



### President's Message

Hello New Year!

Hopefully, the pandemic is in our rear-view mirror; we are seeing our events and membership gain momentum. Our Chapter now has 368 members and growing!

Last fall, I was fortunate to attend PMI Global Summit. I learned that our abilities as project management leaders are in high demand as our personal and professional surroundings evolve. The complexity of business problems and their solutions is increasing exponentially! Being a part of PMI, the premier non-profit organization for project management professionals, is an honor. Since its founding in 1969, PMI has grown to include ~700,000 members across ~200 countries. Both individuals and the organizations that support them have much to learn from one another. We want to unite people and organizations to provide top-notch information and cutting-edge learning opportunities to help everyone become a better version of themselves. Our mentor program is blossoming as we are getting new mentors and mentees.

On Saturday, January 28, our board members brainstormed and came up with two overarching goals for this year: 1) Increase value to our membership, and 2) community outreach. As we formulate the game plan to achieve our goals, I challenge you to see if you can bring three new people to chapter networking events or meetings.

As we look to the future, I want to thank you for this excellent chance to serve you in this role. As the President of the Board of Directors for our Chapter in 2023, I will be honored to serve you all.

*~Shajil K Kalathil, PMI TLH President*

### Introducing Your 2023 PMI Tallahassee Board Members !



**President**  
Shajil Kalathil



**Past President**  
Karen Scott



**VP Administration**  
Deidra Jones



**VP Communication**  
Michelle Webster



**VP Finance**  
Tammy Anderson



**VP Membership**  
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Jeff Erle



**VP Professional Development**  
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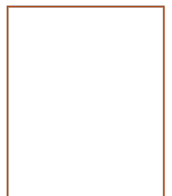
**VP Volunteers**  
Lonna Peterson



**Board Liaison**  
Debbie Rivenburg



**Webmaster**  
David Davis



**Director of Sponsorship**  
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### Upcoming Chapter Events



#### Bowling with PMI TLH at Hanger 38

6668 Thomasville Road

**February 23 @ 5:30pm-8pm**

Grab the fam and join us at Hanger 38 in February! Enjoy bowling, games and appetizers while getting to know fellow chapter members and brainstorm ideas for the chapter! *Sponsored by TEKSystems.* [More info...](#)

#### Lunch & Learn: Easy Analytics in Excel

Virtual

**March 16 @ 12pm-1pm**

Join us for our March Lunch & Learn to learn about easy, but not commonly known, Excel techniques for building quick data transformation and analytics. This is the business acumen side of the talent triangle, and relevant to the measurement performance domain. [More info...](#)



#### 1.5 Mile Healthy Walk at Lake Ella

S. Lake Ella Drive

**March 18 @ 11am-12:30pm**

Join us for a 1.5-mile Healthy Walk event! Walk with us around Lake Ella while networking and meeting other PMI Tallahassee Chapter members. Healthy drinks and snacks will be served. [More info...](#)



#### April Chapter Meeting

**Roundtable: Women in Project Management**

In-Person at Capital City Country Club & Virtual

**April 3 @ 5:30-7:30pm**

Register at [www.pmitlh.org](http://www.pmitlh.org)



#### Book Club: *Deep Work, Rules for Focused Success in a Distracted World*, by Cal Newton

**April 14**

Interested in joining the PMI TLH book club introduced on Page 4? Visit [www.pmitlh.org](http://www.pmitlh.org) to sign up for the inaugural book club meeting and discussion! If you have questions, please feel free to contact Lisa directly at [Lcash2005@comcast.net](mailto:Lcash2005@comcast.net), using the subject line *PMI Book Club*.



#### Happy Hour Mingle at Glory Days

1926 Capital Circle NE

**April 19 @ 5:30-7pm**

End your workday with PMI Tallahassee! Eat, Drink, and Connect with each other, swap business cards and resumes, and talk about the exciting things the PMITLH Chapter has in store! [More info...](#)



## PMI Global Summit 2022: Deidra's Key Takeaways

This past November 2022, I, along with several other board members, had the opportunity to attend the PMI Global Summit 2022 held in Las Vegas, Nevada. The event brought together thousands of project managers from around the world to exchange ideas and to gain valuable insights into the latest trends and best practices in the project management industry.

One session that stood out to me was the opening session presented by Amy Web titled, "Think Like a Futurist." In her presentation, Amy outlined the importance of project managers within organizations, and how she believes future project managers must play a larger role in all aspects of organizations including decision making and conceiving the future. "Project Managers are vital and without them ideas never become actions," Web said.



