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<p>PMI Northern Nevada</p>	<p>PMI-NNV Home</p> <h2 style="text-align: center;">September:</h2> <h3 style="text-align: center;">The Most Wonderful Time of the Year !</h3> <p>The kids are back in school, the weather is spectacular, Northern Nevada is full of things to do and see, and PMI-NNV is still cooking (bellies full of ribs) with an extensive menu of activities and experiences this month, come join us for breakfast, lunch, and dinner for interesting, informative, and interactive sessions that come with the added bonus of PDU's!</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 Military Outreach Director position. This rewarding position will be responsible for addressing the needs of military members and those in the military that are interested in PMI or becoming certified. Some duties include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Active outreach to military organizations, veterans groups, installations• Create and circulate a military member packet with information about the local chapter, military discounts and benefits• Act as a guide and bridge to military personnel interested in PMI. <p>The time commitment for this position would be approximately 4-5 hrs/month. If you are interested in this position, please email vp-members@pmi-nnv.org.</p>

Web Site

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

[September 24, 2019 Dinner Meeting](#)



5G-What have we here?

David Fein is the guest speaker for the September NNV-PMI Dinner meeting, the topic is "5G What have we here?" This is a look at the technology and evolution that has occurred over the past few years in the cellular industry. The presentation will include a refresh of previous wireless communications topics covered and bring us up to date on the latest in the 5G world and the impact that it will have on our professional and private lives. It will be a fun and interesting look behind the face of your smartphone!

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, 9/20

Registration will close midnight Sunday, 9/22

[Register](#)

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David's Bio

Mr. Fein is an Electrical Engineer and Project Management Professional specializing in highly secure communication networks that are used for Public Safety and Defense applications. He has over 35 years' experience in communications systems that include fiber optics, microwave, and Radio Frequency technology. Mr. Fein began his career as a Design and Development Engineer in Defense and Aerospace working on Radar and satellite

communications systems, then nuclear weapons, commercial applications for Radar, site acquisition for cellular operators, high reliability networks, and cellular communications systems.

He has also been in client relations, a division manager for two divisions of Allen Telecom, spent two years in Bordeaux, France as President Directeur General of a small RF amplifier company, and most recently as the Account Manager for the implementation of the new Public Safety Radio Communications system for Nevada.

Mr. Fein is an avid power boater, Amateur Radio operator, dog rescuer, and longtime resident of Reno, NV.

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.

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2019 September President's Message



Thoughts from the President – September 2019

Hello! Writing this newsletter in the middle of an extremely chaotic work schedule, so apologies this is a bit delayed....

For posterity and to clue the membership in on what I've been up to (taking a page from Carmen's book) I've been helping to lead a \$10 million dollar systems conversion project on the East Coast (part of a larger \$2 Billion dollar acquisition project for the customer). The project has been broken up into phases with perhaps the largest Phase (Phase 2) just having gone live in late August. Have been racking up the air miles back and forth to the East Coast since May to ensure Phase 1 and Phase 2 were a success, with Phase 3 due to go live in 2 weeks (September 24).

As a result of the nature of this project, a very complex scope, and an extremely aggressive timeline (little to no slack) it's led to my spending the last few weeks working 12-15 hour days non-stop (and right through Labor Day Weekend) to ensure that we delivered.....to scope, on time, on budget, with quality, and to the customer's satisfaction. Does this sound familiar to other PM's out there? I've no doubt it does (the life of a project manager)...

On the plus side am happy to announce that so far the project has gone relatively well!

On to chapter business....Our chapter continues to grow with nearly 300 members (299 as of today!!!)....this in itself is a phenomenal achievement and thanks to the efforts of so many volunteers in the chapter that have made it worthwhile and value-add.

I can't overstate the importance of being a volunteer for the organization, as well as emphasize that with our growth we need more help. It takes a team! Please (please, please) reach out to any one of the chapter leadership team (Jennifer, Tracy, Chadwick, or myself) to see how we can incorporate your time and energy to both sustaining as well as increasing the value for the membership.

Upcoming events include...

- September 17 - Monthly lunch (3rd Tuesday every month at Napa Sonoma South).
This is a relaxed round table forum where everybody gets to

participate. There is typically a facilitator who brings a topic relevant to PM, and engages the participants in dialogue around that topic. We are in need of somebody to help facilitate these, so please reach out if even remotely interested.

The meeting is free and worth 1 PDU, but each attendee is responsible for covering their own lunch.

- September 24 - Dinner meeting (4th Tuesday every month at Napa Sonoma Plumgate).

David Fein will speak to us on 5G technology and evolution in the cellular industry. David is an Electrical Engineer and PM Professional specializing in highly secure communication networks used for Public Safety and Defense, and has over 35 years' experience. This should be an event worth attending, and would encourage you to register at our website (PMI-NNV.ORG) as soon as possible – and no later than Friday September 20 to benefit from the early bird discount (\$25.00 vs. \$30.00).

- October 5 – Breakfast meeting (1st Saturday every month at Napa Sonoma South).

