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<p>PMI Northern Nevada</p>	<p>PMI-NNV Home</p> <p>July is HOT!</p> <p>The Heat isn't Slowing Us Down!</p> <p>Some organizations slow down for the summer months, not PMI-NNV! We have new members on the board, a new president, and a new VP of member services. We are also full speed ahead with breakfast, lunch, and dinner meetings to keep you fed, stimulated, and educated during the summer.</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>Be a Volunteer!</p> <p>We are always looking for volunteers. All chapter volunteer openings can be found on the website at: https://pmi-nnv.org/get-involved/volunteeroportunities/66-general/newsletter/495-volopeningsnewsletter-2</p> <p>This month we are highlighting the Volunteer Director position. This rewarding position will be responsible for addressing the needs of the volunteers, including recruitment, retention and recognition. Some duties include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Responsible for volunteer recruitment and retention• Conduct general volunteer orientation for all new volunteers• Provide development to volunteers to serve in their volunteer roles. <p>The time commitment for this position would be approximately 2-4 hrs/month. If you are interested in this position, please email vp-members@pmi-nnv.org.</p>
	<p>Web Site</p>

Please take a minute and check out the web site [here](#).

[July 23, 2019 Dinner Meeting](#)



The Regulator is Our First Customer

Compliance is a factor in so many industries across the spectrum. There are multiple aspects to compliance which impact all other areas of business. Project Managers need to understand the perspective of Compliance folk as they manage projects that could either impact compliance requirements or where a requirement could derail your project. Compliance is also an area that Project Managers may want to look at for their own future growth and career development. So this evening we will discuss the various Compliance aspects at a high level, review the Compliance perspective, and then Paul will outline what Compliance is all about in the gaming industry and how project management can positively impact Compliance departments.

Location: Napa Sonoma Plumgate - 550 W Plumb Ln, Reno, NV 89509

We will continue to accept "Pay-at-the-door" for \$5 extra, but can no longer accept walk-ins. If you are planning on attending please register early.

Early Bird Discount ends midnight Friday, 7/19

Registration will close midnight Sunday, 7/21

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Paul Warkentin Bio

Paul has been involved with Product Compliance in the gaming industry for over 16 years. His Compliance career has spanned 3 companies (through acquisitions), starting with Sierra Design Group to Bally Technologies to Scientific Games. He is the Director of Compliance, overseeing the company's products in the tribal markets in the U.S. and the specialized video lottery markets including Alberta, Greece, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Saskatchewan, and Washington. He has also previously managed the Interactive/iGaming Compliance, working with regulators in Alderney, British Columbia, Isle of Man, Italy, Malta, New Jersey, Ontario, Quebec, and the UK. He has managed teams in Reno and Chicago. Paul

has a Bachelor of Science in Business Management from Western Governors University, and received his PMP in 2017.

Can't make Dinner? How about a Breakfast Meeting!

Reno Breakfast Meeting

Reno breakfast meeting – 1st Saturday of the month 9AM – 11AM 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 breakfast 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.

Message from the President – July 2019

Greetings! This is my first letter to the membership as chapter President, and I am excited for what the future holds in store for us. Before I dive into where I see us focusing over the next 2 years I want to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to our Past President Mr. Dave Richards, as well as the board members who partnered with Dave and helped get us to where we are now....Tracy Sharp, our VP of Finance, Jessica Craig, our former VP of Member Services, Carla Fair-Wright, our former VP of Marketing, and Lisa Bausell, our former VP of Professional Development. This was an incredible leadership team, and I hope we as a chapter leadership team can measure up!

Next I'd like to congratulate Jennifer Duve for joining the board (Tracy and myself) as VP Member Services! Jennifer has been in the P.M. field for 20+ years and with her energy and enthusiasm will no doubt be an asset to our chapter! I very much look forward to learning from and partnering with her!

We do have open roles for VP Marketing and VP Professional Development so if anyone has an interest in a leadership role in these areas please reach out.

I'd also like to give a special shout out to Lori Piccinini who has volunteered to help the board as our new Chapter Secretary, with our former Secretary (Fred Manuel) having recently accepted a position out of country. We wish Fred nothing but success in his next career phase, and welcome Lori!

