

Project Management Institute Tallahassee Chapter



Weekly News

Bi-Weekly Communications Note:

Next Week's 2/17/2021 Virtual Networking Event will focus on Wellness Wednesday: Mind, Body, and Soul [Register Here](#) !

We also look forward to seeing you on March 2nd at 6pm for a Chapter-wide Communications Roundtable. [Register Here](#)

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 17, 2021**

11:45am – 12:45pm

PMITLH Virtual Networking Event

▶ **March 2, 2021**

6pm – 7pm

Communications Roundtable Virtual 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

Project Management Institute Tallahassee NEWS

Open Volunteer & Committee Positions

PMI Tallahassee is looking for community members to assist with:

- Mentoring Opportunities
- Membership Committee
- Communication Committee
- Professional Development Committee



Collaboration with the Tallahassee Community College Performance Innovation Institute :

- Teach project management & related classes to TCC PII internal staff
- Mentor internal project managers and consult on projects & processes
Volunteer Opportunity – Teach and/or Mentor

Partnering with the Institute for Nonprofit Innovation and Excellence (INIE):

- Mentoring through “Office Hours”
Volunteer Opportunity – Teach and/or Mentor

Giving back to the Community:

- Community Service Initiative

Volunteer Opportunity – once initiative is selected. Look for survey to vote on charity to support this year.

- Thank our Healthcare workers!

Volunteer Opportunity – Make personalized cards.

Contact vpcomm@pmitlh.org for further information.

Virtual Happy Hour Networking opportunities - Coffee Talks, Lunch & Learns, Social Happy Hours

Wellness Wednesday: Mind, Body & Soul

February 17, 2021 – 11:45am – 12:45pm [Register Here](#)

April date TBD – Chris Schattinger,
PhD Grad Student, Exercise Physiology



Florida Project Management and Oversight – Templates

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https://www.dms.myflorida.com/other_programs/project_management_and_oversight

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).

Other <PMI> Chapter Opportunities (New)

PDU Opportunities in Other Chapters.

- PMI Emerald Coast Florida is offering an interactive discussion focusing on PMI Authorized Training Partner, The Mathis Group, and their perspectives on changes within PMI and PMP boot camp content in preparation for the new 2021 PMP exam. Register for “PMI and the PMP Boot Camp Changes” at <https://pmiemeraldcoastfl.org/meet-reg2.php>

Date: Saturday, March 13, 2021
Start Time: 11:00 AM ET
End Time: 12:00 AM ET (NOON)
Cost: Free

- PMI of Southern Maryland is offering a True Talk with Project Managers series, with an upcoming episode focusing on the topic of “Managing Stress During Stressful Times” with prison administrator and change manager guest speakers. For those that register, a recording will be available if you’re unable to attend live. Register at <https://pmisomd.org/events/event-calendar/general-events/true-talks-with-project-managers-pt-2> .

Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2021
Start Time: 7:00 PM ET
End Time: 8:00 PM ET
Cost: \$10.00

Tallahassee Toastmasters Club is offering PMI Tallahassee chapter members the opportunity to attend Toastmasters club [meetings every Monday evening from 5:20 - 6:25 pm](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0tcOGhrjgiE9GLPmFK4N93nJRqQ7Ztjgvb) on Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0tcOGhrjgiE9GLPmFK4N93nJRqQ7Ztjgvb> . Alternatively, PMI Tallahassee Chapter members can dial 646 876 9923 and enter the meeting ID 890 7890 3895 to join the meeting by phone.

PMI Tallahassee Chapter Members will receive 1 PDU for attending one hour of the PMI Tallahassee Toastmasters Club Members meeting - up to a max of 8 PDU Leadership hours.

If you are able to attend eight weeks, you will receive 8 PDUs.

PMITLH Board Talk



This week's PMITLH Board message comes from your PMITLH Vice President of Programs, Lisa Hopkins.

My Philosophy of Project Management: How much is too much? How fast is too fast?

