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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/

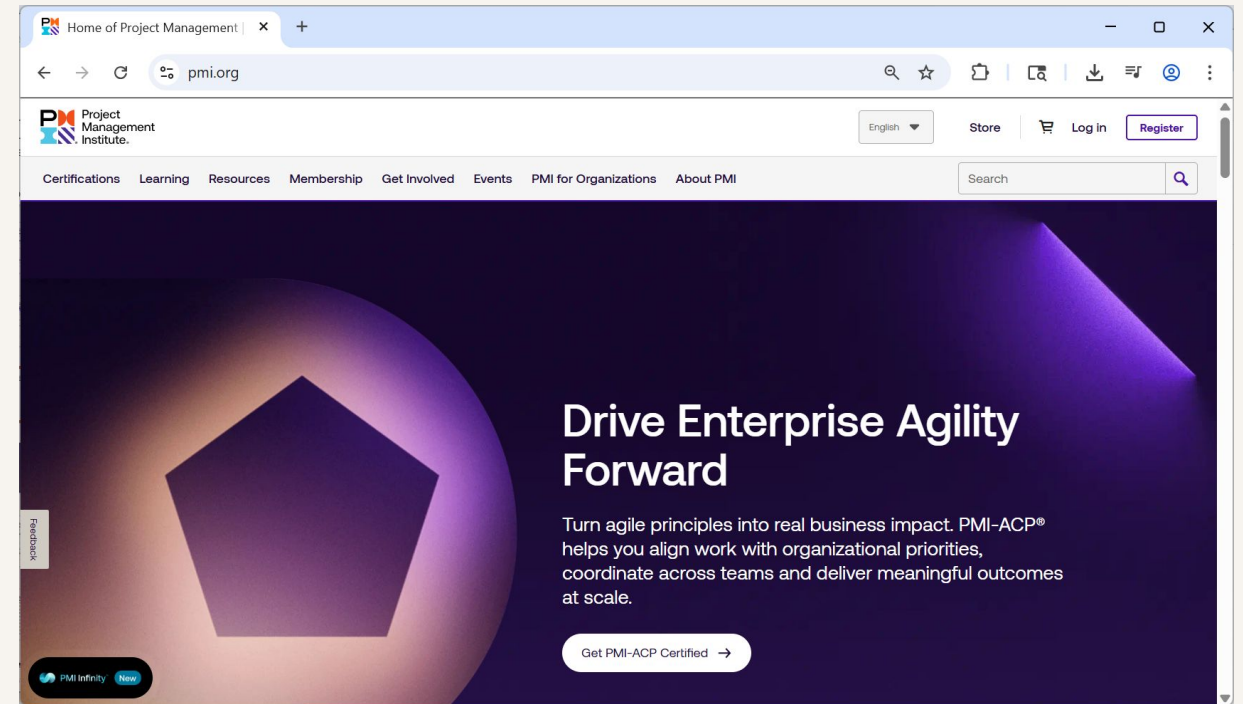


PMI Global Benefits

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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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

