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Upcoming
Chapter Events!



Professional
Development Day
Update!



Meet Your New
Chapter Board!

Programs

Highlights from our January Town Hall

Public Membership Directory - More than a couple people mentioned the idea of sharing member information so it's easier to reach out. Diana had mentioned that we could create an opt in experience through the What's In App and create groups. We will visit this in the coming weeks as a solution to look into.

Creating Virtual PDD Option - We will investigate what our options are looking into the PDD this year. It is a topic that has come up a few times and we understand attending virtually is the only option for some people.

Monthly Meeting Communication - We socialized the idea of publishing a continuously updated schedule of meeting times and topics we have planned through a calendar season. Could help address people missing invites. Tina has taken this and published what we know for our events for the next 12 months and will continue to publish a new update every month.

PMI Offering Education - Were looking into a month where we can focus on helping everyone take advantage of their PMI membership and all it has to offer. Inquiring internally on the best way to do this.

Annual Planning / Strategic Goals - All of our planning surrounds member benefits, continued education and pursuing the excellence of PMI. If anyone has any questions around the direction of the chapter, goals or commitments I welcome them to reach out to us through the website or the president

PDU OPPORTUNITIES

Earn PDUs with Project Bites!

This is an exciting new offer we procured at the end of 2024 that benefits all of our members. You should have received an update from Tina on 1/14 that outlines the offering, its benefits with directions at the bottom of the email on how to sign up. This is **FREE** to all of us as PMI Montana members.

Project Bites Live

If you've signed up with Project Bites, you should be receiving emails about Project Bites LIVE. This is a monthly virtual discussion with Leaders in the PM world.

PDU CLAIM CODES

JANUARY TOWN HALL PDU CLAIM CODE:
C347SY0LTN

UPCOMING MONTHLY SESSIONS

APRIL: TBD

**MAY: DEMYSTIFYING STRESS
PRESENTED BY DAVE FRIEDMAN
VIRTUAL-NOON-MAY 13TH, 2025**

**OCTOBER: FROM A GOOD PM TO GREAT LEADER | PRESENT BY PROJECT BITES' DAVID BARRETT
VIRTUAL-NOON-OCTOBER 14TH, 2025**

SAVE THE DATE

2025 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY



WHAT SPEAKERS, TRAININGS, WORKSHOPS,
OFFSITE TOUR & MORE!

WHERE GREAT FALLS, MT

WHEN SEPTEMBER 25TH & 26TH, 2025



Susan

VP OF COMMUNICATIONS

“
**LEADERSHIP
IS LEAVING A
LEGACY—
THANK YOU
FOR YOURS!**

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Honoring Our Outgoing Board Members



Kina

VP OF FINANCE

As we welcome new leadership, we want to take a moment to express our sincere gratitude to the outgoing board members of the PMI Montana Chapter. Their dedication, hard work, and vision have been instrumental in shaping the success of our chapter and advancing the project management profession across the state. Over the years, these leaders have contributed their time, expertise, and passion, helping to create a thriving community where professionals can connect, learn, and grow.



Josh

PRESIDENT

We are deeply thankful for the countless hours they've invested in our chapter's initiatives, events, and programs. Their leadership has left a lasting impact, and while we will certainly miss their guidance, we are excited to carry forward the legacy they've built. On behalf of the entire PMI Montana Chapter, we wish them the very best in their future endeavors and look forward to the continued success of our chapter, inspired by their work.

A NEW ERA BEGINS: WELCOMING THE INCOMING BOARD MEMBERS OF PMI MONTANA



We are excited to introduce the newest members of the PMI Montana Chapter Board. These dedicated professionals bring a wealth of knowledge, experience, and fresh perspectives that will help drive our chapter's growth and success in the coming year. Their passion for project management and commitment to fostering a supportive community will undoubtedly make a lasting impact on our members.

As they step into their new roles, we look forward to the innovative ideas and leadership they will bring to our chapter. Together, we will continue to elevate the standards of project management, create meaningful networking opportunities, and empower professionals across Montana. Please join us in welcoming our new board members and wishing them great success in this new chapter of leadership!

MEET THE TEAM

MIKKI GOODHART PRESIDENT & VP OF MEMBERSHIP



Hello! My name is Mikki Goodhart, and I've been the VP of Membership for the past three years and currently the President Elect. During the time in my role, I have focused on membership growth, fostering stronger engagement within our chapter, and providing a point of contact for new chapter members. Previously I served as a branch lead, where I worked closely with branch members to ensure they felt supported and connected.

In my professional career, I work as a Learning and Development consultant in the healthcare industry, where I help develop and implement solutions to foster employee growth, development, and engagement through learning. I lean heavily on my project management experience in my career.

As a lifelong resident of the beautiful state of Montana, I enjoy being in nature and I have a passion for beekeeping, hiking, and hunting. I have two young daughters who keep me energized, busy, and remind me to take time to enjoy the simple things in life.



STEPHEN STANTON

VP OF FINANCE

I hail from Montana, traversed various states during my upbringing, ventured overseas during my Army service, and eventually circled back to Montana to settle down permanently. Though I was always destined to work in IT, it was unforeseen how prominently project leadership would feature in my career trajectory. Despite holding an undergraduate degree in business administration, a minor in computer science, and an MBA, I somehow was never introduced to the concept of professional project management during my education. My introduction to project management only came about upon joining Advanced Technology Group (ATG) in its nascent stages. This oversight by the educational system served as a pivotal driver for me to channel my energy into mentoring, educating, and fostering job creation within Montana. This commitment began at ATG, continues in my current role at The Whole Group, and extends to my commitment to PMI. Outside of work, my most cherished moments are those spent exploring the world alongside my family.

