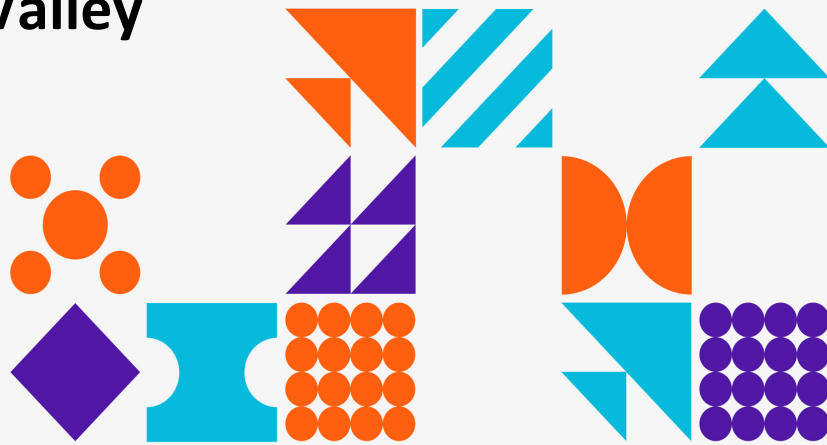


# Michigan Huron Valley PMI Chapter



## Spring 2020 Newsletter

### It's Election Time!

Here are your board  
candidates for the 2020-2021  
year:

**Chapter President**  
Heather Benson

**VP Administration**  
Medija Shaska

**VP Communications**  
Lindsay Peters

**VP Finance**  
Keason Sanvordenker

**VP Membership**  
Smitha Shetty

**VP Programs**  
Ivy Lewis

**VP Training**  
Cathy Fisher

Voting will open for a two-week period in early May. You will receive an email from PMI with instructions and link as soon as voting opens.

**PLEASE VOTE!**

### BOARD MESSAGE

While COVID-19 has created an unprecedented health and economic crisis in our state, there are so many uplifting moments, events that remind us of the resilience of the human spirit. We are resilient. We will get through this.

**Please Note:** PMI-HVC has made the decision to not hold any in-person chapter meetings until Governor Whitmer has given the ok. Please know we continue to monitor the situation closely and depending on timing we may make further adjustments to our 2020 scheduled events as needed. We will communicate any changes as soon as possible. The safety and well-being of our members and volunteers remain our top priority.

In spite of this difficult time, Spring has arrived and there are many things to love about it like rising temperatures, the renewal of nature - flower and tree buds ready to bloom, and being outdoors (while adhering to social/physical distancing, of course). We hope you enjoy reading PMI-HVC's Spring Newsletter.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Thursday, April 23** "Build Trust. Tell Stories Employees and Customers Really Want to Hear" with Babette Ten Haken

**Monday, May 18** "Managing Research Projects and Programs" with Jim Walke

**June** – Details Coming Soon!!!

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

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## 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](mailto: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](http://PMI.org) often for new offerings.

## PMI-HVC New Website

PMI-HVC has a new look and functionality to go along with our new logo!

You can still log in with your PMI username and password to register for current events, opportunities and more. Let us know what you think and, of course, we welcome your suggestions and content ideas.

Send Lindsay an email at [VPCommunications@PMI-HVC.org](mailto:VPCommunications@PMI-HVC.org).

- **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](http://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](http://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](http://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**

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## MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Current Members: 662

New (January-April 16): 46

## Welcome New Members!! (As of Jan. 2020)

Angela Baylor	Leslie Sparks
Anne Fowler-Edin	Lindsay Hall
Anthony Thompson	Meredith Lilly
Carmela Cusumano	Michael Chelenyak
Christian Hines	Michelle Phillips
Christopher Struve	Mitchel Clark
Damian Cage	Ngandu Mbiye
Dana Fix	Nicole Murphy
Danielle Stewart	Nury Feghali
Dave Gee	Omer Al-Haiqi
David Reid	Rathna Iyer
Dawn Prudden	Rio Watanabe
Eileen Hruska	Ross Sweetman
Elizabeth Conley	Sara Sanders
Estrellita Orozco	Shannon Serrico
Geoffrey Blanc	Stacy Roberts
Ivy Lewis	Steven Williams
James Lollar	Taina Jean-Louis
Jasmin Young	Tamara Culler
Jesse Bedolla	Theresa Guastella
John Boulahanis	William Garner Jr
Julio C. Ayala	Zuleirys Santana Rodriguez
Karen Gilbert	
Leah Tewell	

## MEMBER SURVEY

**We want to hear from you!**

A survey is under review with the Board and will be issued in May. We want your feedback on what you enjoy, what you want to learn about, and how we can meet your current and future project management needs!

Be on the lookout for more information!