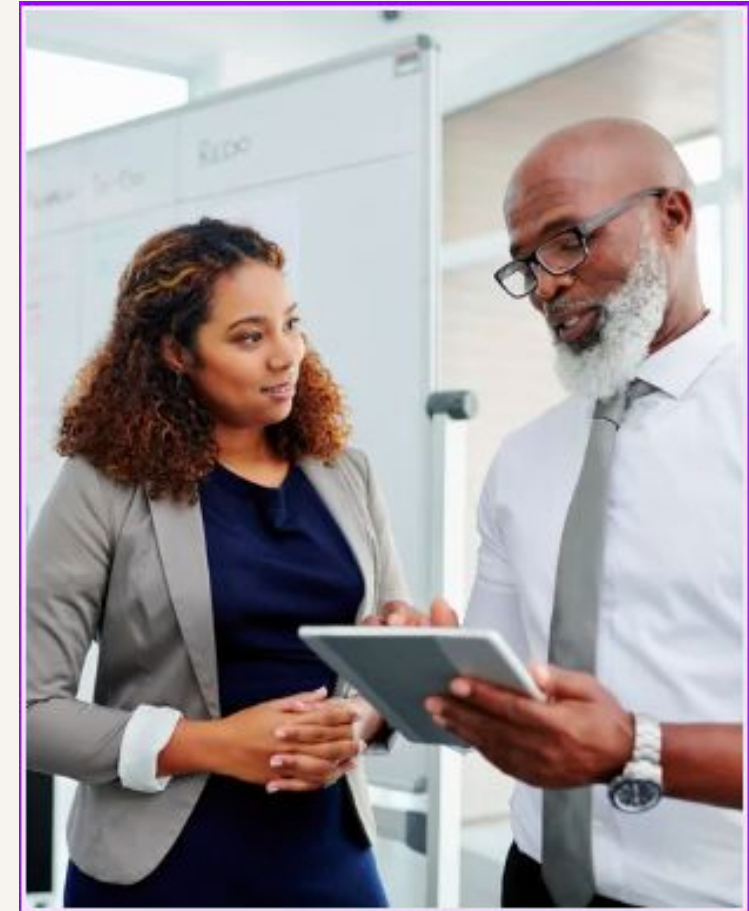


Mentor & Mentee Program

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.

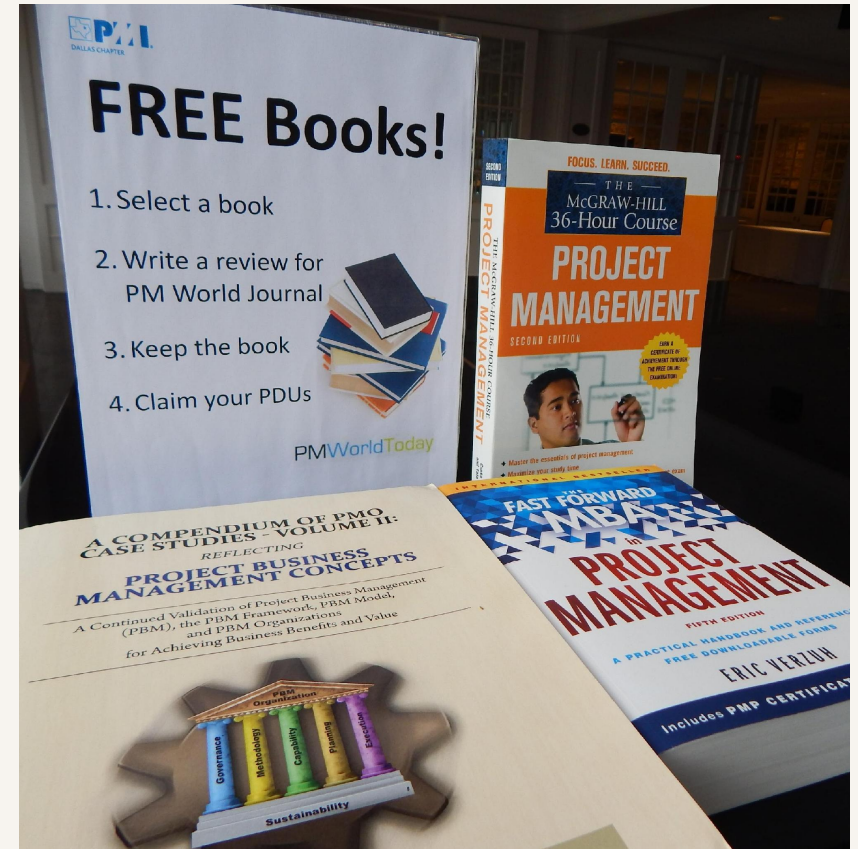
If you are interested in joining, please contact CorpAmbassador@pmidallas.org or visit the Volunteer Network: <https://pmidallas.org/Volunteer>



