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Milestones & Momentum

The summer heat hasn't stopped our momentum! Our chapter has been keeping busy with notable achievements and fresh plans for fall offerings for our members:

Have you been Zooming in for learning and PDUs? The Programs portfolio hosted nine webinars in Q2 on topics ranging from prototyping to the new version of the PMBOK® Guide. Our fall programs are already starting to hit the [upcoming events page](#), so keep an eye on it (or watch your inbox).

Members get discounts through our new training partner: The Education Committee has selected PMI Training as a new education partner for the chapter. Chapter members will receive the lowest prices for PMI certification classes, plus discounts for other certification courses. And the chapter benefits, as it gets commissions on any classes our members take! Members can access [our new dedicated training website now](#).

AI Workshop on September 19: Building on the overwhelming success of our last two artificial intelligence webinars and in response to the tremendous interest from participants, the Education and Special Events Portfolio is excited to present a hands-on AI workshop on September 19. This interactive workshop is designed to give you practical, real-world experience with a variety of powerful AI tools. Be sure to bring your laptop, and come ready to participate, explore, and learn by doing. Whether you're new to AI or looking to expand your skills, you'll leave with valuable knowledge and techniques you can start using right away.

Voting in late July for chapter bylaws updates: PMI has requested that the chapter update our bylaws to align with PMI's new membership model. The updated bylaws were posted for a 30-day review, and members will be asked to vote on them via an email that will be sent in late July.

Voting opens in August for 2027 SNEC-PMI board of directors: Planning for the 2027 SNEC-PMI Board elections is underway, and we look forward to welcoming candidates interested in serving our chapter. Member voting is scheduled for August 10th through September 11th, with election results to be announced in September. [Read more about the elections process...](#)

Congratulations to our new Corporate Outreach portfolio leaders! Virginia Bogdan was voted in as Vice President of Corporate Outreach at the July Board of Directors meeting. She will be supported by two Assistant Vice Presidents: Joe Golin and Chris DiMicco. [Read more about their vision, mission, and strategy...](#)

2026 strategic planning is underway: The board is gearing up for this year's strategic planning session. Be on the lookout for details, and please consider participating!

Programs Portfolio sets 2026 goals: The six committees in our Programs Portfolio are marching into 2026 with some BHAGs—Big, Hairy, Audacious Goals—that came out of October's strategic planning meeting. Now we need more volunteer power to move us in the right direction. To find out how you can help, please contact deborah.ketai@sneec-pmi.org.

Student enrichment programs are popular! The Higher Ed Outreach committee keeps an ever-growing list of members who enjoy speaking to and networking with students. In March and April, the committee facilitated five presentations at four universities and opened talks with additional schools about providing student enrichment programs for the fall. And the committee will be back at Southern Connecticut State University again in March to present two workshops: *Essential Project Management Skills for Non-Project Managers* and *The Role of Organizational Change Management in Strategic Business Change*.

Agilist panel event in June: In June, we partnered with Agile Hartford for our first joint event. *Agile in the Real World: A Panel's Perspective on the Present and Future* was well attended and received excellent feedback. The panelist and audience were highly engaged, which resulted in an informative and fun meeting. [Read the full article...](#)

SNEC showed up live and in person this spring for two panel discussions: One in South Windsor on the ins and outs of maintaining your certifications with PDUs, and another in Meriden (photo below) on the business, project, and cyber risks of AI.



AI is risky, but we had a lot of fun talking about it!

Chapter board member attends PMI 2026 PMI Region 2/3 Conference: While attending the PMI Region 2/3 Conference in Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, board member Elise Pié connected with fellow PMI volunteers and leaders from across North America. Through conference sessions and networking discussions, she gained fresh perspectives on chapter engagement, leadership, and delivering greater value to our members. [Read the full article...](#)

Marketing focusing on chapter website: After successfully launching our new Constant Contact newsletter, the Marketing Committee is now focused on our chapter website. Keep an eye out for new website content and videos from our Annual Meeting.

