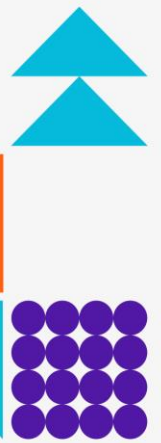


# MICHIGAN HURON VALLEY PMI CHAPTER



## Summer 2021 Newsletter

### YOUR 2020- 2021 BOARD!

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Cathy Fisher

Thank you for voting! Learn more about our fantastic team on our [Chapter Leaders Page](#)

## PRESIDENTS LETTER

Welcome Back!

I hope that you all had an enjoyable summer!

The board has been hard at work gearing up for this 2021-2022 year. We kicked off our series of annual planning workshops as we plan the year to deliver meaningful programs, training, and events. Special thank you to all of you who responded to the PMI annual survey. We have reviewed the results of the survey and are leveraging that feedback as we plan the year.

As we all know, things are still evolving as we get to the new normal and that is true of the guidelines on getting larger groups together in person. One of the challenges of getting everyone together is our regular meeting locations are not yet allowing rooms to be booked. We are continuing to look at options for meeting in person and will follow all local health and safety guidelines. As most locations are not opening the option to book space until January we will likely be virtual for our September, October, and November meetings but we will continue to assess options.

We will host our annual meeting in November and review where we are, we are going to align with the new PMI vision and strategy. More to come on the PMI 4.0 strategy!

As always, we appreciate any and all feedback from our members as we are here to serve and provide what is wanted and needed by the membership. Feel free to reach out to any of the board and me. [President@pmi-hvc.org](mailto:President@pmi-hvc.org) is my email and I am happy to correspond or setup time to have a discussion.

I look forward to the upcoming year and seeing you all soon!

Heather Benson  
President

## MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Current Members: 509

New (Last 60 Days): 7

## Welcome New Members!! (As of Aug. 2021)

John Peppes  
Michael McAtee  
Jermaine Buckines  
Tracey Troy  
Katrina Folsom  
Joseph Chang  
Jessica Hanlon  
Eric Martin Chmielewski  
Richard Prueter  
Joshua Mattison  
Mohd Faiz Ahsan  
Cristin Hipke  
Rohit Gaikwad  
Niccolle Jones  
Mansour Sharha

## MEMBER SURVEY

### We want to hear from you!

Please provide feedback by completing this survey which helps us know where we can serve you best.

[SURVEY LINK](#)

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



*Sachin Golhar*

My career has been within automotive and I have worked for the Big 3 (Ford, FCA, and GM) as well as 2 Tier 1 Suppliers (Lear Corp and Calsonic Kansei). I have been part of many launches, ranging from the Ford Fusion and Lincoln MKZ to GM and Jeep SUVs as well as Ford F Series vehicles. I have supported companies in the capacity of engineering, program management, purchasing, as well as supplier quality. The most rewarding experience in my career has been in program management and bringing on new suppliers to OEMs. Currently, I am with Toyota Boshoku and managing Toyota, Lexus, and New OEM programs.

As a member and as being the Leadership Development Manager in the PMI Huron Valley Chapter, I joined recently to provide new innovative ideas and strategies to PMI as well as learning from other members to enhance my project management skills and to grow myself within Project Management. I feel it is really important to learn from others since the lessons learned from others provides valuable insights of what to do as well as what not to do. I am passionate about launching and executing new ideas. I find being part of the Huron Valley Chapter to be very engaging and to help create new events and spaces for everyone to learn.

“Leadership is having a compelling vision, a comprehensive plan, relentless implementation, and talented people working together. People also want meaning.” – Alan Mulally

## Congratulations to Our Members Who Earned Credentials in 2021!

Srinandan Prakash Damle  
Michael Fazioli  
Christopher Struve, M.D.  
Willie Raymer  
Joshua Mattison  
Katrina Folsom  
Joseph Chang

Johnathan DeMaggio  
Mindy Judson  
David Barron  
Orlando Gillespie  
Taina Jean-Louis  
Jessica Hanlon  
Vyankatesh Mhavatkar

Nicole Murphy  
Katie Young  
Marcelo Xavier  
Christine Blair  
Ryan Vanderlist  
Kenneth Clewley

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Thursday, October 21** “3 Questions, 4 Agreements, and 5 Whys Catalyze Professional Innovation” with Babette Ten Haken

**Monday, November 15** “Maintaining Productivity in a Hybrid World” with Jan Lehman

**December** – Details Coming Soon!!!

DETAILS AND REGISTRATION CAN BE FOUND [HERE](#)

## HVC LEADERSHIP TRANSFORMATION DISCUSSION GROUP

HVC hosts a monthly Leadership Transformation discussion group. This group meets to discuss leadership topics sharing ideas and experiences. The monthly agenda is driven by readings from books with a leadership flavor. Participants receive PDUs (of course), but more importantly are able to develop and expand their leadership skills.