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

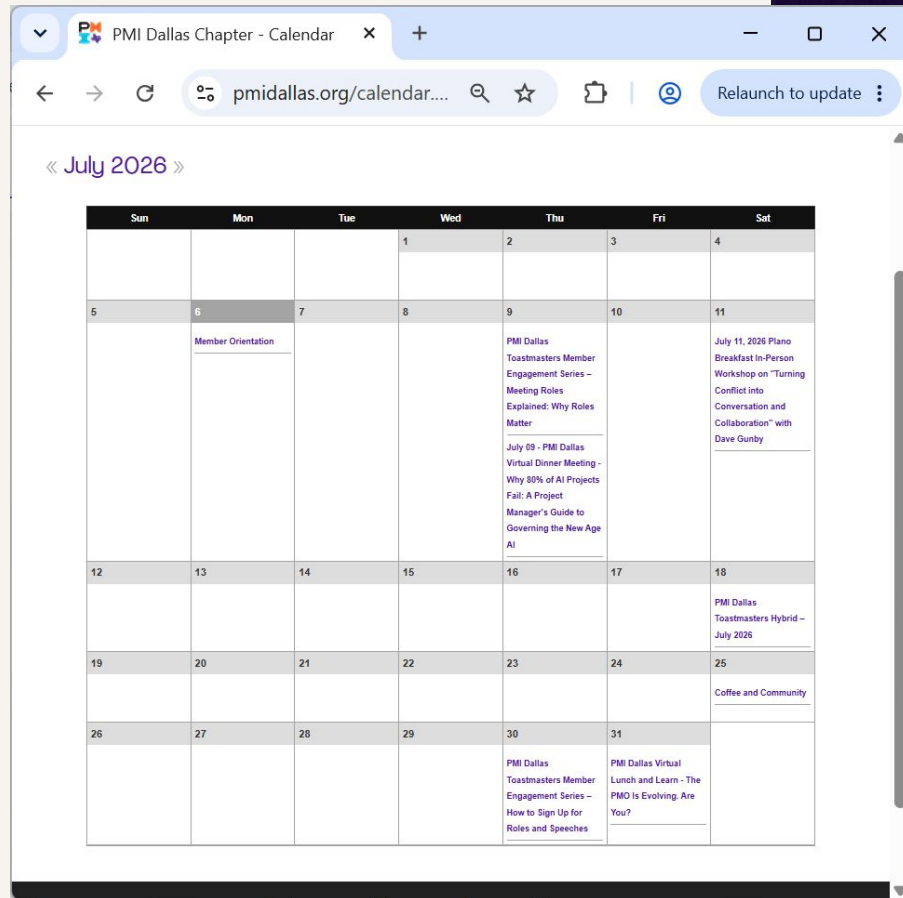
Newsletter Director | Content Manager | Web Master | Volunteer, Membership Team | Volunteer, Technology Team | Mentoring Specialist



Calendar / Events



Event Offerings



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL [pmidallas.org/calendar...](https://pmidallas.org/calendar.php). The page displays a calendar for July 2026. The calendar grid shows the following events:

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Member Orientation	7	8	9 PMI Dallas Toastmasters Member Engagement Series – Meeting Roles Explained: Why Roles Matter July 09 - PMI Dallas Virtual Dinner Meeting - Why 80% of AI Projects Fail: A Project Manager's Guide to Governing the New Age AI	10	11 July 11, 2026 Plano Breakfast In-Person Workshop on "Turning Conflict into Conversation and Collaboration" with Dave Gunby
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 PMI Dallas Toastmasters Hybrid – July 2026
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Coffee and Community
26	27	28	29	30 PMI Dallas Toastmasters Member Engagement Series – How to Sign Up for Roles and Speeches	31 PMI Dallas Virtual Lunch and Learn - The PMO Is Evolving: Are You?	

- 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>





- **Date: September 26th (Saturday) @ 8 AM - 5 PM**
- **In partnership with UNT Frisco**
- **Earn 7-8 PDUs**
- **Register now open, visit:**
<https://pmidallas.org/meetinginfo.php?id=1512>

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**

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, July 9 @ 5:30-8pm join us virtually for our Monthly Dinner Meeting.

Dushyant Sengar, Author and Co-Founder/Partner at RegVizion, will present Why 80% of AI Projects Fail: A Project Manager's Guide to Governing the New Age AI.



