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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/

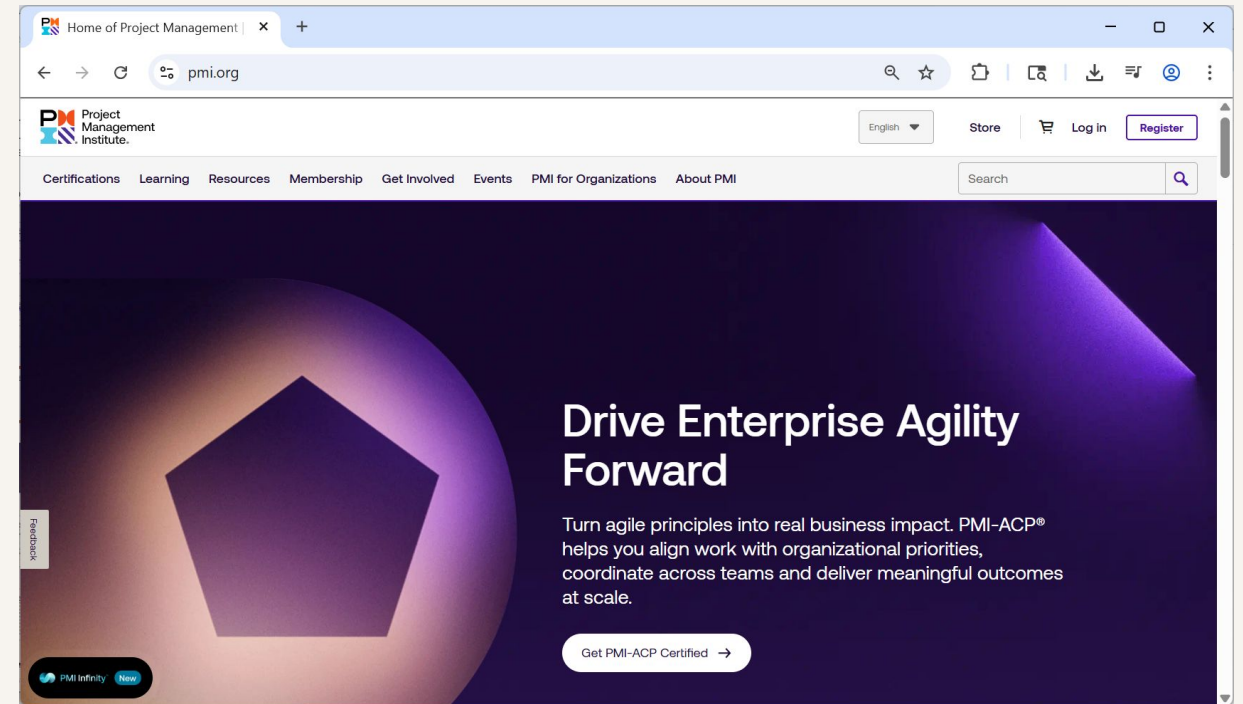


PMI Global Benefits

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

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- **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



Kimia Penton
President



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Harshad Desai
VP Marketing



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VP Prof. Development



Dwaraka Iyengar
VP Operations



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Blake Hampton
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Natalia Fisher
Past President



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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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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

