

## President's Message

Hello members!

I hope this message finds you well and staying healthy in this Florida summer heat. The year is moving along rather quickly, and we are thrilled to see all the engagement in our networking, chapter, and community events. The **Second Harvest Food Bank project** wraps up on August 15<sup>th</sup> so make any donations you can today via the QRC code in the [PMITLH Second Harvest flyer](#). Thank you for joining the chapter in fighting hunger in our community!

Additionally, the **election for positions on the 2023 PMI TLH Board will kickoff at the October 3, 2022 chapter meeting**. More information about the elections can be found on **Page 4** of this newsletter. If you are interested in joining a great group of individuals to continue to provide value and opportunities for our members, we encourage you to consider submitting for one of our open positions: VP of Membership, VP of Finance, VP of Professional Development, or VP of Volunteers. You also earn PDUs for Board service. Find more information about the positions can be found here: [PMI TLH Board Position Descriptions](#).

As always, don't hesitate to contact me at [president@pmith.org](mailto:president@pmith.org) with any questions or suggestions. Thank you for your support of the PMI TLH Chapter!

~Karen Scott, President PMI TLH

## Upcoming Chapter Events



### Coffee & Mingle at The Egg

3740 Austin Davis Ave

**September 22 @ 7:15-8:45am**

Start your morning with PMI Tallahassee!

Enjoy pastries and coffee while getting to know each other, swapping business cards and resumes and talking about upcoming chapter activities! *Sponsored by TEKsystems*



### Annual Chapter Meeting & Election Kickoff

In-Person at Capital City Country Club & Virtual

**October 3 @ 5:15pm-7:30pm**



## Donate to the Second Harvest Food Drive!

**Today (August 15) is the final day of the drive**, and it also coincides with our semi-monthly chapter meeting. We want to end strong, so we are asking you to **please bring a non-perishable food item to the chapter meeting** if you are attending in person.

If you are planning to attend virtually, you can still participate and **donate using this QR code**.

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## Board Member Spotlight

### Meet our new PMITLH VP of Volunteers!



Lonna Peterson was appointed to the VP of Volunteers role in July.

*"I look forward to working with the board and chapter members to identify opportunities to actively give back and demonstrate the impact PMI can have on our local and global communities!"*

Lonna has a career of working with state government health and human services programs, first working for a company implementing and operating Medicaid systems and services (EDS and HP) and since 2014 with NTT DATA as a consultant to states in overseeing and assessing their Medicaid enterprise IT strategies and projects.

Lonna has lived in Tallahassee since 2005 and has also been certified as a PMP since 2005. As VP of Volunteers, Lonna will work to identify volunteering opportunities that align with our chapter and PMI global goals; plan, organize, and execute volunteer events; recruit volunteers to support activities; and communicate the impact we have on organizations, programs, and people.

## Second Harvest Food Drive Update

Thanks to everyone who participated in the food drive to support Second Harvest of the Big Bend Region. This was an important mission. Second Harvest of the Big Bend provides healthy food and other needed items for low-income and unemployed people to relieve situations of emergency and distress. As the region's primary source for charitable food, Second Harvest acts as the storage and distribution depot for over 149 smaller front-line agency partners in 17 Florida counties. Five of the counties are among Florida's 10 most food insecure. In 2021 Second Harvest delivered about 13.8 million pounds of nutritious food, enough for about 11.5 million meals provided to those in need for no charge.



Our local chapter chose this project to support the global PMI Hours for Impact campaign. Our call to action is to improve people's lives and the planet in support of the United Nations 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), one of which is Zero Hunger.

Chapter members placed collection boxes in 15 locations around Tallahassee, challenging co-workers, business patrons, and the public to support the drive.

A special thanks to drive leaders Emily Roach and Angela Harrison for their help in coordinating distribution of boxes and flyers. Thanks also to Stacy Burns, Clair Gilleece, Christina Omran, and Naomi Bissonette for placing boxes at their work, churches, and businesses and challenging their co-workers, friends, and neighbors to contribute!

