President’s Message

By Mary Frances Gorgas, PMP

We are half-way through 2019 and half-way into PMI’s 50th Anniversary Year! I hope you are finding opportunities to enjoy the recent beautiful weather and spend time with family and friends. Your Chapter Leaders have been incredibly busy since the Spring working on all of the strategic objectives we shared during March’s Annual Member meeting. Here is a sampling of what we have been up to…

We held our fourteenth annual Professional Development Conference and Workshop training at the end of April. We’ve received lots of great feedback on this year’s program and the desire for increased engagement from more industry-wide practices to support the evolving demands of project management roles. We are already working to incorporate those learnings as we begin planning next year’s event.

Several members of our Leadership Team attended PMI’s Regional meeting in Ottawa Canada. They have shared a recap of their experiences in this newsletter, be sure to check it out.

Professional Development meetings have started back up in Cromwell! We have a new Team of dedicated volunteers who met over the past few months and held an event in June. Plans are in the works for a Fall event so be on the lookout for those announcements shortly. If you are interested in presenting at a Cromwell event, or any of our Programs events throughout the Chapter, feel free to drop a note to programs@snec-pmi.org.

In June we hosted another combined Networking and New Member Orientation event and are continuing to get rave reviews on these sessions. It’s a great way for existing members to network with new members and create a community of professionals mutually inspired to grow as leaders.

The Chapter received recognition by PMI for its strong member retention and member satisfaction results and is being considered amongst a pool of our Chapter peers from North America for PMI’s distinguished Chapter of the Year award.

We have an enthusiastic group of new volunteers in Springfield working together to increase the programming in western Massachusetts – stay tuned for upcoming event details.

Don’t forget to stay connected via social media and our website!

Election season is upon us and it’s a great time to think about your engagement in our Chapter. If you have ever considered pursuing a role on a not for profit Board, are passionate about project management, and want to have a direct and local impact to the project management profession as a leader within the Chapter, then I would strongly encourage you to submit a Statement of Interest. Help us help each other in our continued pursuit of the Chapter’s strategic goals to increase engagement with those at all stages of their education or career paths, and partner with industry disciplines aimed to support and foster leadership and growth within project management.

More details can be found at https://snec-pmi.org/get-involved/elections/election-overview. Still have questions? Feel free to email nominating.committee@snec-pmi.org and Ask! The submission deadline of July 31st is quickly approaching!

Best,

Mary Frances

SNEC-PMI Chapter President
What does it take to run a PMI Chapter...

**Education** & Special Events help member obtain valuable certifications and skills.

**Membership** is what the Chapter is all about. The team focuses on driving member satisfaction and engagement.

**Finance** is about managing our revenues, expenses, financial policies and processes.

**Outreach** is all about sharing our valuable skills to help our communities.

**Marketing** is responsible for getting our messages and offerings to the right member at the right time.

**Programs** is helping our members learn and enable them to connect with peers in local settings.

**Volunteers** are the life blood of the Chapter, they allow us to do everything a member experiences.

**Operations** oversees all our various technologies and is critical to our sustainability.

Stay Connected with Your Chapter

- [https://www.linkedin.com/groups/699487/](https://www.linkedin.com/groups/699487/)
- [http://twitter.com/SNECPMI](http://twitter.com/SNECPMI)
- [https://snec-pmi.org](https://snec-pmi.org)
New Member Orientation and Networking Event Update

By Neil Weiss and Jenn Kirkwood

The New Member Orientation (NeMo) and Networking events on June 5 at the Library Wine Bar and Bistro in Wallingford were a continuation of the great conversation started at the previous events. We were so involved in meeting people that we forgot to take pictures. Next time we’ll do both!

Congratulations and welcome to new SNEC-PMI members: Ajit, Amanda, Arunachalam, Athalie, Brian, Sharon and Twinkle. A special shout out to Kehinde and Arunachalam for earning their PMPs last month.