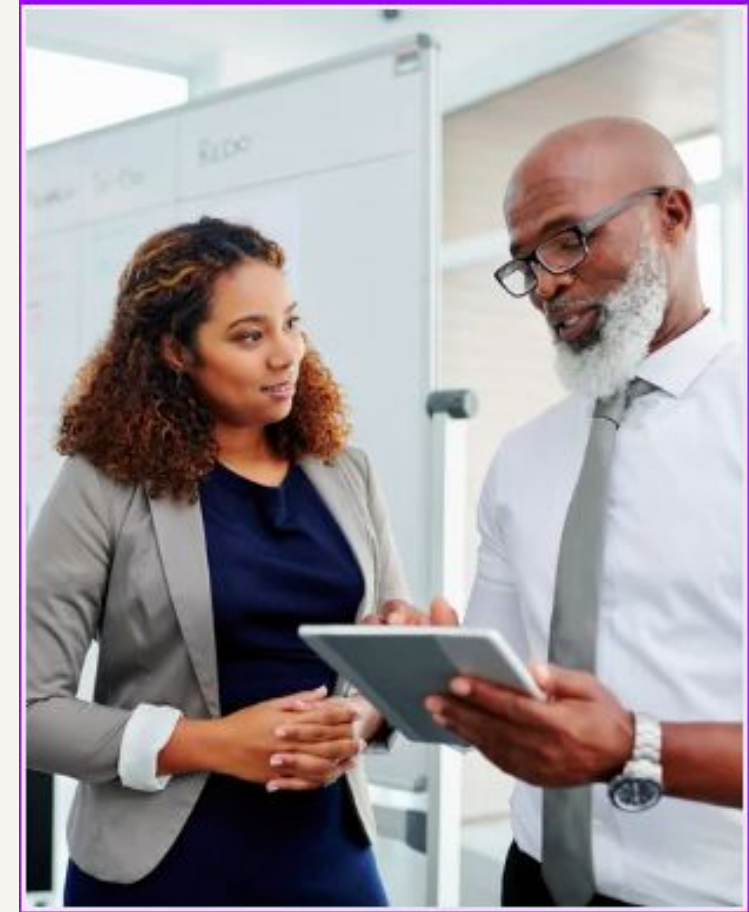


Mentor & Mentee Program

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.

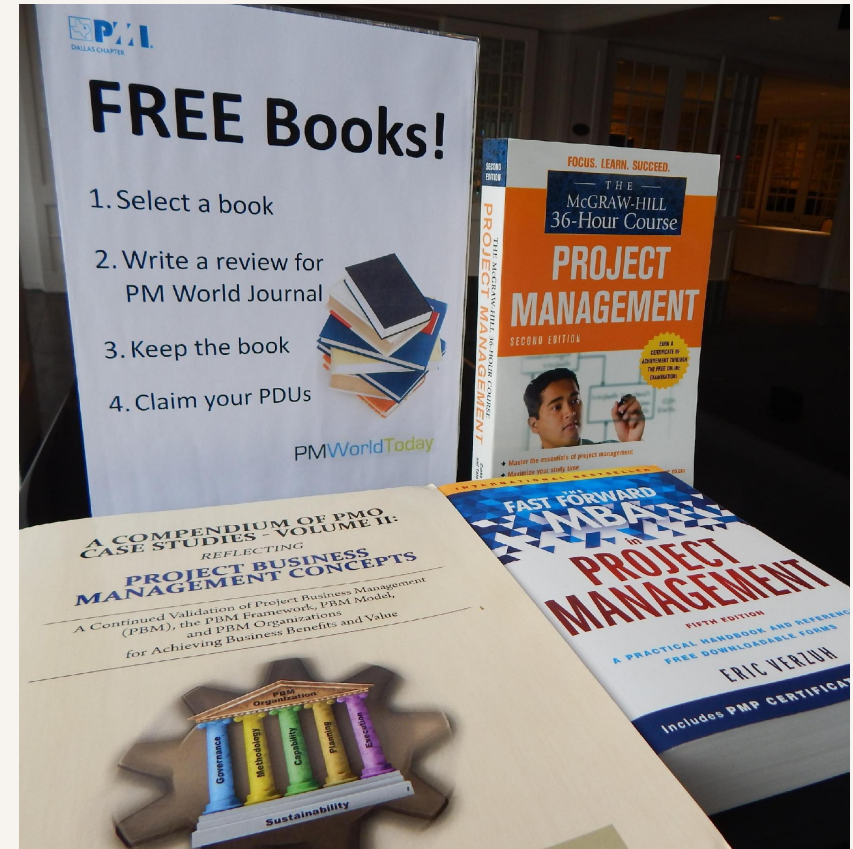
If you are interested in joining, please contact CorpAmbassador@pmidallas.org or visit the Volunteer Network: <https://pmidallas.org/Volunteer>



