



President's Message

Dear Members of the Tallahassee PMI Chapter,

I hope this message finds you in good health and high spirits. As we enter mid-August, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on our shared journey and convey some exciting updates and upcoming opportunities within our PMI Tallahassee Chapter.

A Season of Progress and Collaboration. This year has been a standout for our chapter, characterized by resilience, innovation, and a strong sense of community. Despite challenges, we've observed our members' unwavering dedication to advancing the project management profession both in Tallahassee and beyond. In the last half-year alone, our chapter has grown by an impressive 17%, now boasting a total of 421 members. I encourage you to keep inviting colleagues and friends to partake in continuous learning and growth opportunities.

Invitation for Sponsors. We are embarking on a fresh initiative to secure sponsors for funding PMI events and chapter meetings. As a sponsor, you'll gain a platform to present your company and resource needs. Moreover, depending on your sponsorship tier, certain sponsors may enjoy complimentary access to our chapter meetings. For more information, please contact our Director of Sponsorship, Kent Whittington, at dirspn@pmith.org.

Renew Your Membership. If you've yet to do so, I urge you to renew your PMI Tallahassee membership for the upcoming year. Your ongoing support plays a pivotal role in nurturing our chapter's growth and influence. Explore the benefits awaiting you by visiting our website for membership renewal.

Opportunities to Volunteer. Our chapter thrives thanks to the commitment of our volunteers. If you're enthusiastic about contributing your time and skills, I invite you to explore the array of volunteer roles available. For more information, please contact our VP of Volunteers, Lonna Peterson, at vpvol@pmith.org.

I extend my gratitude for your integral role in PMI Tallahassee. Here's to a month characterized by growth, learning, and meaningful connections.

Warm regards,

Shajil K Kalathil
PMI TLH President

20th Anniversary Celebration Update

We are excited and pleased to announce the kick-off of the planning stages for our 20th Anniversary event!

Mark your calendars! The celebration is scheduled for December 8th at 5pm to 9pm.

The team is still looking for volunteers to assist with continued planning, decorations, communication activities, and more!

Contact the PMI TLH VP of Volunteers, Lonna Peterson at vpvol@pmith.org for additional information.





Upcoming Chapter Events



Coffee & Mingle at The Egg

3740 Austin Davis Avenue

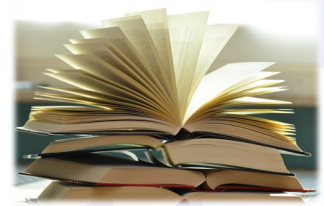
August 24 @ 7:15-8:45am

Enjoy delicious beignets and hot coffee while getting to know each other, swapping business cards and resumes, and reviewing the activities the PMITLH Chapter has coming up! [Register here!](#)

Book Club: *Atomic Habits*, by James Clear Eastside Public Library or Virtual

August 31 @ 6-7:30pm

[Register here](#) to join the PMI TLH book club for our third book and receive 1.5 PDUs for attending this FREE event! If you have questions, please feel free to contact Lisa Cashulette directly at Lcash2005@comcast.net using the subject line *PMI Book Club*.



Professional Development: Agile and Lean in Science and R&D

1800 E Paul Dirac Drive

September 8 @ 9am-4pm

Health and biomedicine project thought leaders, Kendra West and Terry Barnhart, will lead the group in the exploration of Agile and Lean in scientific and research and development projects. [Register here](#) and receive 7 PDUs for attending!



Learning and Networking:

Tallahassee International Airport Expansion

3300 Capital Circle SW

October 18 @ 5:30-7pm

The Project Manager for the expansion of the Tallahassee International Airport, Heather Nelson, PMP, will familiarize attendees with how she is managing this large-scale project. [Register here](#) and receive 1 PDU for attending this amazing (and FREE) learning & networking event!



Annual Plan Quarterly Update

One of the Board's responsibilities is to keep you, our chapter members, up to date on how we are accomplishing our annual plan for 2023. This plan also provides a chance for each of you to see where you might want to volunteer your skills. [Click here](#) to review the current status of what our chapter has done to-date.

If you are interested in volunteering with the chapter in any capacity, please contact the PMI Tallahassee Board at pmiboard@pmith.com.



Upcoming Chapter 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? Not to mention earn lots of PDUs?

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

The board positions on this year’s ballot are for a 2-year term from Jan. 1, 2024 – Dec. 31, 2025.

- **First Vice President (President Elect)** The First Vice President position is for a one-year term, followed by a two-year term as President, then a one-year term as Past President.
- **VP Administration**
- **VP Communications**
- **VP Programs**

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 now open through September 14.

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

Chapter elections will be conducted by electronic ballot from October 2-13, 2022.

