

Michigan Huron Valley PMI Chapter



WINTER 2021 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! 2021 is finally here! 2020 certainly was filled with uncertainty, challenges, opportunities and changes professionally and personally. Our families, selves, companies, organizations and communities have adapted and adjusted at every level. Many of us have spent more time with our computers, pets, children, partners, spouses, roommates, couches, and washing more dishes than we thought we ever would! We gained new skills at home like, cutting hair, teaching our children, remodeling, and cooking. At work we have had to find new ways to navigate meetings, communicate, and deliver value, proving virtual work can be successful and teams highly productive. Many of us have navigated furloughs, downsizing, re-prioritization and alternative ways to support our communities. We have leveraged technology finding new ways to connect with our families, friends, organizations, community and creative ways to celebrate life's milestones.

While 2020 has not at all been what anyone expected, I do hope that looking back you find the bright spots that were uncovered along the way, appreciate the lessons learned, celebrate your successes and realize how you have leveraged that project manager resiliency. As we launch into this new year, I am excited to discover what that "new normal" will look like for our Chapter. Honestly, I can't wait to have an in-person chapter meeting! Our most important priority will continue to be the safety of our chapter members and your families. Know that we are here and will continue to deliver content consistent with the interests of our membership and that support growth personally and professionally.

We have a full calendar of programs and discussion forums planned this year with more on the horizon and I look forward to seeing you all virtually or in person this year (Hopefully both!). Wishing you all a happy, healthy and prosperous 2021! Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Heather Benson
President PMI Huron Valley

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **February 18: Expand your Power of Influence** | Actionable tips to harness your personal influence.
- **March 15: Conflict Resolution: The Collaboration Effect®** | The brain science behind collaboration. A highly interactive session!

DETAILS AND REGISTRATION [ON OUR WEBSITE](#)

PMP EXAM CHANGES

As of January 2, 2021, the new PMP exam changes are in effect. The exam covers three new domains:

- PEOPLE – emphasizing the skills and activities associated with effectively leading a project team
- PROCESS – reinforcing the technical aspects of managing a project
- BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT – highlighting the connection between projects and organization strategy

Content that spans the value delivery spectrum, including predictive, agile and hybrid approaches, will be included across the three exam domains. For additional information on exam changes, you can visit the [PMI exam changes page](#).

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Current Members: 550

New Joiners: 8 (since last Newsletter)

Welcome New Members!!

Gary Blackford, Danielle Copus, Sheila Irvingm, Te-ping Kang, Kris Kanneganti, Sharmel Mitchell-Davis, Dina Song, & Ryan Vanderlist

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT – ED PELIC

Ed's PMI journey began in 2002 as he joined as a founder of the Michigan Huron Valley Chapter! At that time, his interests were driven by his professional role as an IT PMO Manager and his desire to improve his project management understanding and abilities. This was followed with his PMP certification in 2003, joining the Board as VP of Programs in 2006, and serving as Chapter President in 2010. He then moved into the Past President role in 2017. Since 2017, Ed has volunteered as Director of Corporate Outreach and Professional Development Director (present role). PMI involvement supported his professional career development.

Ed's message to all having an interest or need in program and/or project management is to embrace and engage with PMI – to become a volunteer with your local chapter and/or the global organization. Leverage the vast knowledge, resources, and expertise PMI has to offer. Learn. Grow. You will benefit in your professional career and fulfill your passion for giving back to others and the profession. **Thank you, Ed, for your volunteer service!**

**CALL FOR
NOMINATIONS**
Feb 3 - Mar 31

Be part of where the magic starts!

- Have you ever volunteered with our Chapter? Have you ever considered serving on the PMI-Huron Valley Chapter Board?
- Interested in growing as a professional and as a leader? Interested in meeting and working with your project management peers?
- Do you want to enhance your capabilities while helping shape our future? Have new ideas and energy to contribute?
- Contact elections@pmi-hvc.org.

All 7 Board Positions are elected annually:

President | VP Programs | VP Finance |
VP Membership | VP Communications |
VP Training | VP Administration