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

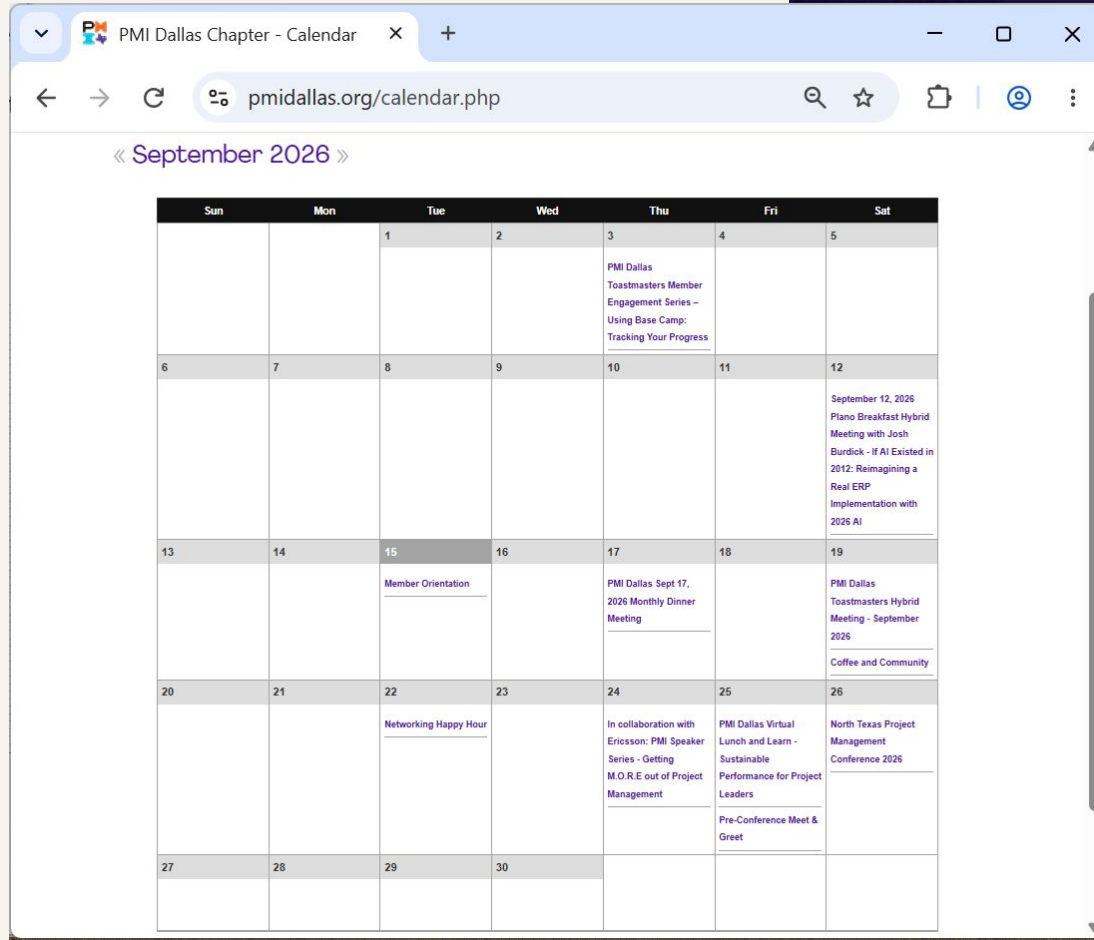
Newsletter Director | Content Manager | Web Master | Volunteer, Membership Team | Volunteer, Technology Team | Mentoring Specialist



Calendar / Events



Event Offerings



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying "pmidallas.org/calendar.php". The page title is "PMI Dallas Chapter - Calendar". The calendar is for September 2026, starting on Sunday, September 1st, and ending on Saturday, September 26th. The calendar grid shows the following events:

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 PMI Dallas Toastmasters Member Engagement Series - Using Base Camp: Tracking Your Progress	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 September 12, 2026 Plano Breakfast Hybrid Meeting with Josh Burdick - If AI Existed in 2012: Reimagining a Real ERP Implementation with 2026 AI
13	14	15 Member Orientation	16	17 PMI Dallas Sept 17, 2026 Monthly Dinner Meeting	18	19 PMI Dallas Toastmasters Hybrid Meeting - September 2026 Coffee and Community
20	21	22 Networking Happy Hour	23	24 In collaboration with Ericsson: PMI Speaker Series - Getting M.O.R.E. out of Project Management	25 PMI Dallas Virtual Lunch and Learn - Sustainable Performance for Project Leaders Pre-Conference Meet & Greet	26 North Texas Project Management Conference 2026
27	28	29	30			

- 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
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*Transforming Travel through
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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, September 17
@ 5:30-8:30pm join us IN
PERSON for our Monthly
Dinner Meeting.**

Sagar Gollapudi present “Mastering the Release Train Engineer (RTE) Role for Effective Program Management . This presentation will focus on the most effective practices of a RTE in an age of methodology mash up



Our Future
Events

The event card for the PMI Dallas Dinner Meeting features a dark orange and brown color scheme. At the top left is the PMI Dallas logo. The main title 'PMI Dallas Dinner Meeting' is prominently displayed in white. Below it, the topic 'RTE for for Effective Program Management' and the date/time 'September 17, 2026 | 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM' are listed. A photo of Sagar Gollapudi is shown on the left, with his name and title 'Release Train Engineer' below it. A 'JOIN NOW' button with a right-pointing arrow is located on the right side.