As we begin the 2023 new year, what steps are you taking to build your project management future to not only become valuable to organizations but also to yourself?

Here are a few resource links from PMI regarding the future of project management and the profession that are worth reviewing:

- [Pulse of the Profession](#)
- [Global Megatrends 2022](#)
- [Earning Power: Project Management Salary Survey—Twelfth Edition](#)

Please feel free to reach out if you would like to share your thoughts on the future of project management and trends you see impacting the industry. I can be reached at [VPAdmin@pmith.org](mailto:VPAdmin@pmith.org).

## Volunteer – Earn PDUs!

Did you know that of the 60 PDUs required to maintain your PMP certification, 25 of those PDUs can come from "Giving Back"? Giving Back is doing something to support or promote the project management profession, our local chapter, or the global organization, such as:

- **Working as a Practitioner** - up to 8 PDUs for doing your job!
- **Create Content** - writing books, articles, creating webinars
- **Give a Presentation** – preparing for and speaking or presenting
- **Share Knowledge** – as a moderator, SME, or mentor
- **Volunteer** – participate in activities and events without compensation



Giving back 1 hour of your time results in 1 PDU!

Not sure where to start? We have *many* opportunities to earn those Giving Back PDUs:

1. **Director of Sponsorship** – We are looking for someone to apply marketing and public relations skills to find potential sponsors for our chapter events

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### Volunteer – Earn PDUs! *(continued from Page 3)*

- 2. Mentorship** – Become a mentor to someone working toward a certification and a career in project management
- 3. Committees** – Most of our board members are looking for support to help coordinate and execute their functions
- 4. Events** – Help coordinate or simply participate in upcoming volunteer events, including expanding our reach to Valdosta State University and sponsoring an upcoming resume writing workshop for those looking to strengthen their opportunities.

Not sure where to start? Contact Lonna Peterson at [vpvol@pmitlh.org](mailto:vpvol@pmitlh.org).

There is an opportunity for you, and you won't get to the end of your cycle and have to scramble (and pay for) all those PDUs!

### Book Club – Sign Up Today!

The chapter's professional book club will kick off in March with a discussion of *Deep Work, Rules for Focused Success in a Distracted World*, by Cal Newton. If you've ever spent hours wading through email, surfing the net, or scrolling through social media posts, at the expense of not completing more meaningful work, this book is for you. The first part of the book explains what deep work is and why it's important, while part two gives you the rules for achieving it.

Lisa Cashulette has volunteered to facilitate the first four books for the club. Other books on the club's agenda include: *The Dip*, by Seth Godin; *Atomic Habits*, by James Clear; and *Start With Why*, by Simon Sinek. Members who participate will also have the opportunity to facilitate discussion of their favorite professional books, too.

Here's what you need to know to participate.

- You can consume the book in any format you choose, whether that's paper, e-book, or audiobook. We'll be discussing concepts and ideas, so any version of the book should work for that.
- Members who sign up for a specific book will decide when and where to meet for the discussion. We will conform to the schedules of those who wish to participate, whether that's in person or online via Zoom. If you want to influence when and where to meet, please sign up! Lisa will contact those who sign up for each book to find a time and place that works for those interested.
- You should show up for the meeting, even if you haven't read the whole book! That's right, come anyway. It's a great networking opportunity, and you'll learn more about the content you maybe didn't have time to complete.
- You'll receive email reminders leading up to your meeting, along with discussion questions to consider as you're reading the material.

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## Are You Taking Advantage of Your PMI Member Benefits?

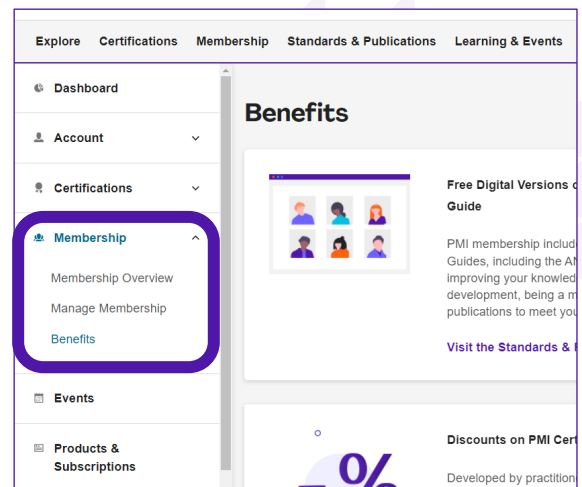
There are a number of benefits & resources available to all members of PMI that you may not be aware of, so we wanted to provide a bit more information on what you have available to you!