As we move forward into our next phase as a chapter, hot off the heels of our 10 year anniversary earlier this year, I'd like to sum up my goals into 3 focus areas...

1) Continue to grow as a chapter – we are near 300 members as I write this, and had 15 – 20% growth these past 12 months. I fervently hope we not only retain our existing members, but continue to actively grow as an organization.

2) Increase the value proposition of being a member. We take the yearly dues and your time investment in our chapter seriously, and want to pay that back through meaningful networking opportunities (breakfast, lunch, and dinner meetings) as well as networking events.

At the recent annual meeting held June 25 interest was expressed in our offering up education opportunities such as PMP boot camps, which would also help our chapter finances. It takes volunteers to pull an event like this off but we will definitely explore this!

3) Increase chapter participation. We will better succeed and thrive with more volunteers, and fresh ideas. There is ample opportunity to volunteer and help so please don't hesitate to reach out if you have even a little bit of time. We will also be more proactive in reaching out individually for help. Together we achieve more!

In closing I look forward to collaborating with all of you and helping to keep P.M. at the forefront in the Northern Nevada area. Thank you in advance for the support to Jennifer, Tracy, and myself, and please don't ever hesitate to reach out on how we may be of service.

Yours Truly,
Lorenz Ledesma, PMP
Chapter President, PMI-NNV

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](#)

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UPCOMING WEBINARS

As a PMI member with access to exclusive online offerings, we wanted to let you know of some upcoming webinars that may be of interest to you! In addition to providing insights from the industry's most respected voices on the most relevant and important topics today, these webinars also help you earn PDUs.

Please keep in mind that the capacity for the live webinars is limited, but you can always watch the archived webinars later—and we offer an extensive library of on-demand webinars you can also [explore here!](#)

[Project HEADWAY: Knowing What To Focus On](#)

Aug 15, 2019 3:00:00 PM EDT (UTC-4)

Presenter: [Mark Mullaly](#)

This webinar explores how to think about and approach career development in a way that all of us—accidental and deliberate project managers alike—can respond and relate to.

[The Agile Enterprise: An Agile View on Quality The role of QA and DevOps](#)

Aug 30, 2019 9:00:00 AM EDT (UTC-4)

Presenter: [Stelian ROMAN](#)

Agile is often 'sold' as a way to improve quality of products and services. One of the fundamental Agile principles is that continuous attention to technical excellence and good design enhances agility. Scrum, the most used Agile framework, doesn't have a "tester". A "done" backlog item should be part of a "shippable" increment of the product. Therefore, after each Sprint, the result should be available for users without a validation stage. The 'old' Testing or Quality Control (QC) is wrongly re-branded as QA for various reasons, from adding prestige to a mundane and in theory un-necessary activity to lack of understanding of the fact that QA, meaning Quality Assurance, is a process.

[Project HEADWAY: You're Not As Agile As You Think](#)

Sep 19, 2019 3:00:00 PM EDT (UTC-4)

Presenter: [Mark Mullaly](#)

This webinar explores what organizational agility looks like in theory, and what organizational reality often looks like in practice. It identifies the requirements for agile, and the necessary pre-conditions to having it actually work at scale.

[Mastering the Art of Ethics and Leadership – Part 3](#)

Sep 26, 2019 10:00:00 AM EDT (UTC-4)

Presenter: [Dana Bernstein](#)

We've made it to the end of Mastering the Art of Contracts and Negotiations webinar series and what ties this all together is you. Who do you want to be when faced with an ethical dilemma? You really get to choose. You have the tools to empower yourself no matter the pressures on you to do something that's outside your ethical circle. Your life is made up of your choices. Everything we talked about since the start of the "mastering" series has been about relationships and making them stronger. Ethics is no different.

[See All Upcoming Webinars](#)

New PMI-NNV Chapter Members

[New Members](#)

Yussef Alshalalkeh
Patrick Whitson
Diane Arkell

	<p>Gerald Buss Nicole Theodoulou, PMP Christina Looney Travis Faanes, CAPM Liani Stevenson Joshua Smith</p> <p>New Credentials:</p> <p>Denise Hall, PMP Timothy Aboussleman, PMP David Schmitt-Culp , PMP Jim Gardner, PMP Travis Faanes, CAPM</p>

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