

Project Management Institute Tallahassee Chapter



Weekly News

Bi-Weekly Communications Note:

As we enter the final days of 2020, it's a time of retrospection for many of us – especially with all the new things many of us faced this year. Our PMITLH Board President – Elect has written a Board Talk with many of these thoughts in mind – enjoy. We're also sharing 12 days of Time Management on social media – take care of yourselves this holiday season.

Please note below the three social media accounts for the Project Management Institute, Tallahassee Chapter. If you've not already connected to these accounts, please do so. And if you have suggestions for others to connect to these accounts, please help facilitate or let us know who to search for to friend request, etc. Thank you all for helping us 'get the word out!'! bg

PMITLH Facebook site <https://www.facebook.com/pmi.tallahassee>

PMITLH LinkedIn site <https://www.linkedin.com/company/16227065/>

PMITLH Instagram site <https://www.instagram.com/pmitlhchapter/>

Thank you, Your PMITLH Communications Team, vpcomm@pmitlh.org



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PMITLH Website: <https://pmitlh.org/index.php>



Upcoming PMITLH Events

- ▶ **February 1, 2021**
PMITLH Virtual Chapter Meeting
- ▶ **April 5, 2021**
PMITLH Virtual Chapter Meeting
- ▶ **June 7, 2021**
PMITLH Virtual Chapter Meeting
- ▶ **August 2, 2021**
PMITLH Virtual Chapter Meeting
- ▶ **October 4, 2021**
PMITLH Virtual Chapter Meeting
- ▶ **December 6, 2021**
PMITLH Virtual Chapter Meeting



Membership Renewals to the Chapter

Important Information Regarding Chapter Membership Auto Renewal Changes:

- Similar to a PMI Membership, when you complete a Chapter Membership purchase, your Chapter Membership will now be automatically opted-in for auto renew,
- Your Chapter Membership will move onto the same cycle as your existing PMI Membership renewal cycle,
- If you wish to opt out of the Chapter auto renewal post-purchase, you must opt out in your myPMI profile. Please be advised that opting out of Chapter Membership auto renew will cancel auto renew for Chapter Membership only. Opting out of auto renew for PMI Membership will cancel auto renew for both your Chapter Membership and PMI Membership.
- If you opt-out of auto renew for your PMI Membership and later return to renew manually, the system should NOT automatically opt you in for auto renew going forward. You will not be required to save your payment details to complete checkout.
- Existing Chapter Memberships and PMI Memberships will continue to auto renew in USD only (until December 2020)
- ***Please note that Student and Retiree PMI Memberships require manual renewal - Auto renew is not an option.**

To prevent a customer from buying a Chapter Membership twice or purchasing a Chapter Membership for an undesired short duration, there are new rules to restrict Chapter Membership purchases and improve the Chapter Membership experience:

- When you attempt to purchase or renew a Chapter Membership you will be restricted from purchasing/renewing a Chapter Membership if you do not hold an active PMI Membership and/or do not have a Membership product in your Cart,
- If you are a PMI Member who is eligible for renewal (i.e. in last 3 months of your current membership), you must have a PMI Membership renewal product in the Cart in order to purchase any Chapter Membership,
- If you purchase a Chapter Membership after purchasing a PMI Membership, its renewal cycle will automatically align to the PMI Membership auto renewal cycle.

PDU Opportunities in the Tallahassee Chapter!!!!

