



President's Message



By Genevieve Guilmette, PMP

As the Holiday Season is upon us, I wish you all a safe and peaceful Holiday. I personally plan on spending time with my kids and family, doing the usual: snow angels, building snow-forts, finding hills for sledding, making hot chocolates with mini-marshmallows, etc. My favorite part is simply spending time with friends and

family as my parents and siblings live far away. This is the time when I know, regardless of our busy lives, we will see each other and spend some quality time together. I certainly wish for you the same ability - to take a pause and simply enjoy each other.

Shifting gear to chapter news, first, let me share with you our **2018 Board of Directors:**

Welcoming a new board member:

- Richard Janis

Returning board members include:

- Genevieve Guilmette, PMP President and CEO
- Carin Salonia, PMP Past President
- Mary Frances Gorgas, PMP
- Matt Weston, PMP
- Daniel Capetta, PMP
- Svetlana Veprinsky
- Neil Weiss, PMP
- David Kaherl, PMP

We have started the onboarding process for our new board member. In January, we plan on finalizing portfolio selections and voting-in our officers for 2018. We still have one board member opening, and based on validating our portfolio alignment we might decide to do an appointment in early 2018. Please contact me if you have any questions about this process or if you would be interested in being a SNEC Leader. Contact me at president@snecc-pmi.org.

Secondly, several of our board members attended LIM in Chicago (a Leadership Conference sponsored by PMI). As previously shared, this event allows chapter leaders globally to network and share with other leaders as well as the PMI staff and PMI board members. More details of our finding and the events are included in the article from Michael Smith in this issue. I do want to thank all the SNEC Leaders for their active participation during the event, as well as our presenters – Mary Frances Gorgas, Neil Weiss & Carin Salonia - that shared some of SNEC's gems.

My last update relates to our SNEC Strategic Meeting in November with the Board and our extended Leadership. We

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discussed the state of the chapter, shared insight from PMI and its new Strategic Plan, revisited our priorities as well as identified potential areas where we want to make an investment for the chapter's future.

Potential areas of investment include:

- **Member Engagement:** Continue our NeMO journey (1st Year New Member), and expand our roadmap to include 2nd and 3rd year members. Develop an engagement strategy with them to make sure that as their journey continues, PMI & SNEC are there with fulfilling and meaningful experiences to further their skills and advance their career.
- **Student Strategy:** During the Fall, we had the opportunity to engage with some local colleges. We will be developing some special offerings to engage with them and introduce them to the great world of Project Management.
- **Young Professionals Strategy:** Similar to colleges, we do see an opportunity to engage more actively with younger professionals that are starting their career. Like many of you, we believe that project management skills are transferable and can enhanced any work situations.

A few other areas were identified as well as some take-aways. These meetings are a critical part of our chapter sustainability, making sure we continue to stay relevant to our members as well as findings areas of opportunities. We will be planning a follow up in Q1 2018, to gauge progress and adjust as needed. These meetings offer a great platform to boost our board and extended leadership's collaboration and cadence. I know I feel energized coming out of these meetings!

Thank you and Happy Holidays!

Genevieve

Project Management for Social Good

The PM Skills for life Veterans Program is sponsored by SNEC PMI who partners with the Connecticut Public Broadcasting Network's Institute for Advanced Media School to deliver the PM Skills for Life Program to retired veterans and those close to retirement. The program was launched in September of 2015 and continues today.

SNEC PMI volunteers teach the class which meets once a week for 13 weeks for two hours at the CBPN building located in Hartford, CT. The students are required to complete 23 hours of training and to complete a project for social good to receive a Certificate of Participation that satisfies the requirement to take the Certified Associate Project Manager (CAPM) exam. To date, 52 veterans have successfully completed the course. The Fall class certified 14 students.

Five students have passed the PMP exam. Here are just two examples from students on how the class has helped in their job search: "The project management class gave me the correct terminology for planning and executing my projects and assisted me with better communication with civilian contractors." "I know I have a great foundation the military has provided me, but this course closed the gap between civilian and military understanding of project management to give me the confidence to apply for my dream job."

Listed below are the projects that have been completed by the students.

- Winter Clothing Drive for veterans and their families in need
- 11 of Us – a military event honoring those who served in WWII to today They shared their life changing stories with the attendees and were featured on WNPR and CPTV networks
- Asylum Hill Winter Carnival – a fun filled event held at the Greater Hartford Boys and Girls Club for children and their families from the Asylum Hill Are of Hartford CT.
- Aetna Community Garden - support the local community by raising awareness of the Wellness Garden and the benefits of eating healthy
- Daniel Tiger Day for young children – lots of fun with face painting, etc,
- Helping Heroes to provide veterans and their families receive information on how to lead a balanced life physically, emotionally and nutritionally.

