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<p>PMI Northern Nevada</p>	<p>PMI-NNV Home</p> <p>Happy Holidays!</p> <p>Have a safe and delightful Holiday Season</p> <p>May your New Year be bright and prosperous, we'll see you in</p> <p>2019!</p>
<p>Chapter News</p> <p>Monthly Dinner Meeting</p> <p>Non-Profits</p> <p>Monthly Lunch Meeting</p> <p>Upcoming Webinars</p> <p>Members</p>	<p>Volunteer Opportunity!</p> <p>Have you been wanting to help out the PMI NNV chapter but your schedule doesn't allow you to attend events? How about filling a virtual position as the Dinner Meeting Planner? This position is around a 1-2 hour commitment a month and can be done at home. This position will work closely with the VP of Member Services. The responsibilities are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reserve locations and schedule menus, etc.• Facilitate communication with meeting location.• Prepare business meeting presentation. (Doesn't have to present) <p>If you are interested in this position, please email vp-members@pmi-nnv.org.</p>
	<p>New Poll Posted</p>

In our continuing effort to stay in touch with the membership, we post a monthly poll on the website. Have a look [here](#). This month, we are looking for your input on the why you joined PMI-NNV.

Panel Discussion "Benefitting from Agile "

Set for January Monthly Dinner Meeting

This meeting will feature a panel discussion on the ways that organizations are using and benefitting from Agile development methodology. Panel members are:

Karen Michael is Business Portal Administrator in the Office of the Nevada Secretary of State. In this role, she oversees the Business Portal Division to establish through cooperative efforts with state agencies, local governments, health districts and businesses, the standards and requirements necessary to design, build and implement SilverFlume, Nevada's Business Portal.

Ms. Michael graduated with an M.S. Software Engineering from the University of Saint Thomas, St. Paul, Minn., and a B.A. from the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va. She is a graduate of Carson High School in Carson City, NV. Prior to her public service, Ms. Michael consulted for Fortune 500 organizations and operated her own business. She started her career in technology and management more than 20 years ago at Andersen Consulting in Minneapolis, MN.

Her industry certifications include Project Management Institute – Agile Certified Practitioner (PMI-ACP), Certified Scrum Professional (CSP), Certified Scrum Master (CSM), Nevada Information Security Professional, ITIL Foundation Certificate in IT Service Management, Nevada Certified Contract Manager, NV Office of Project Management Change Ambassador and Certified Scrum Product Owner (CSPO). Ms. Michael is a member of Society of Women Engineers and InfraGard.

Heather Lucchesi is an Agile Coach, Scrum Master, SAFe Agilist, and Program Manager at Eyefinity/VSP with proven experience coaching and leading scrum teams using agile software development methodologies including Scrum and SAFe.

Heather enjoys helping teams improve performance and get things done. Having been a developer in a waterfall environment, she has seen the benefits to teams, companies and product delivery timelines when development teams can self-organize, course correct, make a plan, and deliver using agile techniques.

Six years ago, Heather fell into agile development as a project manager who joined a company that decided to move to scrum and utilize the Scaled Agile Framework to synchronize teams.

She holds several certifications including Agile Coach, Scrum Master, SAFe Agilist, Project Management Professional and Certified Paraoptometric.

Heather holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Strategic Management from California State University, Sacramento.

David Richards is an IT Project Manager in the Office of the Nevada Secretary of State, and President of the PMI-NNV chapter. He has several decades of experience as a software development director and software and IT program and project manager, mostly in higher education and other not-for-profit organizations.

He discovered Agile in 2011 when his organization decided to utilize Scrum for the development of a highly strategic new product by several geographically distributed development teams. Initially a skeptic, he became convinced that agile methods are the best way to develop nearly all software.

He has a Ph.D. and M.S. in physics from the University of Michigan, a B.S. in physics from Alma College, and holds PMP and PMI-ACP certifications.

Holiday Party on December 4

It was a rough traveling night, despite the weather, PM's come through! A lively evening at Napa Sonoma Plumbgate.



Message from our President

December 2018

By the time you read this, the Chapter Holiday Party (December 4 at Napa-Sonoma Plumgate) will be history. A lot of work goes into planning these events (Thank You, Jessica), and they are a lot of fun for those who attend. I am always surprised by how few of our 250 members sign up for them, though. I know it is a very busy time of year for everyone. (I have only been able to stop by at the beginning for a drink and some networking since I became an officer, due to a standing first Tuesday commitment.)

Our last Reno lunch meeting of 2018 will be held at Napa-Sonoma South on December 18. Over the years I was able to attend these, I met many people, both members and guests, and had some very interesting and helpful conversations over lunch about project management from varying perspectives.

I think this has been a good year for the Chapter. Our membership continues to grow and we have had a full calendar of events. We are now planning 2019, so if you have any ideas for events or programs that would be fun and/or useful to you in furthering your PM career, please pass them on to one of the officers.