While the general idea of project management has become mainstream in most organizations, the efficacy of project management is continually dependent on the acceptance and enthusiasm for project management processes by organizational personnel at all levels. Even after executive and formal "acceptance" of project management philosophy and establishment of a PMO, there remains a delicate balance of acceptance / resistance that must continually be addressed.

Project managers and PMOs can be understood and forgiven for their desire to take the philosophy of the PMBOK and implement these tenets throughout their organization. But care must be taken to ensure that the PM requirements and processes are implemented in such a way and to such an extent that will help staff achieve their objectives rather than hinder them. As logical and simple as PM processes seem to project managers, they can be viewed as intrusive, overly administrative, and superfluous to staff. This "bad taste" can be difficult to eliminate once started.

Starting with the initial development of PM processes and continuing unabated throughout the daily operations of the agency, great care must be taken to scale the project management methodology to fit the agency and its projects as much as possible. Steve Jobs said "Simple can be harder than complex. You have to work hard to get your thinking clean to make is simple. But It's worth it in the end because once you get there, you can move mountains."

PM methodology must provide the appropriate level of management, documentation, monitoring, and control for the level of project size and complexity. One must resist the temptation to view PM success by the library of documentation, complexity of monitoring and reporting, or stringency of activities. This must be tempered by the reality of the needs of the organization and the goals to be achieved.

Don't:

- Don't require a 10-page charter and a business case for a small or simple project.
- Don't have 6 different checklists when 1 would do.





Don't (continued):

- Don't require 52 items of information about an effort when only 16 items will be considered, tracked, or used.
- Don't create/update/automate/complicate documents, forms, or applications just to provide evidence of PMO activity or improvements.
- Resist the temptation to chase and embrace the newest, coolest, and most cutting-edge topics, processes, or systems just for the sake of it. Trying to implement Scrumban in an organization that is balking at accurately reporting project hours and activities in a MS Project type environment is doomed from the start and will only serve to engender more resistance to project management as a whole.

Do:

- Understand the business operations and goals that project management will support.
- Include a variety of organization staff in the discussion, development, detail, and implementation of PM methodology. Imposition of a methodology without input or understanding will result in limited success at best.
- Continually review and revise existing templates, forms, or applications to better meet the needs of the organization. Sometimes less *is* more.
- Actively engage organization staff to promote project management and provide training or assistance with PM requirements or methodology.
- Continually assess the level of adoption and resistance to current processes and strive to promote an understanding of the rationale and advantages of project management throughout all levels of the agency.

Project Management effectiveness is often demonstrated by the worksheets, templates, reports, PPM applications, metrics, and performance indicators that are generated by a project.

The more important and difficult measure of effectiveness is the acceptance and adoption of the philosophy of project management and its advantages by all levels of staff and the resulting inclusion of the project management mindset to the organizational culture.

“Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication.” – Leonardo da Vinci

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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!

[How to Report PDUs September 2020](#)

Project Management Institute NEWS

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>

How to Earn Free PDUs

Quickly and easily earn professional development units (PDUs) at no additional cost when you are a PMI Member – Attend an Event, Attend a Webinar, Contribute to a WIKI or Discussion Thread, Create a Webinar, or Write an Article or Blog Post.

<https://www.pmi.org/membership/free-pdus>

Need PDUs or CEUs?

Check out PMI's SeminarsWorld Virtual for live online learning opportunities which can be filtered by cost, start dates, etc. "Advance your skills virtually, network, and learn with your peers in small-group, topic-intensive seminars. Register by 8 February for early registration discounts." pmi.org

<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, April 10, 2021. Registration opening soon.

<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. Nominations will be received until 2/28/2021.

<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 has automatically extended exam eligibility to 18 April 2021 for all PMP exam candidates whose exam eligibility was set to expire before 18 April 2021.
- PMI has launched its 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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PMI On-Demand Webinar library

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

PREMIUM TEMPLATE library

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

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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



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