My thanks to the following SNEC-PMI volunteer instructors - Val Escott, Will Carroll, Jodi Bentley, Kevin Riley and Ann Marie Burke for their unwavering dedication, and to CPBN for the classroom and program support, especially Jennifer Worhle, who recruits, interacts with the veterans and handles the logistics throughout the semester.

If you are interested in learning more about the program or volunteering to teach future classes, please contact me at: vince.cherrone@sneec-pmi.org.

Thank You SNEC Volunteers!

With the Holidays in full swing, the SNEC Board of Directors would like to thank its team of volunteers for all of its work done in 2017 and the preparations that are already in full swing for 2018!

Long tenured volunteers as well as those that have newly joined – you are vital in helping us deliver on our Chapter's Mission and Vision for Southern New England.

In appreciation for your commitment and dedication, volunteers have received a special email invitation to a Holiday get together on Thursday, December 21st.

If you are a volunteer and did not receive your invitation, please check your spam folder, or reach out to volunteers@sneec-pmi.org.



Do you recall at least one individual who made a meaningful contribution during your career? If so, please take a few moments to consider being that person for someone else!



**"If you're lucky enough to do well,
it's your responsibility to send
the elevator back down."**

~ Kevin Spacey

Share your passion.

Send the elevator back down.

Be a SNEC Mentor.

For more details contact:
mentoring@sneec-pmi.org or
volunteer@sneec-pmi.org.

Volunteers needed for the Education Team!



SNEC educational services are available to its 1,800+ members, PMI's 3,000+ local members and thousands of others in the region looking to start, build, or advance their knowledge in project management.

To continue to offer these great services, SNEC needs volunteer support.

As a volunteer, you will work with a Team to plan out the educational curriculum offered by SNEC on an annual basis; identify learning topics, help secure a location, review course material, publicize the event, and support with event coordination. ***Most importantly – you help support the growth and learning of your peers.***

Please consider volunteering in this important role. You can contact volunteer@sneec-pmi.org for more information or to sign-up!

PMI North America Leadership Institute Meeting 2017

In October, several SNEC chapter leaders joined over 1,000 of their peers in Chicago for the 2017 PMI North America Leadership Institute Meeting. The North America “LIM” is an annual 3.5 day event that brings together change makers from around the world! It features a variety of educational tracks, general sessions and networking opportunities for chapter leaders. Also held during the event is an awards program honoring the PMI Chapter Awards finalists, the graduation of the 2017 Leadership Institute Master Class and participation in our region’s Chapter Leader Meeting. More on these last two items below.

As we arrived and approached this year’s PMI LIM at the magnificent McCormick Centre in Downtown Chicago, Illinois, we were asked to self-attest by mentally “filling in the blank” on the standing banners. The question was, as a Project Management professional, what am I? A Change Maker? A Thought Leader? A Team Builder? A Difference Maker? A Complex Thinker? Or A Thought Provoker? The theme for the 2017 PMI Leadership Institute Meeting was “Difference Makers”.

Attending from the chapter were: Mary Frances Gorgas (COO), Genevieve Guilmette (President), David Kaherl (Director, Operations), Carin Salonia (Past President), Michael Smith (Past President/CTO), Svetlana Veprinsky (Director, Professional Development) and Neil Weiss (Director, Membership).

The first half day of the LIM is dedicated to Regional meetings. The SNEC team participated in the Region 3 meeting, along with leaders from the 17 chapters that make up the northeast corner of North America. Leaders discussed common issues, made presentations to the group, and participated in round table discussions in our popular Connect with the Experts format. Genevieve Guilmette participated in a panel to discuss how to host a successful Professional Development Day, contributing knowledge gained from our 12 years in presenting our PM Conference.



SNEC leadership was delighted to be selected to present at two sessions during LIM this year! The trio of Genevieve Guilmette, Carin Salonia and Neil Weiss spoke to a packed room on *Rethinking Member Engagement*. Mary Frances Gorgas presented the second well attended session on *Hosting a Successful Professional Development Day*.