Our Chapter depends on its volunteers to thrive and grow. If you are able to contribute some of your time and talent, visit the **Get Involved/Volunteer Opportunities** tab on our website to learn more about the opportunities available. If you have a PMP or other PMI certification, this is a good way to earn PDUs while serving your fellow Chapter members.

I look forward to seeing you at one of our events in the near future. Happy Holidays!

David Richards, PMP, PMI-ACP

Monthly Lunch Meetings- Napa Sonoma South

Join Us For Lunch!



Reno lunch meeting - 3rd Tuesday of the month 11:45am - 1pm at Napa Sonoma South - 7671 S Virginia St, Reno, NV 89511 [Napa Sonoma South Website](#)

The format is roundtable, relaxed with lots of discussion about real-life experiences in project management. The meeting is free, each attendee is responsible for their lunch order.

PDU's: Attendees will qualify for one (1) PDU. - Please register for restaurant planning purposes.

Registration: Meeting registrations are posted on the top right corner of this home page.

[Read more...](#)

Upcoming Webinars

December 12

[A GEMBA Walk with Santa and The Elves](#)

Dec 12, 2018 1:00 PM EST (UTC-5)

PREMIUM WEBINAR

One of the reasons Santa Claus is so productive in toy making is because he spends a lot of time in the workshop with the elves listening to their challenges and success. This concept of “going out to the field” is rooted in LEAN and Six Sigma philosophy and captures the value of a leader’s presence in the field, observation of the work where it is being done, and the teaming of people and process in the spirit of Kaizen.

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[Engage and Be Engaged! Introduction to Strengths-Based Project Management](#)

Dec 12, 2018 2:00 PM EST (UTC-5)

PREMIUM WEBINAR

You probably know the statistics about engagement – 2/3 of us are not engaged (Gallup) and managers are the biggest single cause of engagement and disengagement (Gallup). In this webinar you will discover what you can do to be more engaged, play to the strengths of others and build engagement in those around you.

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December 13

[Cognition and Artificial Intelligence: A Growing Component in Multiple Projects!](#)

Dec 13, 2018 12:00 PM EST (UTC-5)

PREMIUM WEBINAR

Cognitive technologies (CT), machine learning (ML) and artificial intelligence (AI) are rapidly advancing around the world. Many analysts forecast that accelerated growth will likely continue for the next several years. This 1-hour webinar is designed to provide project managers with a fundamental understanding of the technological aspects and capabilities of AI and CI and make them better equipped to manage programs and projects related to or including CT, MI and AI and their related applications.

Tags:

Digital Project Management,
IT Project Management,
Technical,
PMP/PgMP

December 18

[The Innovative Workings Behind How New Terms and Definitions are Adopted into Standards](#)

Dec 18, 2018 1:00 PM EST (UTC-5)

PREMIUM WEBINAR

Terminology sections or documents are critical resources for implementing a standard. However, users tend to take them for granted as just being part of the standard. But did you know: • In what situation a word or phrase is selected to be defined as a term in the terminology document or section? • What science is behind the definition of a term? • How to find definitions of a term in various standards for free? • How to relate the meaning of a term to the meaning in common dictionaries? • The word or phrase will not be adopted as a term if the intended meaning of the word or phrase is found in a dictionary? • If not, you are not alone. New terms are not adopted easily in standards. It's a profound process - dull to some - yet largely unknown to people.

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[Project HEADWAY: Bah Humbug: A Dickensian View Of Project Management](#)

Dec 20, 2018 3:00 PM EST (UTC-5)

PREMIUM WEBINAR

Project management can learn a surprising amount from Charles Dickens. Our practices extend back to the time he was writing, as the industrial revolution took hold. And some of those practices have not shaken off the mantle of that legacy. An exploration of our world through the eyes of a very different one.

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January 08

[Conflict Resolution](#)

Jan 8, 2019 10:00 AM EST (UTC-5)

PREMIUM WEBINAR

How much time do we waste thinking about, avoiding or worrying about conflict and what does that do to your work environment? Conflict does not generally go away unless you actively manage it. The conversations are not always easy, but getting a resolution feels good, especially if you both walk away satisfied. In the webinar, we will explore how to have productive conversations and provide you with a framework where you can be successful in winning a resolution. Attendees will be better equipped to manage conflict in a structured way, apply principled negotiations effectively to focus on winning a resolution and learn to identify their preferred style/s in influencing others and managing conflict and the additional strategies that they need to use to successfully resolve the conflict situation.

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New PMI-NNV Chapter Members

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Victor Ali
Amanda Ferguson
David Axtell PMP
Suman Cherian
Stephanie Kilroy
James Nugent

	New Credentials: Jennifer Perry PMP

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Businesses are challenged to stay ahead of the latest trends and competitive developments while building a responsive and agile IT capability to support growth. However, since everyone has access to the same tools, technology alone does not offer a competitive advantage. Your advantage depends on how you apply technology—more specifically, on the people who lead, support and optimize your IT initiatives.

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