It was wonderful to have Paul and Tom from the Programming portfolio at the Networking event to talk about upcoming educational opportunities and the revitalization of the Cromwell meeting. Another hot topic was about volunteering with the Chapter. We were able to answer a few questions and connect folks to the Volunteer Committee. At the August Networking event, we will have more information about volunteer opportunities and the process for getting involved. Volunteering with the Chapter is a great way to build leadership and management skills. If you just can’t wait, drop an email to volunteer@snec-pmi.org and let them know what you would like to do.

The purpose of the New Member Orientations (NeMos) is to give new members an overview of the PMI organization and the benefits of engaging with our Chapter. Questions about various certifications, PDU reporting, and much more are cheerfully answered. How can you get to a NeMo you ask? The Membership Committee sends email invitations to new members who joined the Southern New England Chapter in the last 18 months. If you joined the Chapter in the last year or so and did not have a chance to attend, please contact us at membership@snec-pmi.org.

Everyone is welcome at the Networking event to socialize with fellow project management professionals in our area. It is a chance to get the pulse of project management across our various industries – aviation, pharma, transportation, insurance, product management, healthcare, financial services, manufacturing, marketing, engineering, cyber security, utilities, and IT. An added benefit for Chapter members; when you sign-in and pre-register; there is no cost to attend!

Registration is open for the next Networking Event Wednesday, August 7 at Dakota’s in Rocky Hill. Click Here for More Information and to Register.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Special Announcement - SNEC-PMI Board is Accepting Nominations Through July 31, 2019

To all SNEC members: Please consider the opportunity to serve on the board. It is a great opportunity to learn and contribute to the future of the Chapter.

From our President Mary Frances, "Election time is a great time to express your interest in the Chapter and take a moment to participate as a volunteer BOD member... As in any election process, our Chapter leadership represents the voice of our Members and functions to support and grow our membership community."

Please click on the website link here, and submit your Statement of Interest Form today!

Final date to submit Statements of Interest: July 31, 2019
Candidate Profiles available for member review: August 7, 2019
Polls Open - Ballots available and e-mailed to membership: August 12, 2019
Last day to vote - polls close at midnight: September 1, 2019
Do you have a passion for helping others? Are you looking to make a valuable contribution to one of your peers in the SNEC community? If so, we would love to meet you at our Mentoring Re-Launch Party, July 30th in Rocky Hill, CT!

Registration is now open - Please check out all of the details on our web site.

Mentoring is a formal, structured, program for chapter members only and we will be looking for Mentors as well as Mentees.

Help give others a leg up.

Share your passion.

Be a SNEC Mentor!

For more details contact mentoring@snec-pmi.org
SNEC-PMI – Key Professional Development Highlights  
By Svetlana Veprinsky, Board Member - Professional Development

Professional Development, Continuing Education and Special Events

During recent years, PMI global organization has been emphasizing its focus on each individual member and to support this objective, SNEC’s Professional Development, Continuing Education and Special Events Committee has served and continues to serve the individual needs of our current and aspiring members as well as the guests who look to our chapter for educational and professional development. Our goal is to meet and exceed the member’s professional development needs through courses and events that take into consideration the member’s career aspirations, industry specific needs, geographic and demographic diversity and price point.

The Education Committee offers programs and courses that help our members attain academic credentials and fulfill their continuing education goals while providing a cost effective way to earn Professional Development Units (PDUs). The portfolio of classes currently consists of basic and advanced project management training, refresher courses and advanced certification programs.

We select the most qualified and experienced instructors and reputable PMI registered education providers to ensure the most effective presentations as well as high quality content and materials in order to achieve the best learning experience for our members and non-members.

During the second half of 2019, we will offer PMP/CAPM Exam Preparation, Certified Scrum Master (CSM) Certification and Certified Scrum Product Owner (CSPO) classes in multiple locations throughout the state. In September, we are proud to present an exciting, full-day Special Event with Nabil Doss, an expert in Influential Communication known as “The French Voice of the Paramount Pictures of Canada”. He scripted, voiced, directed and produced hundreds of Hollywood blockbuster promotional trailers. At this event titled “Express the Extraordinary” he will introduce the audience to a fresh, creative approach to influencing project teams not previously offered through the chapters in New England.

