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2026 Annual Meeting Summary

On April 23, over 90 members gathered at Casa Mia at the Hawthorne in Berlin, CT, for the SNEC-PMI chapter's annual meeting. Energy and laughter filled the venue as long-term and brand-new members mingled and networked during the cocktail hour. Chapter officers provided updates on each portfolio during dinner, which was provided by the chapter. The Selfie Wall was a hit, where members used the logo backdrop for photos to post on their social media pages. The Marketing Committee shot videos of members who volunteered to share their perspectives about the value of PMI chapter membership. Following the presentations, members picked up free chapter swag while visiting tables to learn about volunteer opportunities. A lively raffle capped off the evening for members who stayed long enough to claim their winning tickets. The chapter had capacity for more members to attend. If you missed this year's meeting, plan to take advantage of next year's event. It's free for chapter members.

Here's a summary of key points made during the presentation. This is a brief summary of the 62-slide presentation from the meeting. Here is a link to the full presentation: [2025-2026 Annual Meeting SNEC-PMI presentation](#)

Sustainability: The importance of volunteerism and revenue generation were repeating themes throughout the presentation. To sustain itself, the chapter relies on the generous donation of time from its volunteers. The chapter must also reinvigorate its ability to attract and retain corporate sponsorship for events.

Financial Budget Realignment: In 2026, 95% of the chapter's planned revenue will come from membership dues, so sustaining membership is vital. Planned expenses for 2026 are 7.8% leaner than 2025, and the chapter's budget deficit will be reduced by \$7K. This will be achieved through technical optimization and leaner administrative costs.

Growth in Programs: The Programs Committee delivered 32 webinars in 2025 via the chapter's four satellites. It also conducted events at four schools in 2025. The momentum is continuing into 2026, with five school programs already delivered. Three in-person networking events were conducted in 2025. To grow in-person networking in 2026, members are encouraged to attend planned events. The chapter is also jointly publicizing events held by nearby PMI chapters.

Membership and Volunteer Highlights: The team is driving engagement across five areas: volunteer recruitment, membership programs, career development, mentorship, and retiree outreach. Key milestones include the relaunch of the mentorship program with a 2026 Cohort 1 kickoff in March, a newly strategy-driven Career Development initiative, and continued member onboarding through the New Member Orientation (NeMO) program. In 2026, the chapter gained 101 new members. 23% of our members are in their first year. The average tenure of an SNEC-PMI member is 6.5 years. 47% of our members have been with the chapter for 5+ years. The longest-tenured member has been with the chapter for 29 years.

Education Highlights: The team is focused on helping members earn credentials and PDUs through cost-effective programs, including PMP certification courses, AI-focused webinars, and a partnership with the International Institute for Learning that delivered 26 PDUs at International PM Day. They are building strategic partnerships with industry associations, universities, and vendors to expand the reach and value of programming. Coming up next: two AI-related webinars in May and June 2026, a PMP certification study group running through May, and a Career Fair planned for September 2026.

Openings in Key Roles: The chapter is currently seeking volunteers to fill VP roles in Finance, Corporate Outreach, Sponsorship, and Programs. See all volunteer openings here: https://snec-pmi.org/Get_Involved

2026 Chapter Elections: Chapter officers serve two-year terms, and the next term starts in January 2027. The election cycle begins in May, and an announcement will be forthcoming. If you are interested, please reach out to Darwyn Azzinaro at Darwyn.Azzinaro@snec-pmi.org.

Increasing Our Social Media Presence: The Marketing Committee is focused on building the chapter's content on LinkedIn, Instagram, and Facebook. The chapter's quarterly newsletter was switched from PDF to Constant Contact in 2025, and the committee will start publishing short video clips in 2026.

Reinvigorating Our Corporate Outreach: To improve sustainability and finances, the chapter would benefit from more rigorous corporate involvement, sponsorship, and interest in events. The chapter is actively seeking a VP for Corporate Outreach, as well as seven to nine active volunteers.

Agilist Outreach Committee Growth: As one of the chapter's newest committees, the Agilist Outreach team is actively growing its presence by aligning with existing Agile-focused organizations, planning Agile-



PMI's New Membership Model: What It Means for Members

PMI has introduced a new, unified membership model that combines global PMI membership and local chapter membership into a single offering. This change is designed to create a more connected and streamlined experience for members, while strengthening engagement across both the global network and local chapters.

Under the new model, members no longer need to manage separate memberships. Instead, they gain access to both global PMI resources and local chapter benefits through one membership and one renewal cycle.

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PDU Tips



Our March program, *How to Rack Up and Report 60 PDUs*, attracted members who already hold PMI credentials, as well as some who are planning to get them.

Antonella Zompa, Ikenna Nedosa, and Deborah Ketai outlined the different renewal requirements for PMI's most popular credentials, explained the 12 (!) different categories of PDUs and the Talent Triangle, and shared tips on how to achieve them quickly and at little or no cost.

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Volunteer Leadership Opportunities

Are you ready to take the lead?