PDU Reminders:

- Chapter members – write an article for the blog and submit it to vpcomm@pmitlh.org for consideration for posting. Articles posted can earn you PMI Create Content activity PDUs.
- Chapter members who serve on the Board or on a committee can earn PDUs (hour for hour) for volunteer time through the PMI Volunteer activity,
- Chapter members who speak/present virtually during a chapter meeting can earn PDUs (hour for hour of presentation time) through the PMI Give a Presentation activity,
- General reminder to chapter members that **you earn PDUs for attending chapter-organized meetings** through the PMI Organization Meetings activity.
- PDUs are subject to audit by PMI. Always remember you can reference the PMI certification requirements at <https://www.pmi.org/-/media/pmi/documents/public/pdf/certifications/ccr-certification-requirements-handbook.pdf>
- If you're retiring (first – CONGRATULATIONS!), you can apply for retired status with PMI and no longer have to submit PDUs. You must have been a certificate holder for 10 years minimum, wish to voluntarily relinquish active status, and no longer earn remuneration for practicing project management. Submit a written request to PMI by email (Certification.CCR@pmi.org) or fax (1 610 239 2257).

PMITLH Board Talk



This week's PMITLH Board message comes from PMITLH Board President - Elect, Karen Scott.

Project Management on the Fly

As we wrap up the remainder of an unprecedented global-pandemic year, we can look back and see how our project management skills have helped us survive. The year started off as a normal one when the U.S. unemployment rate was at 3.5%, the economy was rising, travelers were scurrying around the country, children were in classrooms, projects were humming, and we were having PMI chapter events in person.

Then March 2020 hit and the each individual, each family, each leader had to figure out our own on-the-fly contingency plan on preventing the spread of a new and highly contagious virus that was in our homes, offices, classrooms, and hospitals. Many states were shutting down stores, restaurants, schools, and other large gatherings, so life as we knew it came to a pause. Quickly the new-normal became clear and this was the perfect time for our leadership and project management skills to be utilized as a new and large project faced each of us.

As project managers we know how to identify an intended outcome, develop a plan, apply resources, follow a budget, and execute. Through this pandemic, individually and collectively as a society, we have had several projects to lead:

- Readjust our budgets and prioritize expenses
- Setup a classroom at home so children can continue to learn virtually
- Move the workforce from an office building to a home office
- Innovate and create a new vaccine in record time
- Improve and embrace telehealth services to enable remote physician appointments
- Implement preventative measures to reduce the spread of the virus
- Learn new ways to engage and encourage staff, associates and chapter members
- Learned to be flexible when facing unforeseen and unprecedented risks.

The lesson learned is that although risks and contingency plans are typically identified early in a project, we now have a better appreciation that there is always the risk of the unknown issue that we didn't see coming. When developing your next contingency plan, think about the risks from all angles. Albert Einstein once said, "The important thing is to never stop questioning."

Fortunately, through the unforeseen challenges of 2020, we are stronger and better equipped for what the future holds and build better risk mitigation and contingency plans for our projects. Let's grasp 2021 by the horns and keep growing our project management skills and network – hopefully healthy and safely again in person!



Karen Scott
President – Elect

"Plan ahead: It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark." ~ Richard Cushing

Project Management Institute Tallahassee TIPS

TIPS!

PMI Member Discounts

Did you know there are discounts available to PMI members for things like insurance, technology products, office supplies, car rentals and more?



See discounts for Lenovo, Office Depot, Life Lock, UPS shipping, Avis, Budget, Microsoft, Spectrum Credit Union at

<https://www.pmi.org/membership/discounts/united-states>

PMI Book Sales and Discounts

Effective August 2020, Independent Publishing Group (IPG), PMI's book distributor, will be the sole distributor of PMI Publications and will continue selling books directly via the PMI's publisher page on IPG's online store.

For personal-use purchases (outside of PMI chapter events), all PMI members maintain a 50% discount on the printed, stand-alone PMBOK® Guide – Sixth Edition in all languages and the printed bundle PMBOK® Guide – Sixth Edition and Agile Practice Guide in all languages. You will find this discount code when you log on to PMI.org (PMBOK® Guide page).

Additionally, if you would like to receive free shipping outside of North America, you can purchase these titles from IPG's third-party seller, Eurospan at a 40% discount. As a PMI member, you're also welcome to purchase books at other resellers like Amazon or Barnes & Noble; however, you may only redeem member discount codes at either IPG or Eurospan.