Be sure to look for the event postings on our website and the event calendar and don’t miss the opportunity to enroll.

Marketing Team News!

The SNEC marketing team met weekly throughout the month of June to discuss and identify ways to enhance and promote communications related to Chapter events, maintaining Professional Development Units, learning of local job opportunities, preparing for PMP credentials and volunteer opportunities.

We acknowledged that the SNEC website and email communication of SNEC events are great tools to communicate with our membership, however, we strongly felt that we also needed to add social media as another powerful tool to increase engagement with the SNEC membership.

We understand that our members are very active on social media and we want to make it convenient for our members to click on our facebook page, Instagram page, linkedin page to find SNEC events and project management information relevant to their needs. For this endeavor, we are seeking two volunteers with social media expertise or eager to learn and become our social media point of contact.

For more information, please contact Betty Girasulo at betty.girasulo@snec-pmi.org.
SNEC-PMI PM Conference and Workshop Wrap-Up
By Teresa Vegliante, Conference PM

The 14th Annual Project Management Conference is in the books and I want to thank all who attended. Once again the conference participants had an opportunity to start off the day with inspirational words from Bonnie St John, which set the tone for the rest of the conference. Neil Whitten delivered a fireside afternoon keynote that demonstrated the value of work/life balance. Wrapping up the day was Belinda Goodrich who provided attendees advice on how to achieve agility to achieve personal and career goals.

Of course the day two workshops lead by Neil Whitten, Julie Kowalski, Melissa Wisner and Sinikka Waugh rounded out another successful conference!

I want to thank all the breakout session speakers who brought us though the PMI Talent Triangle with topics covering Leadership, Technical and Strategic Competencies; without your contributions we would not be able to provide the value we do each year! Thank you to our sponsors whom not only provide us with tools and techniques, but the funding required to deliver such a valuable professional conference. I also want to acknowledge all the SNEC-PMI volunteers and Board members whose consistent and dedicated efforts has created a quality and efficient conference experience year after year. Finally, my thanks to all the great chapter members and other attendees who provide the network opportunities, the questions and interactions with our speakers and sponsors, and their feedback to continue to improve our premier event.

It is always a sincere pleasure and privilege to be part of a great organization and to work on a successful endeavor as the conference! I look forward to seeing everyone again next year!

The 2020 conference team is excited about incorporating some new ideas based on your feedback into next year’s conference — more news to come!
Bonjour d'Ottawa, Ontario!

SNEC delegates Jenn Kirkwood, Neil Weiss, and Svetlana Veprinsky traveled over 800 miles to Ottawa, Canada to attend the PMI Leadership Institute Region 3 Meeting 2019 or LIR3M for short.

Just as SNEC is a resource to our Members for support and development, PMI established Regions to provide a network and educational opportunities supporting the thousands of Chapter leaders around the globe. Region 3 is comprised of 18 Chapters in the northeastern corner of North America (Toronto to Nova Scotia and the New England states from Connecticut to Maine) representing nearly 30,000 PMI members.

The theme was Power of the Past - Force of the Future, as PMI celebrates its 50th year! Or as they say in Ottawa Le pouvoir du passé - La force du futur, alors que le PMI fête ses 50 ans!

Like our annual conference, at LIR3 there were keynote speakers and peer-led sessions where they shared best practices and challenges covering many topics including: communications, social media, leadership lessons, securing corporate sponsorship, and engaging PM Pros and “Next Gen” PMs.

Kristin Hodgson, PMI Manager, Chapter Development was the first keynote speaker and she shared a high-level overview of PMI’s reorganization as Sunil Prashara became the new president and CEO of PMI. We’ll all be hearing more about their renewed focus on Member customer experience and strategy and growth to ensure PMI remains a resilient organization.

