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<p>PMI Northern Nevada</p>	<p>PMI-NNV Home</p> <h2 style="text-align: center;">August is HOT!</h2> <h3 style="text-align: center;">The Heat isn't Slowing Us Down!</h3> <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>	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Be a Volunteer!</h2> <p>We are always looking for volunteers. All chapter volunteer openings can be found on the website at: https://pmi-nnv.org/get-involved/volunteeropportunities/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>
	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Web Site</h2>

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

[August 27, 2019 Dinner Meeting](#)



Leadership: Valuable Lessons Learned from My Dogs

Sometimes the most valuable lessons come from the most unlikely teachers. Dogs, with their language barriers and unique interests, can teach us valuable lessons in leadership, communication, and performance that are directly applicable to real life business and relationship situations. Please join us to hear about the lessons Chadwick's dogs have taught him that have helped him develop successful teams around the world.

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, 8/23

Registration will close midnight Sunday, 8/25

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Chadwick's Bio

Chadwick Spencer has worked in multiple industries including semiconductor manufacturing, healthcare, mineral exploration, mining, and consulting. He has had the opportunity to participate in projects and teams in several countries including China, Malaysia, the Philippines, Canada, Chile, Peru, Suriname, and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Most recently he has worked as the senior data administrator for the Barrick Goldstrike mine where he led a team in improving data efficiency, data quality, and user experience. Ultimately, Chadwick and his team were able to provide the Goldstrike geologists with a 20% improvement on time performing database related tasks. Chadwick holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology from the University of Georgia, a Master of Science in Mineral Engineering from the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology and is

currently pursuing his MBA from the University of Nevada, Reno. Chadwick enjoys mountain biking and spending time with his fiancé, Nora, and their two dogs, Piper and Millie.

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.

August Message from the President

Thoughts from the President – August 2019

Hello! This newsletter finds me completing my first full month as President, and I am optimistic for our future. In the month of July we had some members step up in new ways, including (but not limited to)....

1. Lori Piccinini (our Chapter Secretary) who facilitated her first ever chapter luncheon!
2. Paul Warkentin who was a first time presenter at a chapter dinner. Paul enlightened those in attendance on why “The regulator is our first Customer.” On a personal note I was sick and unable to stay, but I did stop in to drop off the dinner meeting laptop. My 6 year-old daughter went with me, and I think she was a bit embarrassed at the new scene/faces. However, maybe if I continue to expose her to the project management world I can convince her of a future in PM.
3. Chadwick Spencer who has stepped up and volunteered to be our Director of Marketing – a role which is of tremendous importance if we are to continue to grow both the value proposition and our membership. We welcome Chadwick to the team!

Chadwick has also agreed to speak for us again at the August dinner meeting, with Dave Fein set to speak to us in September. Very much looking forward to attending both of these, and hopefully seeing a large turn-out of our membership in attendance. It’s these opportunities to hear from fellow project managers and network that are a large reason why our chapter delivers value!

Finally our board had our first ever meeting in this incarnation, and there is definitely a lot of ideas for how to propel the chapter/membership forward. We will be spending the next few months fleshing these out, and I’m definitely excited to be a part of this team. Please don’t be surprised if we reach out individually to either ask for your help or ideas.

For us to continue to have healthy growth an active membership is key. Don’t be afraid to step up in any way you can. No contribution is too small!

We appreciate you,

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](#)

Lila Yocom
Bryan Heinzer
Brian Wilcox

	Renee Wise Robert Morris New Credentials: No New Credentials this month

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