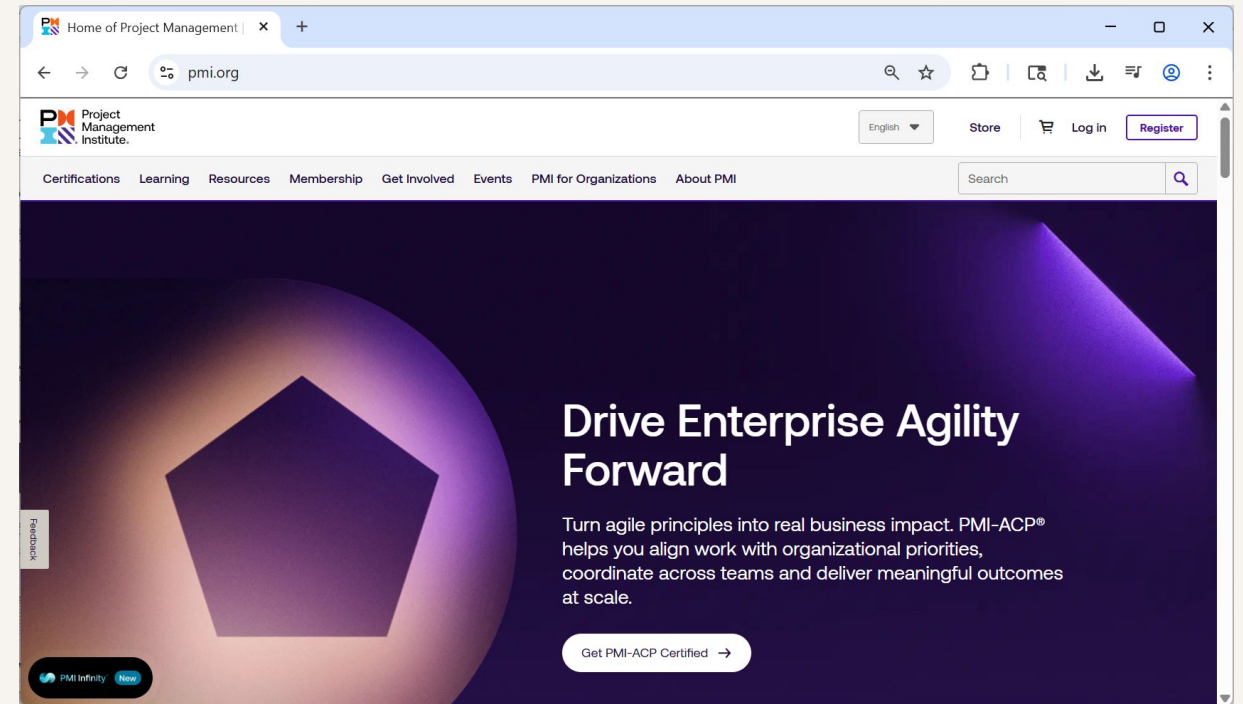
- Venue name & location
- Contact person (if available)
- Approximate capacity
- Why you recommend it

👉 Submit your suggestions by emailing membership@pmidallas.org

Thank you for helping us create amazing member experiences!

PMI Dallas Website Walkthrough

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- **About PMI**
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<https://www.pmi.org/>



Q & A



Q&A: You Asked... We Listened!

- **After you are approved for the PMP exam, how do you schedule your exam?**
 - *Once your application is approved, PMI will email examination scheduling instructions to you with a link to schedule your exam appointment at a testing center (recommended) or online.*
 - *You can also find this link by logging into your myPMI dashboard.*
- **Mentorship process and best methods to prepare for new pmp exam.**
 - *Mentorship*
 - *See slide 17 and visit our website... https://pmidallas.starchapter.com/form.php?form_id=25*
 - *Exam Prep*
 - *We have a few things brewing such as Preferred Partners and potential formation of study groups. Contact Mark Wettreich, VP Education | education@pmidallas.org (Education & Webinars, ATP Partnerships, Courses & Seminars, Learning Events)*
 - *Also check PMI Global Authorized Training Partners - <https://www.pmi.org/learning/authorized-training-partners>*



Q&A: You Asked... We Listened!

- Opportunities | How to get into the industry of work
- How to leverage this plat to find employment?
- Opportunities or network events to obtain a job
- I'm catching up, and was recently laid-off, so am looking to leverage what's available for landing a new job
 - *PMI Dallas Chapter see Slide 20 (Job Search & Hiring Programs); visit PMI Global and click resources, and then select Job Board <https://pmjobs.pmi.org/>*
 - *We currently offer two in person networking events each month (Slide 29 & 30)*
 - *We can open this up to the attendees for feedback/suggestions/tips in the chat. But, here are a few recommendations to try 1. Don't limit yourself to just PM titles 2. Quantify everything 3. Network more than you apply 4. Build a thought leadership presence 5. Tailor your resume (but avoid analysis paralysis) 6. Consider consulting or fractional leadership 6. It's a challenging market right now, but don't assume market is judging your value 7. Prepare early for the long game 8. Find an accountability partner*

Q&A: You Asked... We Listened!