The closing keynote speaker was Cathi Hight, President Hight Performance Group, Inc. She spoke about the importance of listening rather than simply hearing others. Just as there are different leadership styles there are different listening styles too – Appreciative, Empathic, Discerning, Comprehensive, and Evaluative. Each should be employed thoughtfully as is appropriate to the environment and the players involved.

Some of our takeaways from the breakout sessions include:

- Helping our members with their PMP Applications
- Creating proposals for Corporate Sponsorship
- Using Social Media to engage our members

It wasn’t all work. We learned about Ottawa through a historic scavenger hunt. We teamed up with the Canada's Technology Triangle Chapter. It was a fun tour of the city of Ottawa and our team took 1st Place!!!

The conference was a great experience. Next year, we will be in Vermont as the PMI Champlain Valley Chapter will host our next Regional meeting.
Lower Fairfield County Chapter Meeting

Stamford Hospital – The Innovation and Transformation of Constructing a New Healthcare Facility

When: Tuesday, October 8, 2019
Time: 5:30pm to 8:00pm
Location: UCONN - Stamford Campus *
1 University Place
Art Gallery Room
Stamford, CT 06901
Speaker: John Rossi, Executive Director, Information Services and Security
PMs: Ben Wolf and Neil Weiss
PDUs: 1.5 PDU - Strategic and Business Management

* UConn Stamford parking lot is across the street on Washington Boulevard and free. Alternatives include (a) the Target parking garage at 33 Broad Street (there is a parking fee) or (b) street parking may also be available – bring quarters for the parking meters.

Agenda:
5:30 - 6:00 pm Doors Open and Check-in/Networking
6:00 - 6:30 pm Introductions & Dinner
6:30 - 7:15 pm Presentation
7:15 - 8:00 pm Q&A

Note: Members must LOGIN to website prior to registering to obtain their $10 discount.

Stamford Health’s Information Technology Department was Voted Connecticut’s “Healthcare’s Most Wired” for two years in a row.

Learn about the project management of constructing a new “state-of-the-art” healthcare facility – Stamford Hospital. Get to know some of the challenges and successes for building a new “state-of-the-art” hospital from the ground up.

Some points/questions that will be discussed are:

• How long did it take?
• How difficult was it to coordinate the construction with clinical requirements?
• Technology Project Planning – State of the art Video/Audio teleconferencing
• Moving clinical areas to their new space and how to manage patient care during the move

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John Rossi - Executive Director, Information Services & Security Officer

John is responsible for developing and implementing an expansion strategy for growth at Stamford Hospital. He provides leadership support to 54 professionals in execution of diverse IT strategies and 24 x 7 operational support for two hospitals and 26 community practices. He has previously worked at Prodigy Service as a manager, GE Asset Management as a Chief Technology officer, GMO as a Senior Technology Leader, and Resource Search Company as a Chief Technology Officer and Consultant.

At each of these positions he has established himself as a leader for change and driver for innovation. He seeks progression and development in each project he takes on. He received his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Iona College.
Getting to Know You

SNEC members will have the opportunity to learn more about the individuals who represent and volunteer for the SNEC chapter. Starting with this issue of the SNEC newsletter, we are introducing the “Getting to Know You” questionnaire. This questionnaire consists of 12 random questions that required candid answers.

Initially, we will be inviting and “getting to know” members of the SNEC Board, SNEC Leadership and SNEC portfolio managers and gradually we will extend it to all other volunteers. Answers will be shared in the upcoming issues of the SNEC newsletter.

Name: Michael G. Smith

How long you have been a SNEC member? Since May 2001 (18+ years)

What is your current SNEC role and how long have you been on this role? Chief Technology Officer since 2010

#1: What was your first job? Delivering newspapers for the Hartford Times (an afternoon paper long since gone)

#2: Have you ever met anyone famous? Maya Moore, UConn and WNBA basketball legend when she was still in High School

#3: What are you reading right now? The Wall - A Christian Fantasy written by colleague and SNEC member, Rick Stockwell

#4: If you could pick up a new skill in an instant what would it be? Ability to be a polyglot

#5: Who’s someone you really admire? My Dad - he’s the smartest, gentlest, most giving person I know.