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PMI Dallas Dinner Meeting

RTE for for Effective Program Management

September 17, 2026 | 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

JOIN NOW

Sagar Gollapudi
Release Train Engineer

Toastmasters Virtual Meeting

Join us in person or virtually
on Saturday, September 19
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 'TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL' text), the slogan 'WHERE LEADERS ARE MADE', the word 'HYBRID', the date 'AUGUST 15, 2026', the time '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.

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Our Future
Events

Coffee & Community

**Coffee. Conversation.
Community. Happening on
Saturday, September 19
from 9-10:30am at La
Madeleine in Las Colinas!**

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

Join Us on Tuesday, September 22 from 5:30-730pm at Bar Louie in Las Colinas!

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.



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EVERY MONTH



EVENT DETAILS TO BE
ANNOUNCED SOON. ✨

KEEP AN EYE ON THE
PMI DALLAS CALENDAR.



Our Future
Events

Lunch & Learn

Sustainable Performance for Project Leaders

Join PMI Dallas virtually on Friday, September 25 @11:30am for an engaging virtual session with Natalie Berkiw-Scenna. She'll introduce the Sustainable Performance Framework™ for Project Leaders, a practical model designed to help project professionals drive results more effectively, improve overall project outcomes, and lead more sustainably without burnout.



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:

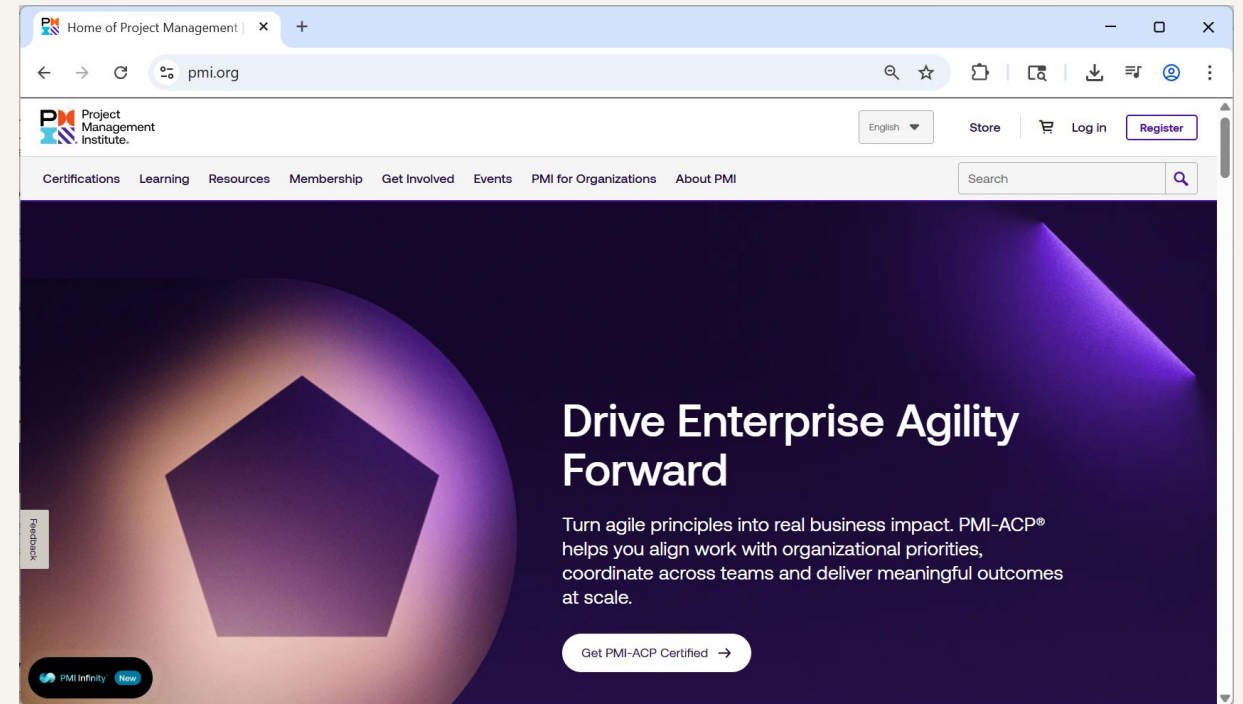
- Venue name & location
- Contact person (if available)
- Approximate capacity
- Why you recommend it

👉 Submit your suggestions by emailing membership@pmidallas.org

Thank you for helping us create amazing member experiences!