Volunteer & Membership: Celebrating those who make a difference: SNEC-PMI is powered by volunteers who generously share their time, talent, and passion to strengthen our chapter and enhance the member experience. Please join us in welcoming our newest volunteers: Yennie Bautista, Eddie Rivera, Andres Mora, Shenille Mooddie, Vaibhav Junanarkar, and Jake Lampron. We also extend our heartfelt gratitude to Sara Nasshan and Maria Keeler for their outstanding service and lasting contributions. Their dedication, leadership, and commitment have helped shape our chapter's success and leave a legacy that will continue to benefit our members for years to come. New faces. Lasting impact. One stronger chapter.

Strategy for Career Development: You Asked. We Listened: Last year's strategic planning session generated incredible ideas on how SNEC-PMI can deliver even greater value to our members. We're excited to share that one of the most requested opportunities, focused on Career Development, has moved from idea to action and is currently taking shape. Inspired directly by member feedback, this new initiative is being designed to create additional opportunities for learning, growth, networking, and professional development across our chapter. We're not quite ready to unveil all the details, but we can say this: something exciting is cooking. Stay tuned!

New Membership Cohort | Mentorship Program: Cohort 2 Is Almost Here! Looking to accelerate your professional growth? SNEC-PMI's Mentorship Program connects mentees with experienced project

management professionals who can provide guidance, share lessons learned, help navigate career challenges, and expand your professional network. Cohort 2 of the 2026 Mentorship Program is preparing to launch! If you're interested in gaining valuable insights, building confidence, and learning from proven leaders in our profession, this will be the perfect time to get involved. Ready to grow, connect, and give back? [Apply today as a mentor or mentee.](#)

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

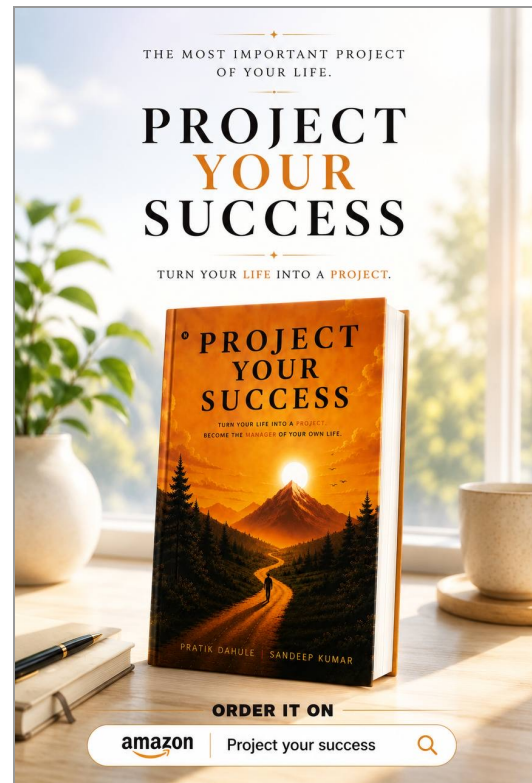
PMI has introduced a new, unified membership model that combines global PMI membership and local chapter membership into a single offering. This change is designed to create a more connected and streamlined experience for members, while strengthening engagement across both the global network and local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

[Read More](#)

Members get discounts through our new training partner

SNEC Chapter Member Publishes New Book



Every successful company has a project manager. [Project Your Success](#), a new book by Pratik Dahule and Sandeep Kumar, provides a practical framework to help you become the project manager of your life. Co-author Pratik Dahule is the AVP of Networking at the SNEC chapter.

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Lost & Found

Lost & Found: These items were left behind at The Hawthorne after the Annual Meeting.