#6: Got any favorite quotes? Giddy Up! ~Kramer on Seinfeld (and about a million more)

#7: What was your favorite band 10 years ago? Pink Floyd (still)

#8: What’s your favorite family tradition? Watching “It’s a Wonderful Life” during the holiday season

#9: Who had the most influence on you growing up? My Dad, followed by my High School math teacher

10: What’s your favorite place you’ve ever visited? Hong Kong

#11: What’s the best advice you’ve ever heard? Pay Yourself First

#12: What’s your favorite breakfast cereal? A three egg omelet? (I don’t eat breakfast cereals... Frosted Flakes when I was a kid)

Be sure to visit the SNEC Upcoming Events page to keep up with all the great activities the Chapter offers!
NEW SNEC-PMI CHAPTER MEMBERS
April 2019 through June 2019

Rachid Akiki
Ruth Arnold
Ursula Arroyo
Aldo Bacchiocchi
John Beas
Gregory Bennett
Antoinette Blunt
Romana Brigante
Isabel Cancel
Kristen Capuzzo
Carol Carnegie
Tim Carreira
Athalie Cayo
Mary Lynn Connelly-Sawicki
Amanda Couture
John Cunningham
James Davis
Rodney Davis
Mark DeMaio
Adam Diener
Gidley Dorlus
Wynne Dudley
Jeffrey Dunn
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Cyril Embil
Sarah Enoch
Paul Fecteau
Christopher Fitzgerald
Aaron Foster
Stephanie Fuda
Brianna Girard
Michael Giuggio
David Goodfellow
Stephen Grant
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Marina Henninger

Jason Jacaruso
Thomas Kim
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Michelle Landry
Lucilia Leandres
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Carin Mournighan
Brendan Murphy
Jemaa Mwinila-Yuori
Mazogole Nathalie
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Maulik Prabhakar
Girish Kumar Pushpakaran Nair
Djana Qaja
Antonio Raimundo
Harsha Reddy
Cory Rogers
Joseph Ruotolo
Elisabeth Schlegel
Udayabharathi Shrivastava
Michael Sleet
Mark Smith
Eric Smith
Clifton Stalph

Cheryl Steuhl
Devin Sullivan
Geoffrey Thomas
Bersabeh Tigabu
Gerald Torres
Amy Walz
Nathaniel Wiessner
Benjamin Wolf
Vasilios Zaharis
Felipe Zapata-Roldan
## SNEC-PMI MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

SNEC-PMI would like to acknowledge long term chapter members celebrating their 5, 10 and 15+ year anniversaries from April 2019 through June 2019. Congratulations to everyone and thank you for your continued and valued membership!

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SNEC-PMI CERTIFICATION UPDATE

Congratulations from our Board of Directors and our Membership to those obtaining PMI Certifications April 2019 through June 2019 in our chapter:

Michelle Abrahamson, PMP®
Karin Bromley, PMI-PBA®
Jared Carey Alexis, PMP®
Wesley Carter, PMP®
Brian Cunningham, Jr., PMP®
Tracy Doran, PMP®
kehinde Falobi, PMP®
Thomas Fanciullo, PMP®
John Havens-McColgan, PMP®
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Arunachalam Ramasamy, PMP®
Mark Reider, PMP®
Amanda Renna, CAPM®
Michael Wilmes, PMP®

Membership Certification Facts

As of July 2019 we have 2,014 members! Of our members, 71% are certified, and of those 67% are PMPs.

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SNEC-PMI MISSION AND VISION

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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Seeking your PM Stories, Tips, Techniques or Experiences!

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Please feel free to submit a story, tip, technique, or experience that you have found particularly helpful as a project manager. Submit your content (50-250 words) to our editor at: content@snecc-pmi.org.

All items are subject to change at the discretion of the editor.