



PMI HURON VALLEY CHAPTER PULSE



Message from our President, Shannon Priest

Greetings PMI Huron Valley Chapter Members,

I'm excited to share several important updates from the first quarter of 2026 and highlight the momentum we continue to build together. Thank you for your ongoing engagement, support, and passion for our project management community.

January 2026 Highlights

- Completed an update of the chapter bylaws and posted them on the PMI-HVC website
- Held our Annual Membership Meeting and Bowling Event at Revel and Roll
- Launched our Career Circle and Mentorship Program kickoff
- Hosted our inaugural Membership Welcome event
- Welcomed two new leaders: Director of Social Media, Rishi Bhattacharyya, and new Director of Academic Outreach, Soumya Pochiraju
- Distributed our annual chapter survey
- Continued outreach and engagement efforts across the chapter

February 2026 Highlights

- Hosted premium speaker Anthony Reed at our monthly chapter meeting
- Received funding from our Corewell Health sponsorship, expanding our ability to deliver value to members

March 2026 Highlights

- Featured speaker Caroline Horste presented on PMBOK 8 and how to prepare for the PMP exam ahead of the upcoming changes
- Launched our 12-week Mentorship Pod program, providing collaborative group mentoring opportunities
- Continued our 1:1 mentoring program with short, focused quarterly sessions
- Held our Monthly Welcome Members Meeting—an excellent introduction for new and prospective members to learn about chapter offerings

April 2026 Highlights

- Continued our monthly Leadership Discussion Meetings
- Advanced ongoing collaboration with our fellow Michigan PMI chapters

As we move forward, I am grateful for the contributions of our volunteers, leaders, partners, and every member who participates in our events and programs. Your involvement is the foundation of our success. Thank you for being part of PMI Huron Valley. I look forward to continuing our year of learning, growth, and connecting.

Warm regards,
Shannon Priest
President, PMI Huron Valley Chapter



Membership Updates

Current Members: 601

We're celebrating these milestone anniversaries from January through April:

10 years:

- Kenneth Cordes
- Daniel Pesmark

15 years:

- Richard Borzymowski
- John McMahon
- Frederick Nicholas
- Lindsay Peters
- Kathryn Winters

20 years:

- Karen Berna
- Russell Kincaid
- Lamont Delano Manley
- Sara Peterhans
- John Riess
- Lanka Van Dort
- Darryl Yarbrough



April is Volunteer Appreciation month! We currently have over 30 active volunteers and that includes the Board, Directors, Coordinators, and Mentors.



Our next Monthly Membership Welcome Meeting is on 4/28

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Professional Development Updates



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The professional development team is off to a roaring start in 2026, thanks to a group of dedicated, innovative volunteers. We had a few BRAND NEW firsts to celebrate over the past three months:

The Mentoring and Career Circle teams worked together to put on a wonderful kick-off event in January centered around goal-setting for the new year. This event, both in content and format, was brand-new to our chapter and was very well-received; Terri Ridenour and Soumya Pochiraju are a wonderful example of teamwork resulting in being able to achieve more than the sum of our parts. And speaking of teamwork...

Our PMP Study Group made a big change at the end of last fall when we shifted to a leadership model that included two facilitators. Liz Voisine continues to provide her support as a credentialed PMP, and Adela Zhgaba joined the team as a co-facilitator. This model allows credentialed facilitators to mentor rising leaders who haven't yet passed the exam. We are so grateful, both to Liz for continuing to share her deep knowledge and endless motivation, and to Adela for taking on the effort of simultaneously studying AND learning to lead the group.

·Terri Ridenour pioneered a new and innovative way of delivering our Mentoring program as we kicked off matching mentoring pods for the first time in January. We've had incredible feedback so far, thanks to Terri's thoughtful matching and to our incredible mentors. This program takes a LOT of people-power to run; we're so grateful to everyone who makes it happen (and excited to tell you more at our June meeting!).

·Kayla Kaliman provided invaluable assistance as we built connections with colleges and universities in the mid-Michigan and metro Detroit areas. We're looking forward to seeing what comes of these partnerships.

·As PMI rolled out a new version of the PMBOK Standards with PMBOK 8, our team was able to share information with the chapter about what these standards mean for our profession, and how PMI's M.O.R.E. framework supports it.



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May Monthly Chapter Meeting (Virtual) | PM as Strategic Leader: From Project Delivery to Portfolio Value in Manufacturing & IT

Session Purpose (What makes this different)

Many PMs aspire to “be strategic” but aren’t always clear on:

- What strategic leadership actually looks like in practice
- How it shows up differently in engineering-led vs. IT-led environments
- What behaviors, conversations, and decisions signal readiness for the next level
- This panel explores how PMs evolve from execution-focused roles to enterprise value leaders, using real examples from aerospace engineering PMOs and automotive supply-chain IT portfolios.

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CAREER CIRCLE

Our Career Circle meetings will continue in 2026. Stay tuned.

LEADERSHIP DISCUSSION

Ed Pelic continues to host engaging and dynamic monthly Leadership Forum events around project management reads

Join us on May 4 from 6:30-7:30PM as we continue our discussion “Read People Like a Book”
(For Chapter Members ONLY)

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PMP EXAM PREP STUDY GROUP

If a PMP credential is on your list for 2026, don't tackle it alone! There's no better way to set yourself up for exam prep success than to join a group of study buddies.

The team meets once a week virtually to work through exam prep topics, complete the exam application, and support each other. If you've been saying "this is the year", this is your chance to join a group of like-minded colleagues as you work toward putting those letters behind your name.

To learn more or join the group, reach out to Caroline Horste, our VP of Professional Development at VPDD@pmi-hvc.org





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2026 Professional Development Day (PDD)

Rising Above the Noise: Leading projects when everything (and everyone) is changing (Virtual)
Up to 13 PDUs (Self-Reporting)
Only \$100 for Members and \$120 for Non-Members

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June 16, 2026
Virtual Professional Development Day

Hosted by **15+** PMI Chapters

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Q2 2026 Member Social! Our first Member Social with family-friendly options to learn and play pickleball as well as tour the Whitetail Deer Museum!

Saturday, May 16 from 11a-1:30p | Grass Lake, MI



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