

## Project Management Institute Tallahassee Chapter



### Weekly News

#### ***Bi-Weekly Communications Note:***

Huge thanks to Chris Schattinger for your Wellness Wednesday presentation this week on *Maintaining Muscle With Age*. Great information!

Thank you also to all who provided feedback for the recent Community Service Project survey – we look forward to sharing more information soon.

Save the Date for our next Wellness Wednesday event on May 5<sup>th</sup> from 11:45am – 12:45pm led by Rakesh Sharma. Registration is available now.

[Register Here](#)

Congrats to Shirley Combass and Bill Joy on your new PMP certifications this quarter!

Thank you, Your PMITLH Communications Team, [vpcomm@pmitlh.org](mailto:vpcomm@pmitlh.org)

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## Upcoming PMITLH Events

▶ **May 5, 2021**

11:45am – 12:45pm

PMITLH Wellness Wednesday

▶ **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



# PMITLH Board Talk



**This week's PMITLH Board message comes from your PMITLH VP of Professional Development, Joanne Gallagher.**

It is so nice to touch base with all our members on this Board Talk.

Spring has sprung and increasingly we are coming out of our homes back into the outdoors and sunlight. It is so good for us to see the world differently from what we have been experiencing over the past several months. Feeling the warmth and sunshine on my face as I walk my dog Nickel (Voody is his nickname – long story) is a very enjoyable part of my day. What are you doing to carve out an enjoyable part of your day for yourself?

Our PMI Chapter recently provided training to many of the TCC workforce development group. It was a very rewarding experience too! As we were able to relate to others in our community with similar interests, we all also learned a thing or two about project management! With this successful training, we are now committed to providing TCC and other education institutions more PM trainings, so if you're interested in helping out, please reach out to me – and thank you for your continued dedication to our chapter. We are fuller because of you.

Next, we are also planning to partner with some other local chapters to increase our network with other like-minded professionals while sharing wisdom of some great sessions that we are lining up now. Stay tuned!

Thank you  
Joanne Gallagher  
VP Professional Development



# Welcome New PMITLH Members!

**HELLO!**

*New Members!*

Each quarter, we'd like to celebrate our new members.  
Please know how much you are ALL appreciated!

## Please help us say “Welcome” to:

William Joy

Lonna Peterson

Kelly Byrd

Jessica McCullough

Sonia Nelson

Jonathan Ouzts

Christina Omran

Nonhlanhla Sibanda

Xi Lu

Mohamed Ahmed

Thank you to each and every one of our members – you  
are each so valuable to the chapter.



# PMITLH 2021 Strategic Plan Progress Report

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In January, 2021, following input from you, your PMITLH Board finalized the 2021 Strategic Plan. Please see below to monitor progress with us on a quarterly basis throughout the year.

## CHAPTER EVENTS

<b>Chapter Meetings</b>	Chapter meetings every even month	√ February 1 √ April 5
<b>Networking events</b>	Lunchtime meetings Pre-meeting networking Coffee gatherings/happy hours	√ Wellness Wednesdays 2/17, 4/21 √ Pre-meeting “chat” 2/1 and 4/15
<b>Chapter Meeting Roundtable Events</b>	Ad hoc roundtables	
<b>Joint, collaborative meetings with other PMI chapters</b>	Partner with Emerald Coast chapter for joint meetings	In discussion with Emerald Coast about partnering on virtual professional development day
<b>Social Good Projects or Events</b>	Community service activity/event with input managed by team of chapter members	Survey to members sent 4/13 re: community service projects

## CAREER DEVELOPMENT

<b>Professional or Career Development events</b>	Professional development day (may partner with other chapters) Virtual training opportunities: Dr. James Brown	In discussion with Emerald Coast about partnering on virtual professional development day
<b>PMI credentials exam preparation course offerings</b>	PMP Exam Prep via Authorized Training Partner	
<b>Project Management educational or training sessions</b>	Disciplined Agile training	

# PMITLH 2021 Strategic Plan Progress Report Continued

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## MEMBER COMMUNICATION

<b>Communications with Members</b>	New-member welcome letter and brochure, recognize at chapter meetings. Newsletter emailed to all chapter members. Share annual plan and financial statement with members.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>√ Biweekly newsletters.</li> <li>√ Annual plan posted on website.</li> </ul>
<b>Member recognition</b>	Recognize new members, new PMP or other credential holders. Recognize volunteers. Possible recognition lunch or breakfast.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>√ Sent appreciation to all 2020 volunteers.</li> </ul>
<b>Website</b>	Update website at least monthly. Post newsletters, Board Talk, articles, presentations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>√ Website updated throughout the month.</li> <li>√ Biweekly Board Talk</li> <li>√ 2/1 chapter presentation posted</li> </ul>
<b>Social Media</b>	LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram updated more than once per month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>√ Updating frequently</li> </ul>
<b>Focus groups or Forums</b>	Pulse surveys as needed. Member input meeting for strategic planning.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>√ 4/13 pulse survey on community service</li> </ul>