The graphic features a dark blue background with teal geometric shapes. At the top left is the Project Management Institute Dallas logo, which includes a stylized 'PM' and a map of Texas. The text 'Project Management Institute. Dallas' is to the right of the logo. Below the logo, the title 'Monthly Dinner Meeting' is written in a large, bold, white font, followed by 'with speaker' in a smaller white font. In the center is a square portrait of Dushyant Sengar, a man with short dark hair wearing a suit and tie. Below the portrait, his name 'Dushyant Sengar' is written in bold white font, followed by his credentials 'Co-Founder and Partner at RegVizion' and 'Author of "Modern Data Mining with Python"' in a smaller white font. Below this, the date 'July 9, 2026' is preceded by a calendar icon, the time '5:30 PM - 8:00 PM' is preceded by a clock icon, and the location 'Zoom' is preceded by a location pin icon. At the bottom is a teal button with the text 'JOIN US NOW' in white.

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Monthly Dinner Meeting

with speaker



Dushyant Sengar
Co-Founder and Partner at RegVizion
Author of "Modern Data Mining with Python"

July 9, 2026
5:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Zoom

[JOIN US NOW](#)



Our Future
Events

Toastmasters Virtual Meeting

Join us in person or virtually
on Saturday, July 18 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.



Our Future
Events

Coffee & Community

**Coffee. Conversation.
Community. Happening on
Saturday, July 25 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.



The flyer features a dark blue background with a subtle wave pattern. In the top right corner is the Project Management Institute Dallas logo, which includes a stylized 'PMI' with a Texas map outline. The title 'Coffee and Community' is prominently displayed in large white font. Below it, the tagline 'Start your Saturday with coffee and connection.' is written in a smaller white font. A central section contains event details: a coffee cup icon followed by 'This month in Irving', a calendar icon for 'Saturday, July 25, 2026', a clock icon for '9:00 AM to 10:30 AM', and a location pin icon for '6430 N MacArthur Blvd. Irving, TX 75039'. On the right side of the flyer is a white line-art illustration of a steaming coffee cup on a saucer.

PMI Project Management Institute. Dallas

Coffee and Community

Start your Saturday with coffee and connection.

 This month in Irving

 Saturday, July 25, 2026

 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM

 6430 N MacArthur Blvd. Irving, TX 75039



Our Future
Events

Lunch & Learn

The PMO Is Evolving. Are You?

Join PMI Dallas virtually on Friday, July 31 @11:30am for an engaging virtual session with Sabrina Poteat as she covers the topic, “The PMO Is Evolving. Are You?” This session will challenge PMO leaders and practitioners to examine the gap between the PMO they were trained to build and the one their organizations actually need now.



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:

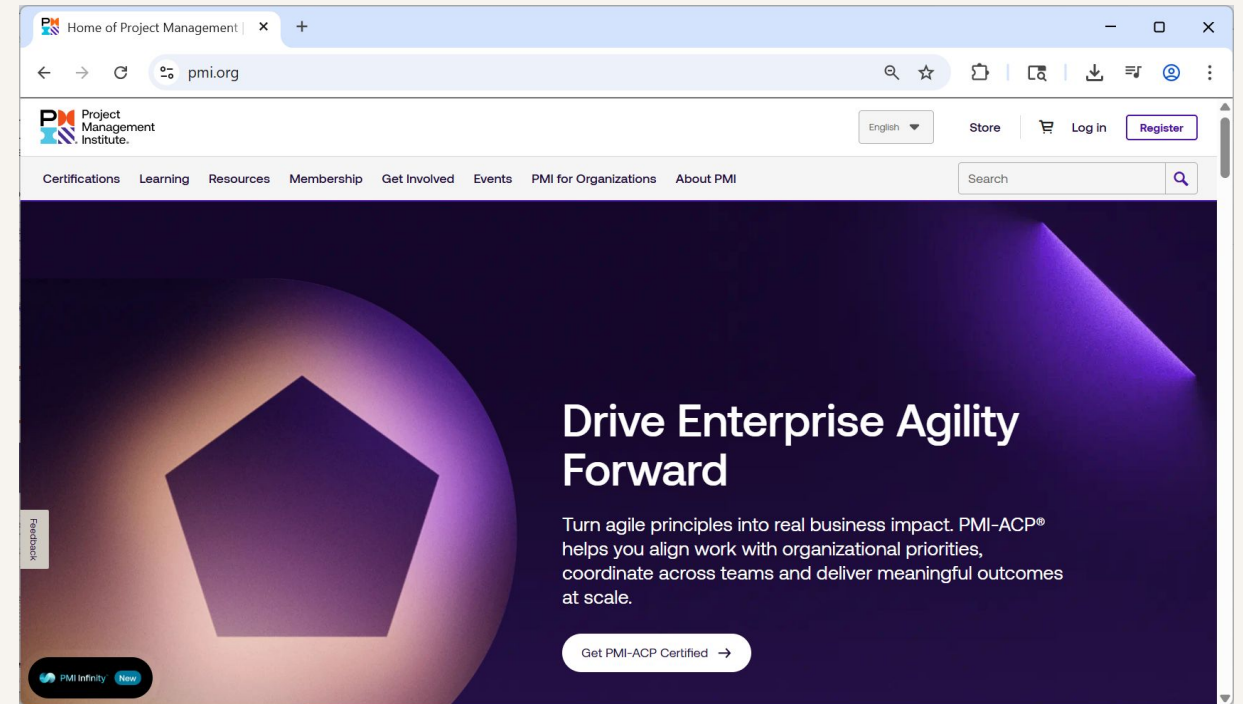
- Venue name & location
- Contact person (if available)
- Approximate capacity
- Why you recommend it