Board Member Spotlight

Meet our Vice President of Administration, Deidra Lynn Jones!



Deidra Lynn Jones has served as Vice President of Administration for the PMI Tallahassee Chapter since January 2022. As VP of Administration, Deidra is responsible for keeping the records of all Chapter and Board of Directors business meetings.

Deidra is a PMI Certified Project Manager and Agile Certified Practitioner. In addition, she holds the Certified Scrum Master (CSM) certification from ScrumAlliance and most recently she graduated with her Master of Science Information Technology (MSIT) degree from FSU in May 2023.

Currently, Deidra is a Project Manager Engineer with the Florida Department of Transportation where she is responsible for assisting with the development and delivery of Project Management training programs to support FDOT activities for both In-house and Consultant personnel. She has also served in project management roles for other state agencies including the Department of Financial Services, the Department of Highway Safety Motor Vehicles, and the Department of Economic Opportunity.

Deidra is a lifelong learner with a heart for helping others. When not working, Deidra enjoys spending time with friends and family, playing pickleball and relaxing.



Membership Minute

New PMI Certifications

Congrats to our newest PMI certification holders! Victoria Dehner, PMP; Heidi Nolan, PMP; Michael Spence, PMP; Jenna Foster, PMP, Chinna Dastagiri Mettupalli, PMI-ACP; Lativia McKinney, PMP; LeTisha Dorsey, PMP; Tabitha Young, PMP; Tyler Kiele, CAPM; Jessica Stowe, CAPM; Elizabeth Sloan, PMP; Taylor Lewis, CAPM

New Chapter Members

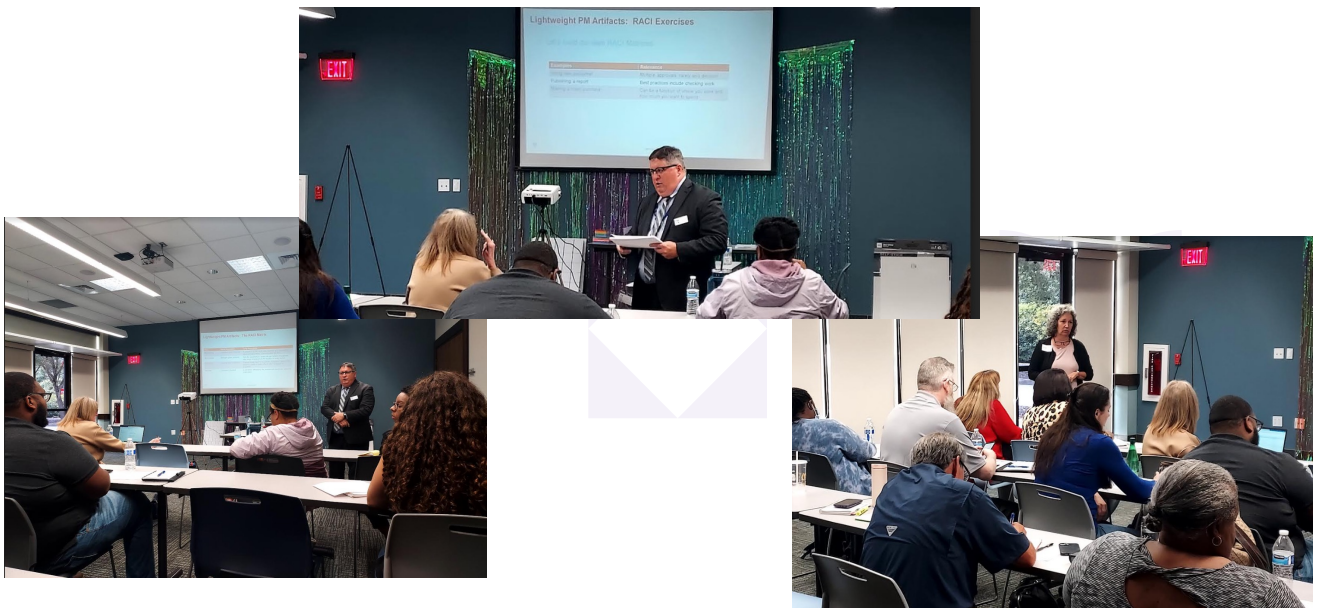
Welcome to our newest chapter members! Adam Selvidge, Frank Castle, Steve Eidson, Tabitha Young, Jessica Nix, Tyle Kiele, Damesha Jones, Kristal Middlebrook, Prabir Biswas, Lisa Kirkland O'Steen, Lindsay Doyal, Tony Lee

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

The Places We've Been...

The photos below are from our recent Hands-On Workshop focused on PM Artifacts. The place was packed! Were you there? Do you have ideas for more sessions like this? Send us a note at PMIBoard@pmitlh.org.



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