I firmly believe that kindness, inclusivity, and open-mindedness are fundamental values that guide our interactions with others. It's not about complicated strategies, political allegiances, or elaborate justifications; it's about doing what's inherently right. Open-mindedness allows us to welcome diverse perspectives, enriching our collective understanding and propelling us towards better outcomes. Additionally, I also believe that diversity of thought is instrumental in a team identifying optimal solutions and mitigating risks. This diversity not only fuels creativity but also ensures that we consider a broader range of possibilities, thus minimizing the potential for overlooking critical factors or falling into patterns of conventional thinking.

My introduction to PMI was through our now chapter president, Josh Pearson. During the early 2010's, Josh and I were both up and coming project managers at ATG. He persuaded me to participate in a study group for the CAP-M certification - though I never ended up seeing that through to the end. Back then, I harbored significant reservations about assuming the role of a project manager. In fact, my reluctance was such that I found myself delivering a talk on navigating the challenges of being a "reluctant PM" at a PDD event in Helena several years ago.

Over time, I found that I enjoyed serving in dual roles - such as PM and Solution Architect, and PM and Practice Lead. That led to me investing heavily in creating teams, tools, and frameworks that supported our project management practices at scale. With my reluctance finally gone, I joined the board of the PMI MT chapter in 2023.

TINA HART

VP OF PROGRAMS



I am an IT Project Manager III at DA Davidson, a Financial Services Firm based in Great Falls, MT. I have been the VP of Programs for one year now and have worked with the Chapter team to bring valuable monthly events to our membership. I have over 35 years of experience in almost every area of IT, the majority of that time spent in the newspaper industry. I graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor's Degree in Project Management. I joined PMI in 2019, earning my PMP in 2020. Other certifications include Six Sigma Green Belt, Professional Scrum Master and Product Owner, and ITIL. Additional training includes PMI's Wicked Problem Solving course and the Agile Hybrid Project Pro mini cert, Leadership Great Falls, and Foundations in Leadership 1 & 2 through the National Society of Leadership & Success (NSLS).

I am originally from Washington state, where I love to spend time on the coast. I enjoy running and being with my family which includes my husband, adult twins and one granddaughter.



DIANA LEE

VP OF MARKETING

Diana Lee, our new Marketing VP member works for a financial institution as a Senior IT Program Manager and brings a strong educational background with a BS in Marketing & Computer Information Management. Since 2013, she has been a member of the Project Management Institute (PMI), earning both a Project Management Professional (PMP) and Program Management Professional (PgMP) certification, along with additional certifications from other esteemed organizations.

This is her second term as a PMI Montana board member. She has previously served as the VP of Events. However, she will soon be transitioning to the role of VP of Marketing, where she is eager to bring her expertise and enthusiasm to further our mission.

In addition to her role with us, Diana also volunteers for two other non-profit organizations, demonstrating a strong commitment to giving back to the community. In her free time, she enjoys embarking on backcountry trips with her husband and horses in the breathtaking Bob Marshall Wilderness complex.

CHANI KNIGHT

VP OF EVENTS



Chani is a dynamic relationship builder, inspired leader, and seasoned project manager dedicated to fostering collaboration, enhancing efficiency, and promoting inclusivity across diverse industries. Her career journey began in nonprofit museum advancement and membership, evolved into event and wedding planning, and later turned to the marketing and advertising agency world where she honed brand strategy and business development skills while working with many clients in travel, nonprofit initiatives, healthcare, and lifestyle brands. Now, she is a certified Project Management Professional (PMP) and serves as the Director of Outreach & Engagement at Montana Pediatrics. Her strategic vision and passionate commitment to the organization's mission drives initiatives alongside a fantastic team who all play a key part in working to improve access to health care and health equity for all of Montana's children.

A strong believer in giving back, Chani is a board member for a local nonprofit called WorkshopMT, serves as an Ambassador for the local Kalispell Chamber, and looks to become more involved with the Montana PMI chapter. With her experience across many industries and disciplines, she is excited at the opportunity to further engage with Montana chapter members through increased involvement and connection and hopes to bring people together to feel supported and inspired by their career paths in project management - as well as by our expansive state's chapter!

In her down time, Chani enjoys reading, baking, and spending time outdoors hiking, paddle-boarding, or running yet another half marathon - But her favorite joys come from spending time with her husband, two dogs, and rescue Bengal cat on their land tucked outside of Kalispell.



WHITLEY NELSON

VP OF COMMUNICATIONS

With a strong foundation in leadership from military experience, Whitley is a dedicated project management professional and Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM). She holds a bachelor's degree in project management and discovered her passion for the field while working as a visual merchandising manager for H&M. There, she realized her natural talent for planning, organizing, and executing projects—a skillset that she has since refined into a thriving career.

As the Finance Officer for the City of Fort Benton, MT, Whitley applies her expertise in financial management, organization, and strategic planning to drive efficiency and success in every initiative. She thrives on turning challenges into opportunities and finding creative solutions to complex problems.

Beyond her professional life, Whitley enjoys running, spending time with her dogs, being on the river, throwing clay, and giving back through volunteer work. She brings the same energy and dedication to her hobbies as she does to her projects—always striving for excellence, whether on land, water, or in the studio.