*We will gather all the collection boxes after August 15 and report on the total donations at our next meeting.*





### Tallahassee Chapter Leaders Attend PMI Training Event

Has your organization or agency ever thought about becoming more Agile? During the week of June 20, 2022, VP of Programs Frank Pugh and I (Deidra Jones), had the opportunity to attend the *First Steps toward Agility* two-day PMI Training presented by [NK Shrivastava](#). One of my biggest takeaways from the training was that becoming agile can be done in simple steps. For example, one step to becoming more agile is to find simple ways to divide the work into smaller pieces. In other words, could a traditional waterfall project be broken down into smaller iterations? Another major nugget for me during the training is that most agencies jump right into Scrum when becoming agile; however, another approach would be to start out with a Kanban system and then move to Scrum once maturity has developed. Kanban is a great first step to becoming agile before diving right into Scrum. Kanban does not need you to change the structure of your team, introduce new roles such as Scrum Master and Product Owner, or introduce a bunch of new meetings/ceremonies. Kanban starts with “what you do now” and allows you to introduce more frequent smaller changes. There are many benefits to becoming agile so taking the first step is most critical.

Frank and I had a chance to talk with NK one-on-one to pick his brain on the peaks and pitfalls of becoming Agile:

- *What business and industries are successfully using agile ways of working?*
  - While organizations doing software development are experiencing success, agile ways of working have positively impacted many industries. This is particularly true for endeavors where value can be delivered early and/or repeatedly within a project. Still there are endeavors that are persistently waterfall. Typical examples are found in construction and engineering. Think of building a bridge as an example.
- *What credential in addition to the Project Management Professional do you recommend for project managers?*
  - In light of PMBOK 7’s new emphasis on choosing a way of working, project managers need agile awareness. One great way of gaining that awareness is to study and earn an Agile certification such as Certified Scrum Master (CSM) or PMI-ACP credential.
- *What general lesson do you want your students to learn about agility?*
  - The purpose of the course “First Steps toward Agile, Using Agile Methods in a Waterfall Project” is to re-orient students to see agile as a rich set of values, principles and practices that can assist teams engaged in new ways of working. The examples of a value stream mapping, backlog grooming, and limiting work in progress (all agile concepts) have beneficial application in waterfall projects as well as non-project/ongoing work such as sales, procurement and marketing.
- *What courses do you see yourself teaching 2 years from now.*
  - I see an emerging appetite for understanding how to tailor Ways of Working on projects under the PMBOK 7 paradigm. My future courses are likely to address this.
- *What do you think of the new PMI.org webinars that address Disciplined Agile.*
  - I see the Disciplined Agile body of work as being very compatible with the Scaled Agile Framework that has evolved over the years. The formalization of a way of choosing the best way of working is welcome, whether this thinking comes from SAFe or DA





## Upcoming Board Elections

Are you looking for a way to “give back”? Would you welcome an opportunity to grow professionally, gain new skills, and collaborate with other project management professionals to better our chapter and PMI, all while earning PDUs?

Consider running for one of the upcoming board positions and joining the PMITLH board!

The board positions on this year’s ballot are for a 2-year term running January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024:

- **Vice President of Membership**
- **Vice President of Professional Development**
- **Vice President of Finance**
- **Vice President of Volunteers**

Please see the [Board Position Descriptions](#) for details about each of these positions.

Per our Chapter bylaws, Chapter members in good standing with PMI® and the Chapter may vote in elections and may receive nomination to hold elected office in the Chapter.



**Nominations are open now through September 15, 2022.**

**Chapter elections will be conducted via electronic ballot October 4-13, 2022.**

Looking for more information?

- Complete the [candidate submission form](#) on the PMITLH website.
- Email [pmiboard@pmitlh.org](mailto:pmiboard@pmitlh.org) to nominate a colleague or ask any election questions.

## Membership Minute

**Join PMI Tallahassee Chapter with a complimentary membership!**

The [Guest Pass Program](#) covers the cost of chapter membership for the remainder of your PMI membership cycle. For more information, please email [vpmemb@pmitlh.org](mailto:vpmemb@pmitlh.org)

**New Chapter Members**

**Welcome to our newest chapter members!**

Tony Bernard, Brigette Boisvert, Brian Davidenko, Johanna Poston, Megan Rasmussen, Faaiza Shaikh, Jessie Shuler, LaTivia Tipton, Robyn Ware, and Hector Wilson!

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