Your chapter needs you to take the lead! We've got six volunteer opportunities open:

- VP of Corporate Outreach
- VP of Sponsorship
- VP of Finance
- VP of Programs



Project Management Professional (PMP)[®]

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- Associate, Membership Portfolio
- Marketing Associate

You must be a member of SNEC-PMI to be eligible.

[Volunteer Today!](#)

Learning Resources for the New PMP Exam

PMI has released new learning resources and an Exam Content Outline to assist members who plan to take the PMP exam after July 8th. The 180 questions on the new PMP exam will be more interactive and scenario-based. The exam adds topics like AI, sustainability, and stakeholder engagement.

Members who wish to take the current exam format need to complete the exam by July 8th.

[Read More](#)

Squeezing in Your PMP Exam Before the Test Changes?

Join us for our PMP Prep Classes! You can attend as many sessions as you like. [Get more information](#) or [register today!](#)

Spotlight on Programs Volunteers

In this issue, we spotlight Debora Trailor and Kate Kadri, from two of our webinar-producing committees.



Debora serves SNEC as AVP of the New London Satellite and has worked in aerospace for 20 years.

PMP Live Class Training Requirements are Changing

Starting in late 4th quarter 2026, PMI is changing the requirements for any live classes that members can use to qualify for the PMP.

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Become a Chapter Mentor



As we relaunch our Chapter Mentoring Program, we're inviting members at all career stages to get involved. Serving as a mentor is a flexible, low-pressure way to share experience, offer guidance, and help newer members find their footing while also expanding your own connections across the chapter.

Whether you're interested in mentoring, learning more about the program, or simply exploring new

Kate has volunteered with the Lower Fairfield County Satellite for the past couple of years.

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ways to engage with the community, we'd love to have you be part of it.

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SIM Central CT SUMMIT - The Direction of the Industry: Leading in the Age of AI

SIM Central CT is extending a special invitation to SNEC-PMI members: Free attendance at their conference on Tuesday, May 5, at the Hartford Marriott Downtown. This will be a full-day event, with industry leaders and innovators sharing insights on technology trends. Come for the keynote speakers, the breakout sessions, and the networking!

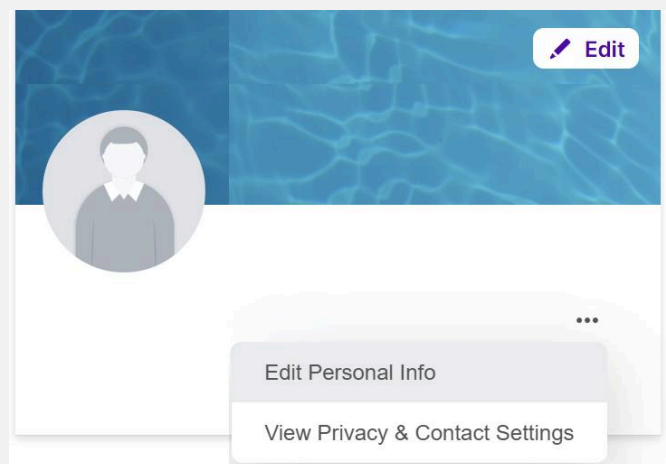
Register soon to save your spot.

SNEC suggests that PMI credential holders who attend for the full day report 7 PDUs, split between Business Acumen and Ways of Working.



Help Us Shape Chapter Events

Many member profiles are missing key details, and your input makes a difference. Would you take a moment to update your PMI profile? Log in to your PMI account and go to www.community.pmi.org/profile. Look for *Edit Personal Info* or the *Manage Profile* button. Thank you in advance!



Upcoming Events

5/1/2026

[Your Stakeholders are Busy! ...But You Need Their Requirements](#)

Quick quiz: Which of these strategies can be used to elicit requirements from busy stakeholders?

- Leverage pre-existing documentation
- Work in incremental stages and iterate
- Engage proxy representatives
- Utilize targeted interviews

Answer: All of the above!

Come and learn about these techniques, plus 6 more by attending the Shelton Virtual Zoom Program on 5/1 from 7:35am – 8:50am. [Learn more and register.](#)

6/2/2026

[Find Your Balance with Emotion Management](#)

Emotional Intelligence impacts your success and people's perception of you. Join the Springfield Satellite's June 2 webinar to learn about the Emotional Intelligence Framework. Understand the difference between personal competency and social competency. And create more balance in your emotions at work. The webinar will be led by Daniel Fay, PMI-PBA, PMP. [Learn more and register.](#)

6/5/2026

[Do You Know the Four Types of Prototypes? Boost Your Skills and Crystalize Abstractions](#)

You can help stakeholders articulate their needs through 4 prototyping techniques. Learn about prototyping approaches and benefits, and earn 1 Power Skills PDU. To be held June 5th, 7:35am – 8:50 via Zoom. [Learn more and register.](#)

[See all Upcoming Events](#)

Celebrating Our SNEC-PMI Community

Welcoming new chapter members and celebrating anniversaries and certifications from
January 2026 through April 2026.

[See All Chapter Highlights](#)

Do you have an interest in marketing or eye for graphic design? The marketing team is looking for volunteers! Email kate.frank@sneq-pmi.org for more information.

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