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Q & A



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

- **How to get involved**

- *Volunteering*
 - *Slide 22 (volunteer)*
- *Check events calendar once a month (slide 24 and/or visit this link <https://pmidallas.org/calendar.php>)*

- **How to get the most out of the membership.**

- *Slide 7 (PMI Global benefits); Slide 11 (PMI Dallas benefits)*

- **Job Search & Networking**

- *Network*
 - *Job Search*
 - *Utilize the “green dot” / “blue dot” at in person dinner meetings. Check out the PMI Global and PMI Dallas Job Boards (see slide 20)*
 - *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.*

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

- **How to calculate PDUs for certification**
 - *Calculation*
 - *Time Spent: 60 minutes of qualifying activity = 1 PDU.*
 - *Fractions: You can report PDUs in 0.25-hour increments (15 minutes = 0.25 PDU)*
 - *Certification Handbooks*
 - *Each Certification has a handbook. Visit [PMI.org](https://www.pmi.org) and click on certification*
- **What's being done to help new members attend events/ keep on top of new events?**
 - *Follow us on social media, Check your emails for periodic notices & reminders*
 - *Member Orientations, Dinner Meetings, Check calendar once a week*
- **As someone who is new to the Dallas area and actively looking for project management opportunities, what are the best ways members typically use the chapter to build local connections and learn about exciting job openings- whether through networking events, volunteer roles, etc.?**
 - *All of the above!*



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

- **What volunteer or leadership opportunities are available for experienced PMP members who want to become more involved with the chapter?**
 - *Slide 22 (volunteer) and/or visit <https://pmidallas.org/Volunteer>*
 - *Reach out to any of the Board Members directly*
 - *Check events calendar once a month (slide 24 and/or visit this link <https://pmidallas.org/calendar.php>)*
- **Mentorship Process**
 - *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!

- **Membership Dues**
 - *Currently there are separate membership dues for PMI Global and the local chapters*
 - *In 2027 a new membership model will be release that bundles PMI and chapter membership into a single, seamless offering (stay tuned for more details)*
- **Want to know more about PMI Dallas Chapter and how can it help in shaping ones career path.**
 - *We've covered quite a bit of the tools, resources, and network that are available to you. But, like all things, the execution of what you do with this information is up to you.*
- **What is the chapter most effective at doing?**
 - *Providing community, tools, and resources to advance the project management community*
- **The link to the webinar - how to get it? I got responses from my registration, but never get the link how to join. So, I missed many registered events. Please advise. Thank you.**
 - *Some links are sent manually before the meeting. For this event, we were able to provide the link at registration, in your registration confirmation, and in the reminder email.*

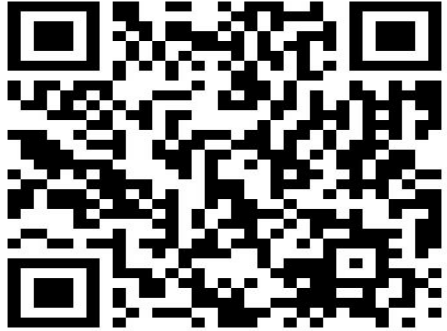


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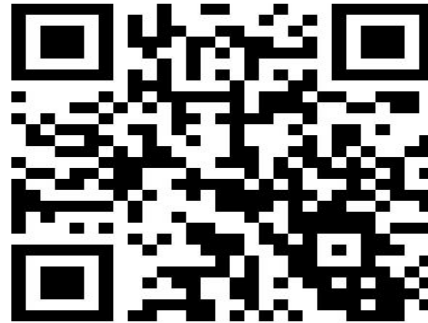
- **Overcoming fear of networking**
 - *Have a simple introduction ready and a few general questions on hand to get the conversation going... don't over complicate it.*



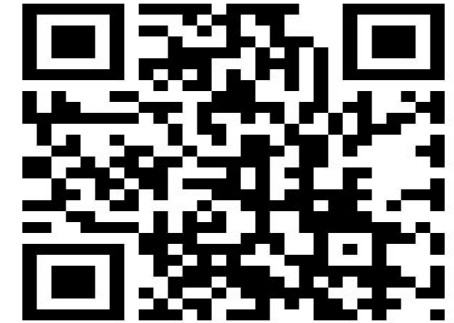
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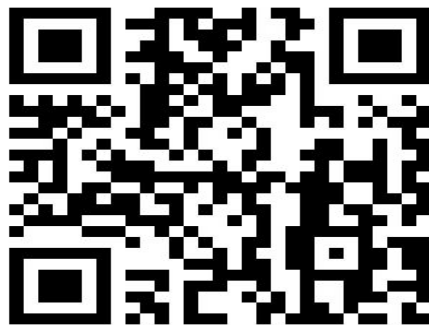
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