Participants were also able to attend three great keynote sessions from change makers during week. Opening the LIM session, Derreck Kayongo spoke on his life as a Ugandan refugee and his humanitarian efforts to recycle soap and distribute it through a global health programs to people who lack access to it around the world. Friday’s inspiring keynote was *Lessons in Leadership* delivered by Carey Lohrenz, who was the Navy’s first female F-15 jet fighter pilot. The final keynote was delivered by Sir Tim Berners-Lee, the man credited with inventing the World Wide Web.

Finally, the SNEC team was very proud to honor our own Mary Frances Gorgas at the graduation celebration of the 2016-2017 PMI Leadership Institute Masters Class (LIMC). The year-long LIMC provides intensive training and development in leadership techniques, strategic and business management practices and other key skills applicable to volunteer, career and interpersonal development. *Congratulations Mary Frances!*

SNEC Conference & Workshops 2018



April						2018
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Registration Opens Soon!

SNEC’s 13th annual Conference will be held on Monday April 23rd followed by a half-day of Workshops on Tuesday April 24th. Speaker selection is complete! Our Conference and Workshops schedule will be published soon, and registration will be open on January 1st. Details can be found on the [website](#).

Influence your peers, sharpen your skills.

Please welcome SNEC’s newest volunteers

- Mayard Williams – Conference Committee
- Chris Zack – Conference Committee
- Bala Sriv - Membership
- Ann Marie Burke – PM Skills for Life
- Kevin Riley – PM Skills for Life
- Raul Nazario – Operations
- Rich Janis – Board Member
- Rick McNulty – Volunteer Committee
- Arti Sheth – PMI Educational Foundation
- Dan Derose – PMI Education Foundation
- Olivia Parkin – Marketing & Communications



Volunteering helps you build a professional network, gain skills and experiences and develop as a leader. Please consider sharing your time and talents to sustain and grow the Chapter! Want to learn more or discuss an opportunity? Contact us at: volunteer@sne-cpmi.org.

NEW SNEC-PMI CHAPTER MEMBERS

August through November 2017

Tyrone Adeyemi	Edward Dalene	Janine Kearns	Michael Miller	Yasper Sandberg af Benkestok
Zeeshan Ahmad	Daniel Daley	David Keeler	Joellen Mitchell	Gladys Santos
Mohammed Alyas	Stephen DeBenedet	Ken Keil	Bevin Morrissey	Amy Savo
Justine Andras	Thomas Dellipoali	Michael Kenny	David Mosher	Heather Schlink
Debra Angelis	Divyesh Desai	Balazs Keskeny	Ellen Mullen	Cheryl Shaw
Sean Archer	Pat Devadoss	John Kessinger	Iain Murray	Glenn Simons
Denise Beauvais	Kim Drexler	Nadeem Khan	Thomas Myers	Elise Sinha
Ken Becker	Sarah Dungey	Christian King	Anthony Newman	Scott Smith
Michelle Bellinger	Sandra Elam	Kyle Kleza	Rosa Ninni	Leondra Smith-West
Richard Bertoli Jr	Tammy Fitzgerald	Michael Koch	Barry Noonan Jr	Gregory Steiner
Regina Borden	Matthew Fuget	William Koski	Steven Osuch	Lee Ann Stone
Karin Bromley	Joseph Fuller	Olga Kovalenko	Demetrios Panteleakis	Leslie Sullivan
Ann Marie Burke	Gerald Furrier	Tom Kowalczyk	Catherine Papp	Linu Thomas
Jo-Ellen Burt	Neha Garg	Linda Kristie	John Parke	Michael Turner
Isabel Butrymowicz	Kristen Garra	Richard Ladendecker	Dhara Patel	Patricia Tyre
Pamela Callahan	Eric Garvey	Kaity Lambracht	Daniel Popovic	Stephen Vanacore
Stephen Callow	John Gavaletz	Jason Lieske	Maria PortalCorreia	Diane Velky
Sheri Campbell	Philip Gerety	Peter James Love	Barbara Portnoy	Micah Wells
Gregory Candy	Bryn Goldbeck	Robin Lynch	Jillian Putterman	Florence Whitfield
Joanne Cannon	Nicholas Graber	Praveen Kumar Madathil	Elizabeth Quinones	Ann Willauer
Richard Carrigan	Andrew Grandin	Arkadeep Majumdar	Christina Quirin	Tyler Williams
Jorge Casablanca	Henry Gregory	Erika Hallberg	Veena Raghunandan	Shelby Zielinski
Martin Cave	Erika Hallberg	Bryan Hayes	Preethi Ramesh	Theresa Zike
Pavel Cerny	Nicholas Graber	Matthew Healy	Cynthia Ramsey	
Danielle Civitillo	Andrew Grandin	Tricia Hetherington	James Reeves	
Patrick Clifford	Henry Gregory	Timothy Holmes	Amanda Renna	
George Colegrove	Erika Hallberg	Timothy Holmes	Carla Rennie	
Edward Cook	Erika Hallberg	Maria Hulbert	John Richard	
Richard Cook	Erika Hallberg	Leslie Hunter	Anthony Rinaldi	
Scott Core	Erika Hallberg	Jonathan Jackson	Stephan Roy	
Susan Crisafulli	Erika Hallberg	Carol Kavanagh	Michelle Sadowski	
Janice Cuyler	Erika Hallberg	Ray Kaville		
	Erika Hallberg	Wajiha Kazmi		