## MEMBER BENEFITS

<b>Member introduction and benefits package</b>	New members receive welcome packet.	
<b>Volunteer Opportunities</b>	Communicate volunteer opportunities and track them.	Announcing opportunities in newsletters.
<b>Mentoring for members and non-members</b>	Establish mentoring program for new members and seasoned members.	
<b>Networking opportunities</b>	Virtual or in-person networking opportunities	
<b>Learning and sharing Opportunities (Knowledge transfer)</b>	Lunch and learns	
<b>Resume postings and employment opportunities</b>	Job listings and opportunities to post resumes available on chapter website	
<b>Knowledge Building Collaboration</b>	PMI certification exam preparation study group	
<b>Discussion topics</b>	Chapter meeting feedback survey to solicit suggestions from members for future training/ professional development topics and events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>√ Feedback surveys sent after each chapter meeting. Board using to plan topics/events.</li> </ul>

# PMI Tallahassee NEWS

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

May 5<sup>th</sup>, 11:45am – 12:45pm  
Rakesh Sharma,  
Yoga/SKY Breath Meditation Instructor



## Community Service Opportunity

We're sending out **Thank You Cards** for healthcare workers, to be delivered to local hospitals during Nursing Week - May 6-12, 2021.

If you would like to volunteer for this or any other PMITLH community service project, please email [dirvol@pmitlh.org](mailto:dirvol@pmitlh.org).

## We'd like to feature photos of you during your workday and bios of our great members in future newsletters. If you have a Kudos for someone, let us know to feature it.

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

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](mailto:vpcomm@pmitlh.org)

## Florida Project Management and Oversight – Templates

Did you know that the Florida Department of Management Services maintains a library of approved templates for typical project management documents, such as project charters, business cases, communications plans, project management plans, spending plans, requirements traceability matrices, etc.? Visit the website at:

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**\*Note:** *In order to gain the most from these Wellness Wednesday sessions, please plan on eating lunch either before or after the session as truly benefiting from the session will require focus on breathing and other techniques.*

Register at: <https://pmith.org/index.php/calendar/event-calendar/open-participation-activities/wellness-wednesday-mind-body-soul-pmitlh-networking-event-may-2021>

### Wellness Wednesday

May 5<sup>th</sup>, 11:45am – 12:45pm

Rakesh Sharma

Yoga/SKY Breath Meditation Instructor

Rakesh is a Civil Engineer and is an Associate Vice President/Department Manager in a National firm called HNTB Corporation. Personally, Rakesh is married and is a father of two - 11 and 14; he lives in Tallahassee, Florida.

Rakesh is also a Yoga and SKY Breath Meditation Instructor. For the past 16 years, Rakesh has been volunteering and bringing yoga and meditation knowledge to many. Rakesh is a firm believer in managing emotions and the state of your mind as a key to increasing the quality of the life.





## June 2021 Virtual Chapter Meeting Presentation: What Dog Ownership Can Teach You

Please join us on June 7, 2021 for our next PMI Tallahassee chapter meeting. Our guest speaker, Dr. James Brown, will discuss dog ownership and its correlation to stakeholder management.

We look forward to your participation! [Register Here!](#)

Dog ownership is serious responsibility that is time consuming, challenging, and rewarding. There are many parallels from dog ownership that apply to stakeholder management. In his humorous, hard hitting, tongue in cheek style, Dr. Brown explores the following points relative to every project manager.

- Who is the real master?
- Stakeholders need to be trained
- Know your stakeholder's pedigree
- Stakeholders need to know the scent of other stakeholders
- Stakeholders behave differently when they are in a pack

This session will give you a jump start on becoming the "stakeholder whisperer" and enable you to improve project outcomes through effective leadership of your stakeholders.

**More Information to Follow!**



## PDU Opportunities in Other Chapters.

### Foundations of Agile Project Management

#### Southwest Virginia Spring Symposium – other chapters are invited!

April 30, 2021: 8:30am – 12:30pm. \$50

Guest speaker Andy Kauffman = 4 PDUs

<https://pmi-swva.org/index.php/events/event-listing/events/spring-symposium-andy-kauffman>

The Southwest Virginia PMI chapter is honored and excited to have Andy Kaufman leading a half day session on the **Foundations of Agile Project Management**.

“How can we use these Agile approaches to help us deliver successful projects? This session is designed to understand what Agile is, and what it’s not. We are going to learn about the values, and the principles of Agile. We’ll be looking at different lifecycles, and some of the underlying parts of the Agile mindset.

The goal is to take all the ideas and go apply them right after the workshop!”

# Project Management Institute NEWS



## PMI Wicked Problem Solving

Check out PMI Global and Tom Wujec' Wicked Problem-Solving approach - "An online design-thinking course & toolkit for anyone who wants to solve problems." <https://www.wickedproblemsolver.com/#wickedproblemsolving>



## 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>

## 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 Virtual Experience Series

**New World. New Challenges. New Solutions.**

Recovery is just underway, and while we are navigating a world defined by challenge and change, we can embrace the opportunity to Make Reality in new and exciting ways. PMXPO is now available on demand. Save the date for events on 2 June, 7-9 October, and 7 December.

<https://www.pmi.org/virtual-experience-series>



## 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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](#).

# Project Management Institute Tallahassee TIPS

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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](#)

# PMI Tallahassee PDU Opportunities








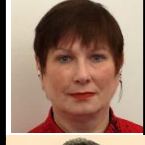

## PDU Opportunities in the Tallahassee Chapter!!!!

### PDU Reminders:

- Chapter members – write an article for the blog and submit it to [vpcomm@pmitlh.org](mailto: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).

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## PMITLH Social Media Accounts:

### 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 to our COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS!

### Communications Committee:

Foluso Akerele

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### Membership Committee:

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### Professional Development Committee:

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