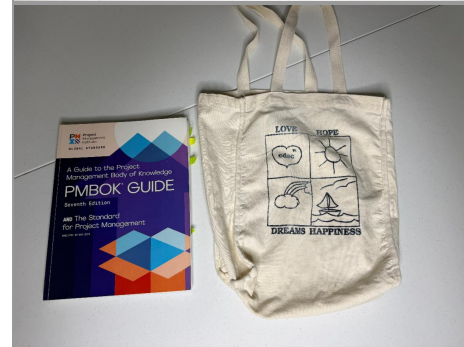
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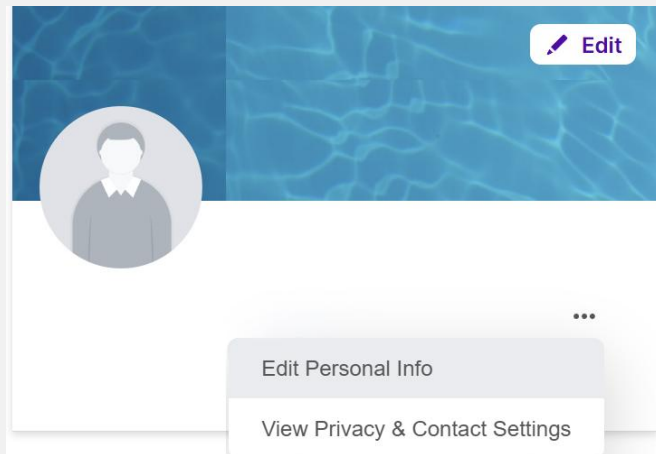


If they are yours, please let **Jennifer on the Marketing Committee** know so she can ship them back to you.



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

8/4/2026

Visualizing Data in Context for a Theme Park Operator: A Visio-Power BI Case Study

The key to successful data visualization is context. A collection of charts and graphs on a BI dashboard is great, but without context you're likely to miss key insights. For example, the red bars on a hospital's environmental monitoring dashboard may alert you that a problem exists, but when you can click the red bars and see the exact location of the problem on a floor plan, you can formulate an immediate response. How do you achieve this level of insight? There's no better way to add context than to enhance Power BI reports with floor plans, network diagrams, process maps, or org charts created in Visio. This session features multiple live demos of Visio/Power BI integration from an ongoing project.

[Learn more and register.](#)

9/1/2026

PMO Transformation and the Future of PMOs

Project Management Offices (PMOs) have evolved far beyond governance, reporting, and compliance. Today's most effective PMOs serve as strategic partners that align organizational priorities, enable informed decision-making, and accelerate business value. This presentation explores how organizations can transform their PMOs from administrative support functions into strategic business enablers.

[Learn more and register.](#)

9/5/2026

AI: From Chess to Skynet, Johnny Cab & Beyond

Join Nicholas Errico as he takes the audience through the buildup to present day AI. He colorfully describes the supporting technologies, when they came about, and how now is the time of the "Perfect Storm" where all capabilities come together. He then moves on to discuss how running AI Projects are different, but perfectly manageable by true "Project Leaders." Lastly, the audience is encouraged to reflect on what the state of the economy, job market, and impact of AI on the Project Management Industry entails. [Learn more and register.](#)

[See all Upcoming Events](#)

In Case You Missed It: Chapter Chronicles

Our chapter satellites and committees are very active with planning and delivering excellent content for our members. Don't miss out on future opportunities to expand your knowledge – and your network!

Upcoming events are announced via weekly emails. If you aren't receiving them, please visit this link to sign up: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sulf7m0f1V/signup>

[The calendar on the chapter's website](#) also has the latest updates for upcoming events.

Here are some of the meetings and events that have taken place since we published our Q2 newsletter:

- May 1, Shelton satellite: *Eliciting Requirements from Busy Stakeholders*
- May 5, SIM Central CT event: *The Direction of the IT Industry: Leading in the Age of AI*
- May 5, Springfield satellite: *Removing Waste in Project Management*
- May 14, in-person networking event: *AI Under the Microscope: Expert Takes on AI Risk*
- May 18: *Navigate AI in the Age of Project Management*
- May 21, New London satellite: *Cybersecurity in the Age of AI: A Threat Driven Approach for Project Managers*
- May 28, Lower Fairfield County satellite: *Navigating the Shift: PMBOK 7 to 8*
- June 2, Springfield satellite: *Managing Emotional Intelligence*
- June 3, Agile Hartford/SNEC joint networking event: *Agile in the Real World: A Panel's Perspective on the Present and Future*
- June 5, Satellite: *Prototyping*

- June 15, Virtual: *AI Applied: Tools and Techniques for PM Professionals*

Celebrating Our SNEC-PMI Community

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

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

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