👉 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 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.*



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

- **How can I connect with people who have similar goals?**
 - 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.
- **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*
- **Are there virtual monthly meetings or on site only?**
 - Yes, during the summer (June, July, August) we have virtual chapter monthly meetings
- ***PMP opportunities***
 - *We may need more information to answer this question. If you are asking about PMP study or training opportunities. We are currently working on agreements with a couple training partners and will update that information once available.*

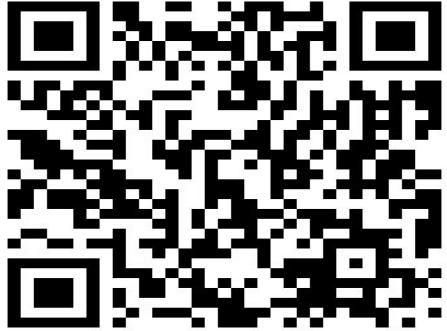


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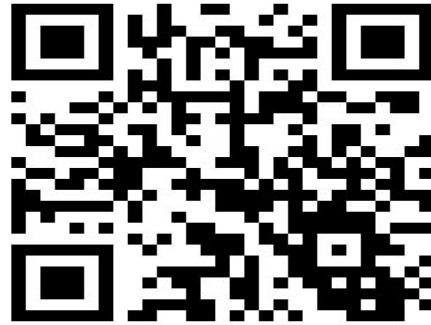
- **Is there an opportunity for mentorship within the PMI Dallas chapter?**
 - *Yes! See slide 17 and visit our website...*
https://pmidallas.starchapter.com/form.php?form_id=25
- **How to gain up to date information and how to approach effectively Project Management in the AI world.**
 - *Keep an eye 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>*
- **Intro level project manager jobs and interview preparation**
 - *We don't currently have any specific programs tied to this. However, for entry level project manager jobs, it often helps to identify your transferable skills from other roles and make the connection those tasks have to project management. Practice and even work through mock interviews with trusted people in your network to ensure you are able to speak about your experience with confidence during an actual interview. AI can even be used for this.*



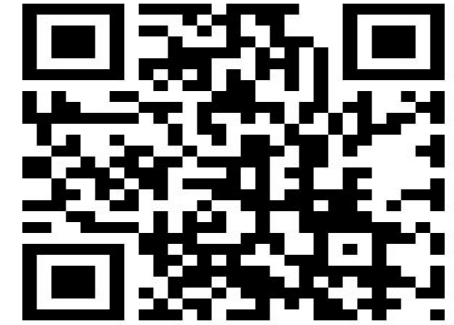
We are Social. Join Us.



LinkedIn



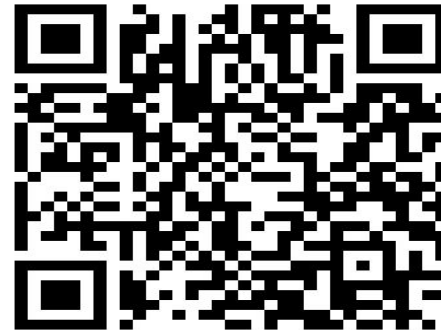
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Our Future
Events



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