**Please join us!** We would value discussing your experiences and learnings. Participation in the Leadership Transformation discussion group is open to all HVC members.

Remaining meeting dates in 2021, from 6:30pm to 7:30pm eastern time:

- October 4th
- November 1st
- December 6th

For more information, or to participate, please contact: Ed Pelic, Director of Professional Development at [edpelic62@gmail.com](mailto:edpelic62@gmail.com)

You can review past meetings from our LinkedIn site: [PMI HVC LinkedIn](#)

# PMP BOOTCAMP

PMP® certification is one of the top-paying certifications in the United States, and project managers who complete this certification earn 20% more than those without.

In this training course, you'll gain the essential preparation needed to pass the PMP® and CAPM® exams. Concentrating on exam content from *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge, (PMBOK® Guide) - Sixth Edition* and other sources, this course includes a wide variety of learning tools, practice questions, study aids, and post-learning resources all using Project Management Institute (PMI) terminology. Earn 35 contact hours upon completion!

## EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION BY NOVEMBER 30TH:

PMI HVC Members: \$995 (after 11/30: \$1,195)

Non-members: \$1,195 (after 11/30: \$1,395)

Saturday, January 22, 2022 8am-6pm

Sunday, January 23, 2022 8am-6pm

Saturday, January 29, 2022 8am-6pm

Sunday, January 30, 2022 8am-1pm



Harlan Bridges, PMP

### PRIMARY EXPERTISE:

- Project Management, Agile
- PMO Implementation
- Strategic Execution, Writing, Leadership

### EDUCATION/CREDENTIALS:

- BS from New York Institute of Technology
- PMI-ACP
- Certified Project Management Professional (PMP) from Project Management Institute
- Planning and Managing Projects from Integrated Project Systems
- Writing Winning Proposals from Shipley & Associates
- President of the Project Management Institute Michigan Capital Area Chapter

## WE WANT TO SEE YOUR PETS!

Many of us have been working from home and have experienced their pets becoming their new co-workers. We'd love to see pictures of your "co-workers" so we can share them with the other chapter members.

Please send your pictures to Amy Harrison,  
VP of Communications, at  
[VPCommunications@pmi-hvc.org](mailto:VPCommunications@pmi-hvc.org).

Be sure to include the pet's name!



Skye and Gus, Amy's Frenchie's, "working" hard.

## PMI HARDSHIP PROVISION

**Have you been impacted by COVID-19? If yes, you may be eligible for PMI's hardship provision.**

A hardship provision is available to any PMI member whose financial condition has changed drastically and sufficiently so that a member would have difficulty renewing their membership. A member must be in good standing for at least three previous years to qualify for the hardship provision. Under this provision, a member is granted a waiver for one year of PMI membership dues and one year of chapter dues for one chapter of which the applicant was a member the previous year (if the applicant was a member of more than one chapter they must choose one). The Hardship Provision may be granted for a maximum of two years for each member. To apply for consideration, send an email to the attention of Membership Processing @ Membership.Services@pmi.org explaining the nature of the hardship prior to the membership expiration date.

For questions, please reach out to PMI directly at (610) 356-4600 (Option #3 for membership).

*Please remember that any incorrect or untrue statements made by a member are in violation of the Project Management Institute Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct and may lead to the initiation of an ethics complaint in accordance with the PMI Ethics Case Procedures.*

## FREE RESOURCES!

With many of us working virtually, and our workplaces closed as the COVID-19 outbreak runs its course, you may be looking for ways to keep up on training, earn some PDUs, etc. Here are a few options.

- There's a variety of free resources, virtual events plus a sneak peek of new digital offerings through PMI to help you stay connected with the global community, enhance your skills, and prepare to advance in a post-COVID-19 world. Be sure to check [PMI.org](https://www.pmi.org) often for new offerings.

- **Via Institute on Character.** Learn ways to use your strengths to help during these uncertain times. Check out this letter from Dr. Neal Mayerson, VIA Institute on Character. Interested in learning about your strengths. Take the VIA Survey – it's free and the survey link is in Dr. Mayerson's letter. [Click here to read](#)
- **PMI Chapters.** Many PMI chapters are offering free or low cost webinars during this time. For example, PMI-MCAC.org is offering a Lunch and Learn series on the 5 project management process groups during April and May. On April 13, WMPMI.org (Western Michigan PMI) is hosting "Leader/Manager Bridge to Agility" presented by Bhanu M Viswanadha.
- **PMIEF Resources for Parents.** Looking for something fun and educational to do with children? [PMIEF](#) has compiled some of their top free project management games, books, and guides in one easy-to-access location.

If you are interested in coping strategies during the COVID-19 crisis, Dr. Julie Malinowski LLP, Clinical Psychologist, Ascension Health, recently appeared on the City of Novi's YouTube channel. [Click here](#) to view "Be Kind to Your Mind: Coping strategies to keep your mind healthy during the COVID-19 crisis."

Stay safe, healthy, and positive!

**Your PMI-HVC Board**