- **When is the next event | Where can I find the Dallas PMI Chapter event calendar, and how far in advance are events posted?**
 - *Check the PMI Dallas Chapter calendar (at least once a week) to stay in the know about all events <https://pmidallas.org/calendar.php>*
 - *We send out a newsletter at the beginning of each month*
 - *Follow us on our social media pages (LinkedIn, Instagram, Facebook, etc) See Slide 41*
- **Benefits and volunteer opportunities**
 - *Slide 7 (PMI Global benefits); Slide 11 (PMI Dallas benefits); Slide 22 (volunteer)*
- **Scholarships**
 - *We offer an annual scholarship for college students. Applications typically open around September*
 - *The Dallas Chapter does not offer hardship scholarships (membership fees, exam fees, etc.). However, you may reach out to PMI Global directly to see if other hardship scholarships are offered. <https://www.pmi.org/about/contact>*



Q&A: You Asked... We Listened!

- **Gaining more experience for future employment**
 - *Slide 22 (volunteer with PMI Dallas)*
 - *Check with local non-profits or small businesses*
- **Upcoming virtual education opportunities, PMP Certification Notebook & PMP Experience Template access. Course fee discounts available to Chapter members.**
 - *PMI Dallas Upcoming Virtual Opportunities - Monthly Dinner Meeting (Slide 26); Lunch & Learn (Slide 31)*
 - *PMI Global Free Courses - <https://www.pmi.org/learning/free-online-courses>*
 - *When logged into PMI Global with a valid membership, pricing will adjust to discounted membership pricing*
- **What's the direction current Project & Program Mgmt. practices are trending?**
 - *Checkout PIM Global at <https://www.pmi.org/> and mouseover "Learning" for training, thought leadership, trending topics, articles, and more*



Q&A: You Asked... We Listened!

- **AI Tools**
 - Keep an eye on *Slide 24 (Event Offerings Calendar)*, visit *PMI Global* and click *Resources* and then select *AI Today Podcast* <https://www.pmi.org/ai-today-podcast>; Also click *Learning*, and then select *Artificial Intelligence* <https://www.pmi.org/learning/ai-in-project-management>
Try our *PMI Infinity* <https://www.pmi.org/infinity>
- **I'm interested in becoming a speaker for chapter webinar events.**
 - For speaking opportunities at the *Dallas Chapter* reach out to
 - *Sunil Kumar Suvvari*, VP Professional development, profdev@pmidallas.org
 - *Patricia Chowdhury*, VP Programs, programs@pmidallas.org
 - *Mark Wettreich*, VP Education, education@pmidallas.org
- **Ways to network with the chapter members to learn about industry trends. | How to connect and stay connected with Project managers and Project Directors.**
 - Connect and Network with people at our virtual and in person events. The key here is the follow-up. Be sure to continue the conversation outside of the event. Example, follow-up and have a virtual coffee chat with someone after an event.

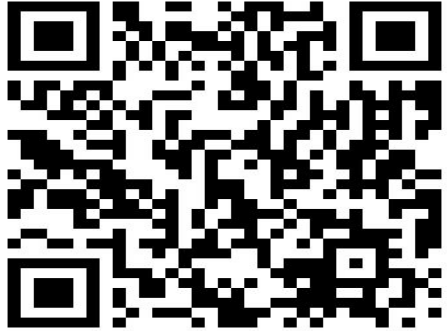
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- **How to get the most out of the membership. Unique membership benefits outside of the discounted PMP fee.**
 - *Slide 7 (PMI Global benefits); Slide 11 (PMI Dallas benefits)*
- **Volunteering**
 - *Slide 22 (volunteer)*
- **Ways to earn PDUs**
 - *Visit PMI Global's website for details...*
 - <https://www.pmi.org/certifications/certification-resources/maintain/earn-pdus>
 - *Also, check the PMI Dallas Calendar details for each event to determine if PDUs can be earned or not*
 - <https://pmidallas.org/calendar.php>
 - *Volunteering earns PDUs*
- **What are the opportunities for new members**
 - *Full presentation outlines opportunities such as various events, programs, volunteer opportunities, etc.*

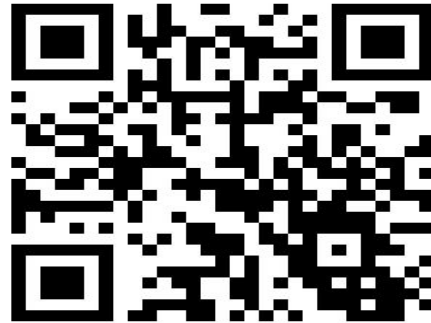




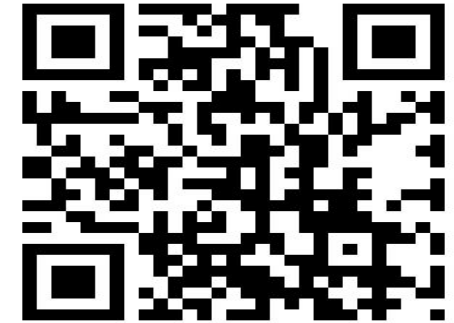
We are Social. Join Us.



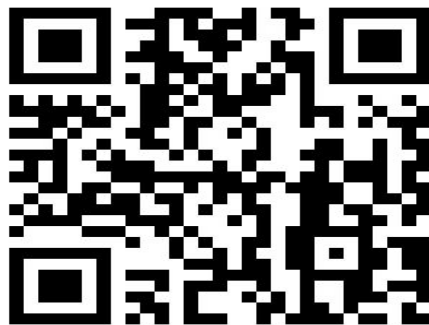
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