### Viewing Your Benefits:

- Log into your account at <https://www.pmi.org>
- From the top right, select “Dashboard” from the drop-down next to your name
- When your dashboard loads, look at the panel on the left side of the page and select the “Membership” drop-down, then “Benefits”

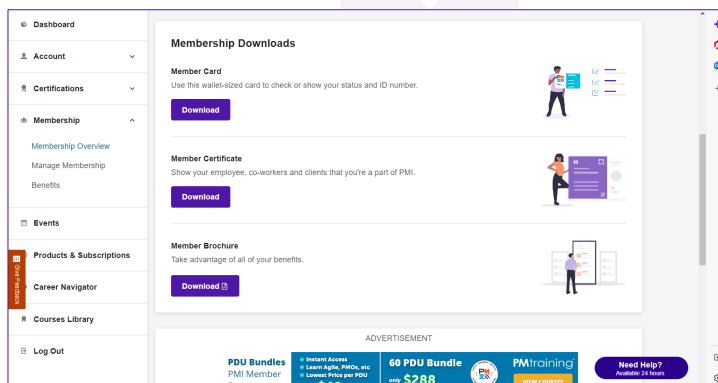
### Benefits include:

- Free digital versions of the PMI ANSI Standards and Practice Guides including the PMBOK Guide
- Discounts on PMI certifications and certification renewal
- PMI Events – the next free PMI Virtual Experience is coming up on March 23, 2023
- PMI Picks
- PMStandards
- Business Reading Center
- Premium project management tools and templates
- On-demand webinars
- Digital version of Choose Your WoW!
- Discounts on online courses
- Project Management Journal
- PMI Salary Survey
- Discounts (Lenovo, Office Depot, LifeLock, Avis, Budget)
- PMI Career Central



### Membership downloads:

If you select “Membership Overview” from the Membership drop-down, you can download a copy of a wallet-sized PMI membership card, PMI membership certificate, and a membership brochure “Discover the Benefits of Membership.”





## Board Member Spotlight

### Meet our New PMITLH President, Shajil Kalathil



Shajil Kalathil is an accomplished technology executive and a certified Project Management Professional (PMP). For nearly a decade, he has provided project management consulting for the Big Four consulting firms. Shajil builds strong technical teams through training in communication and value management fundamentals. In recruiting and enabling top talent, he has implemented multiple successful large-scale State Government systems nationwide.

Currently, Shajil provides technology project management leadership for the State of Florida. An engineer by trade, he holds two Masters degrees, one Computer Science (MS) and the other in Business Administration (MBA). Shajil has been a resident of Tallahassee since 2002. He is passionate about community service, championing multiple community upliftment programs.

Shajil has served the PMI Tallahassee chapter in multiple roles and has experienced first-hand the great things volunteers can do. As President of the Board of directors, he will re-invigorate the chapter's volunteer services by showing how volunteering benefits the community, the chapter, and the volunteers themselves. In doing so, he will work with the board to leverage relationships with members and other interested professionals in the private and public sectors. These connections will help the chapter attract talented volunteers who can contribute unique talents, ideas, and perspectives.

## 2022 Annual Plan Review & Call for 2023 Ideas

The PMI TLH Board would like to provide you with a look at chapter events, activities and services that were planned for 2022 and what has been accomplished to date. Please review our [2022 Annual Plan](#).

Looking ahead to 2023, the Board would love to hear ideas from you, our chapter members, on how we can provide even more value to you in the year ahead. If you have suggestions for 2023 events, professional development opportunities, member Networking events, etc., please send those to [pmiboard@pmitlh.org](mailto:pmiboard@pmitlh.org) or submit your suggestion(s) at the bottom of the [2022 Annual Plan](#) webpage.



## Membership Minute

### New PMI Certifications

**Congrats to our newest PMI certification holders!** Samuel Asante, PMP; Michael Gibson, PMP; Jeffrey Munn, PMP; Magdiel Puig, PMI-ACP; Valerie Reglat, PMI-ACP; Wilnick Saint Charles, PMP; & Zaran Smith, CAPM!

### New Chapter Members

**Welcome to our newest chapter members!** Brianna Beynart, Gavin Bigler, Mara Cooper, Joseph Flanders, John Goodrich, Laura Gross, Stefanie Higgins, Joshua Hill, James Kortbein, Jeffrey Munn, Heidi Nolan, Toraino Owens, Mary-Elizabeth Parker, Tamea Perry, James Pittman, Jyotsna Reddicherla & Robert Remes!

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