SNEC-PMI MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

SNEC-PMI would like to acknowledge long term chapter members celebrating their 5, 10 and 15+ year anniversaries from August through November, 2017.

Congratulations to everyone and thank you for your continued and valued membership!

5 Year Anniversaries

Olukoga Akinsola
 Yvette Ali
 Jessica Amenta
 Michelle Blanchard Vargas
 John Stephen Cabral
 April Candelaria
 Douglas Benson Casey
 Heather Corrado
 Carolyn Gerrity
 Allan Jagos
 Carrie Kagan
 David Kindt
 Erin Kinney
 Thomas Leone
 Patrick Martin
 Isamir Martinez
 Lyn Meczywor
 Peter Miller
 Gail Monteiro
 Robert Moy
 Rosemarie Newmark
 Nicole Orcutt
 Jayapathy Paramanatham
 Denise Parmenter
 Scott Ringer
 Paul Rychlik
 Kevin Sakal
 Syndia Serrano-Urso
 Heather Sutherland
 John Patrick Trainor
 Daniel M Wagner
 Chuck Womeldorf

10 Year Anniversaries

Joanne Brenner
 James Buchok
 Denise Cote
 Paul Culligan
 Rhonda Ewell
 Loretta Foley
 Cynthia Glover
 Peter Gworek
 Rebecca Hodge
 Nitin Korgaonkar
 Rina Landry
 Stephen Mitchell
 Linda Olmo
 Rebecca Paul
 Julianne Tirinzoni
 Elizabeth Tyler
 Geoffrey Wozny

15+ Year Anniversaries

Darwyn Azzinaro
 Tracy Marie Barbato
 Susan Bascom-Erazmus
 Cynthia Biondi
 Robert Boshka
 Timothy Brandon
 Jane Brockway
 Darlene Butler
 Thomas Colavecchio
 Martha Coleman
 Otto Eichmann
 Thomas George
 James Hill
 Ross Lally
 James McAlister
 Kim Miller
 Jay Moses
 Valory Munroe
 Victor Proulx
 Lisa Ramos Gerbasi
 Mark Rasmussen
 Christopher Rollend
 Joseph Ryzewski
 Gad Selig
 Michael G Smith
 Philip George Soter
 David Kevin Thommen
 Caroline Tighe
 Teresa Vegliante
 Kerry Wills
 Christopher Zack
 Michael Steven Zambruski
 Michael Zanta

SNEC-PMI CERTIFICATION UPDATE

Congratulations from our Board of Directors and our Membership to those obtaining PMI Certifications August through November 2017 in our chapter:

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| Zeeshan Adeel PMP | Bharat Kapoor PMP |
| Brian Atkinson PMP | Nicholas Kelley PMP |
| Kerry Blanchard PMP | Nadeem Khan PMP |
| Karen Boisvert PMP | Jenn Kirkwood PMP |
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| Erin Hankey PMP | Debora Trailor PMP |
| Bryan Hayes PMP | Michael Turner PMP |
| Amy Henley CAPM | Lourdes Villanueva PMP |
| Maria Hulbert PMP | Theresa Zike PMP |
| Danette Janick PMP | |

Membership Certification Facts

As of December 2017 we have **1,843** members! Of our members, 77% are certified, and of those 72% are PMPs.

Credential	Count
PMP	1,326
CAPM	20
PMI-ACP	42
PgMP	8
PMI-SP	6
PMI-RMP	6
PfMP	2
PMI-PBA	4
Total	1,414



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Mission Statement

To provide resources, professional development and networking opportunities to enhance Project Management.

Vision Statement

A better Southern New England through Project Management.

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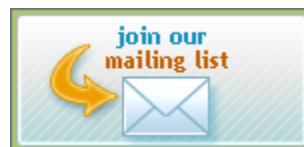
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