The format is relaxed and roundtable, with lots of discussion about real-life experiences in PM. The meeting is free and worth 1 PDU, but each attendee is responsible for covering their breakfast.

One other way we deliver value is by networking opportunities, and increasing available opportunities for others. My leadership at Scientific Games, which is a casino gaming company whose corporate headquarters is based out of Las Vegas, has empowered me to reach out to our chapter and seek candidates interested in a new Project Management opportunity. We are in need of qualified Project Managers in Nevada (Reno or Las Vegas areas) to help us with leading system projects for our casino clients/partners; we have an overabundance of projects, and not enough project managers! I have been with this company for nearly 12 years, am a Director of Client Services / Client Project Management within the organization, and would welcome hearing from interested candidates. Please feel free to email me at Lorenz.Ledesma@scientificgames.com for further discussion.

IMPORTANT HOUSEKEEPING

As a chapter we have charged a nominal \$30 a year membership fee that we've never increased since our inception over 10 years ago (during which time nearly everything else has increased)!

These funds are extremely important to our chapter as they're used for subsidizing / paying for the various chapter networking events, such as the monthly dinner meetings where we've traditionally taken a loss every month. Our budget has run at a deficit most years, but we have been OK based on our reserves from previous

years where we've been able to host larger events such as PM symposiums or Boot Camps (these take lots of volunteers!).

We have never sweated this too much, as our priority has always been membership value and participation. At the same time if we are to maintain healthy growth and remain viable it's important we address the gap – even if only partially.

Therefore our board has voted for a small nominal increase of \$5 per year beginning January 1 (2020). This will raise the overall rate from \$30 to \$35 per year, while remaining only \$5 for student members, and coupled with the PMI membership remains an exceptional value with access to projectmanagement.com templates/webinars, free PDU's, discounts on our chapter's events, etc.

Some of the items we plan to focus on as a chapter, which the increase will help with, include a website redesign to better market our chapter, as well as investing in additional marketing tools such as Meetup and Hootsuite. We are working very closely with our VP of Membership and our Director of Marketing on ways to add value, and will be sure to keep the membership apprised.

We truly thank you for your understanding and support, and are open to any discussion on this. This decision was not taken lightly!

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

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!](#)

[Sprint Planning](#)

Oct 3, 2019 1:00:00 PM EDT (UTC-4)

Presenters: [NK Shrivastava](#), [Phillip George](#)

Are your Agile teams struggling to meet their sprint goals? Sprint planning is a critical activity to set the foundation for a successful sprint. In sprint planning, the product increment is defined and estimated so the team can get ready to work on the sprint goal from day one. In RefineM's webinar, learn how to put together an effective Sprint Planning Meeting and carry out the activities necessary to get your team ready for the sprint.

[A Billion Dollar Project Health Framework \(Part 7\): The Project Team](#)

Oct 8, 2019 12:00:00 PM EDT (UTC-4)

Presenter: [Uri Galimidi](#)

This is in the seventh installment in an 8-part webinar series, A Billion Dollar Project Health Framework, presented by Uri Galimidi. The series covers an advanced yet practical framework which Project Managers can use to assess the

health of their projects. The framework consists of eight key project management areas. This webinar covers The Project Team.

[The Agile Enterprise: Agile & Lean Six Sigma - What We Keep and What We Don't](#)

Oct 11, 2019 9:00:00 AM EDT (UTC-4)

Presenter: [Stelian ROMAN](#)

Based on the presenter's experience as a practitioner, this webinar looks at Lean Six Sigma tools from a combined Agile and Project Management perspective, analyzing some of the challenges and opportunities of Lean Six Sigma in an Agile world.

More Upcoming Webinars

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| 10/16/19 | 11:00
AM | <u>Ten Ways to Beat Parkinson's Law</u> |
| 10/17/19 | 3:00
PM | <u>Project HEADWAY: Should I Be Tweeting This?</u> |
| 10/21/19 | 12:00
PM | <u>A Deep Dive Into Y2K – A PM Perspective</u> |
| 10/22/19 | 12:00
PM | <u>A Billion Dollar Project Health Framework (Part 8):
Methodology & Tools</u> |
| 10/25/19 | 9:00
AM | <u>The Agile Enterprise: A look at the Role of PMI and ISO
Standards in Agile - Earned Value Standard</u> |
| 11/6/19 | 10:00
AM | <u>Mastering the Art of Mediation</u> |
| 11/14/19 | 2:00
PM | <u>Using Cultural Intelligence to Drive Real Stakeholder
Engagement</u> |

** all times are displayed in EDT (UTC-4)*

[See All Upcoming Webinars](#)

New PMI-NNV Chapter Members

[New Members](#)

Amanda Christensen
Theresa Condon
Bryce Taute
Keerti Taute
Davor Milicevic
Robert Jones
Wendy Nash, PMP
Anthony Lucas
Heather Spitz

New Credentials:

Lorne Belt, PMP
Renee Elia, CAPM
Jennifer Forman, PMP
Nora Laitinen, PMP
Wendy Nash, PMP
Liani Stevenson, PMP
Katelyn Walsh, PMP

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