How to Report PDUs!

https://pmitlh.org/images/How_to_report_PDUs.pdf

Project Management Institute NEWS

PMI Holiday Closure

All PMI offices will be closed from **21 December 2020—3 January 2021**. Please reach out in advance to any PMI staff you may need to contact during this time to avoid disruption of volunteer activities. Customer Care will provide [abbreviated calling hours](#) but maintain 24/7 chat functionality.

PMI Standards

Check out PMI's "new digital solution for instant access to the PMI standards, guides, how-to content and more—all tailored to industry, approach and goals".

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

PMI Global Resource Hub

Check out PMI's Resource Hub for a "variety of free online resources, virtual events, and other offerings related to the COVID-19 world around us".

<https://www.pmi.org/about/coronavirus-single-source-message/resources-for-new-work-ecosystem>

Need PDUs or CEUs?

Check out PMI's SeminarsWorld Virtual for live online learning opportunities which can be filtered by cost, start dates, etc.

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

Save the Date and Call for Proposals for Next Leadership Institute Meeting

The virtual PMI® Leadership Institute Meeting 2021—April will be held Saturday, 10 April; now accepting proposals for 30-minute presentations. Submit session proposals before 12/31/2020.

<https://na.eventscloud.com/eSites/585612/Login>

Now Accepting Nominations for the PMI Board of Directors

Interested in joining PMI's 2021 Board of Directors for the 2022-2024 term? PMI seeks four individuals; review your eligibility today.

<https://www.pmi.org/about/leadership-governance/board-of-directors/nominations-and-election>



PMI Customer Care Notice

- PMI is updating its [PMI COVID Update page](#) on an ongoing basis.
- PMI is automatically extending all candidates' exam eligibility until 18 January 2021.
- PMI has launched its new PMI Beta Bot, a 24/7 chat bot to answer your basic questions. Check it out on the PMI [Contact Us page](#).
- PMI has created the PMI Customer Care Alexa Skill, so members and certification holders can link their PMI.org account to any Amazon Alexa-enabled device to ask Alexa: "What is my member (or certification) since date?" "What is my membership end date?" "When does my certification expire?" "How many PDUs do I have?" [Try it today](#).

PMI requests your patience and support in utilizing its Customer Care contact info to allow quick response to each member and customer. If you have a question specific to chapter operations, please contact your chapter partner.

TED@PMI Talks Are Now Live!

[Watch the available TED@PMI Talks](#) and check back every two weeks for more talks being added. Watch, rewatch, and share them with the world!

Current PMI Standards and Guides – New 7th Edition PMBOK Guide

The PMBOK® Guide – Seventh Edition, which includes a revised "The Standard for Project Management", will adopt a principle-based structure for the standard and performance domains for the guide - in place of Process Groups and Knowledge Areas.

<https://www.pmi.org/pmbok-guide-standards/about/current-projects>

PMI Agile Certification Journey

The new Agile Certification Journey is a suite of agile-focused certifications, instructor-led and on-demand training workshops, as well as knowledge and community resources designed for practitioners who want to further specialize and differentiate their skills. It incorporates Disciplined Agile offerings into the PMI portfolio of certifications to provide practitioners with options and opportunities to dive deeper into agile approaches, regardless of where they are in their career paths.

For more information about it, visit the [Disciplined Agile tab](#) on the Chapter Update Center and be sure to read the [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

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PMITLH Board:

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PMI On-Demand Webinar library

<https://www.projectmanagement.com/Webinars/webinarMainOnDemand.cfm>

PREMIUM TEMPLATE library

<https://www.projectmanagement.com/Templates/index.cfm>



The Chapter would like to feature one of our members with a bio in each issue of the newsletter. Please submit a bio for a future newsletter to: vpcomm@pmitlh.org



The Chapter would like to feature photos of your workday in future newsletters. Please submit photos to: vpcomm@pmitlh.org

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