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PMI Dallas News & Updates | August 2026

From the President | Kimia Penton

Dear PMI Dallas Chapter Members,

I hope you're all having a wonderful summer and finding opportunities to slow down, recharge, and spend time with the people who matter most.

Thank you to everyone who has joined us over the past month at our virtual dinner meetings, hybrid breakfast meetings, Coffee & Community gatherings, and happy hours. Every event is a reminder that PMI Dallas is so much more than a professional association—it's a community of people who are committed to learning, supporting one another, and growing together. Whether you've attended one event or many, thank you for investing your time and energy into this chapter. It's the people who make our community so special.



I recently completed a refresher training with PMI Global on the **M.O.R.E.** framework, and it reminded me that project success isn't just about methodology—it's about mindset. The way we show up as leaders, teammates, and problem solvers often has the greatest impact on the outcomes we create.

The M.O.R.E. mindset encourages us to:

M – Manage Perceptions: Understand what matters most to your stakeholders and focus on delivering value where it matters most.

O – Own Success: Take ownership of the outcomes you create, the value you deliver, and the consequences of your decisions.

R – Relentlessly Reassess: Stay curious, challenge assumptions, adapt your direction, and recalibrate as new information emerges.

E – Expand Perspectives: Look beyond the immediate project and consider the broader

impact your work can have on people, organizations, and our communities.

I love that these principles extend well beyond project management. They remind us to lead with intention, remain adaptable, and continuously look for opportunities to create meaningful value. This fall, PMI Global will be launching online courses that explore these concepts in greater depth, and I encourage you to check them out as they're released.

As we head into an exciting fall season, don't forget to register for our **North Texas Professional Development Day** on September 26! It's one of our biggest events of the year and a fantastic opportunity to hear inspiring keynote speakers, learn from industry experts, connect with fellow professionals, and earn PDUs while investing in yourself.

Finally, be on the lookout next month as nominations open for our chapter leadership elections. If you've ever thought about getting more involved, I'd encourage you to consider taking that next step. If you have a heart for serving others, building community, and helping shape the future of PMI Dallas, we'd love to get to know you. Our chapter is built by volunteers who choose to give back, and that spirit of service is what makes this community thrive.

Thank you for being part of PMI Dallas. I look forward to seeing you at an upcoming event and continuing to grow, connect, and make an impact together.

Warmly,
Kimia Penton

Monthly Dinner Meeting: August 13, 2026 PMI Construction Strategy Session - Featuring PMI-CP & Global Ambassador Program

Join PMI Dallas on August 13 for a virtual dinner meeting. This session introduces PMI's strategic focus on the construction industry, including the **PMI Construction Professional (PMI-CP)** program and the **Global Ambassador initiative**. With Texas identified as a key market, PMI is actively building a strong network across chapters to support the construction project management community. The session will feature a live presentation from our speakers, followed by a live Q&A with Zomi Yao-Bai.

Session Agenda

1. The Texas Construction Landscape: Key Market Drivers, Giga Projects, and Industry Demand
2. PMI-CP Learning Journey: Courses, Certification Process, and Key Knowledge Areas
3. Career Benefits, Practical Applications, and Real-World Perspectives from PMI-CP Holders and Global Ambassadors
4. Dallas Chapter Construction Programming: 2026–2027 Roadmap



Date: August 13, 2026
Time: 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM
Location: Virtual, Zoom Conference

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Keynote Speaker

Tammy Huddleston
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This year's conference is designed for project professionals who are ready to grow, adapt, and lead in a fast-changing business environment.

Date: Saturday, September 26, 2026
Time: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Location: UNT Frisco, 12995 Preston Rd, Frisco, TX 75033

Register Now

Sneak Peek: North Texas Project Management Conference 2026

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Sneak Peek Webinar: A Taste of the North Texas PM Conference!

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.

In just one hour, you'll enjoy a highlight reel designed to spark your curiosity, inspire fresh ideas, and help you plan which sessions you'll dive into on conference day.

(Note: PM Conference to be held Sept 26, 2026 - See Calendar for conference registration). Space is limited for the important webinar, so note the time and Register Now.

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Build Confidence with PMI Dallas Toastmasters August 15, 9:00 - 11:00 AM

Join PMI Dallas Toastmasters for a free virtual meeting focused on improving prepared speaking, impromptu communication, and professional confidence. Participants will develop skills to become more competent and confident when talking to other people, both in prepared speeches and impromptu



conversations.

Cost: Free

PDU: 2 total

Date: August 15, 2026

Time: 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM CT

Location: Hybrid

Dallas College Brookhaven Campus | 3939 Valley

View Lane

Farmers Branch, TX 75244

OR

Zoom: Meeting link and password by 9:00 pm the night before the meeting via **email using the address PMI has on file.**



Save Your Spot!

Corporate Ambassadors Meeting August 01, 9:00-10:30 AM

The PMI Dallas Chapter invites you to our Corporate Ambassador Program. This event provides a free 1.5 hour facilitated discussion. So come, invite a colleague, and join us in building the PM community through open dialogues. Not only is this a great opportunity to network with other fellow project managers and chapter members, but you can also introduce your colleagues who are not part of our chapter to a great organization!

Date: Saturday, August 01, 2026

Time: 9:00 AM- 10:30 AM

Location: Zoom Conference

Cost: Free



Register Now

Happy Hour

Wrap up your day with great conversation, fresh connections, and the energy of the PMI Dallas community at our upcoming Networking Happy Hour. Keep an eye on the calendar as we add



details.

Cost: Free



Register Now

Coffee and Community August 15, 9am-10:30

Enjoy a cup of coffee. Take a pastry. While meeting new people. We think it's a great way to start your day.

Date: Saturday, August 15, 2026

Time: 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Location: La Madeleine Plano | 5000 W. Park Boulevard Suite 100, Plano, TX 75093

Cost: Free



Register Now

Volunteer Spotlight: August 2026

PMI Dallas proudly celebrates Palak Shah, our August 2026 Volunteer of the Month!

As Lunch & Learn Director, Palak has done an outstanding job identifying engaging speakers, coordinating the logistics for each event, and ensuring our virtual Lunch & Learn sessions are well organized and professionally delivered. Her dedication has made these monthly sessions a



valuable learning opportunity for our members.

Palak also works closely with fellow Lunch & Learn Director, Crystle Wadsworth, demonstrating collaboration to ensure continuity and consistency across the program. Together, they successfully deliver the Lunch & Learn series every month, with virtual sessions held on the last Friday of the month.

Thank you, Palak, for your commitment, teamwork, and the positive impact you continue to make for the PMI Dallas community. Your efforts are truly appreciated and well deserving of this recognition.



Connect with Palak

PMWJ Book Review – August 2026



Our PMI Dallas chapter member Sandra Rojas was published in the July edition of the PM World Journal. The PMWJ is read by project management leaders across more than 100 countries, and our members showed up in a powerful way. Please take a moment to read their work and celebrate what this community continues to build together.



Read the Review

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