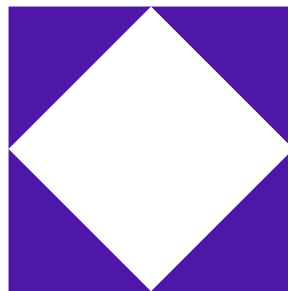
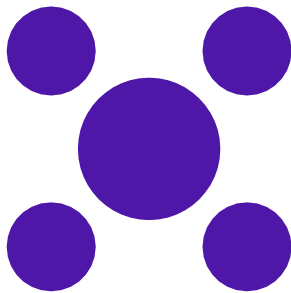


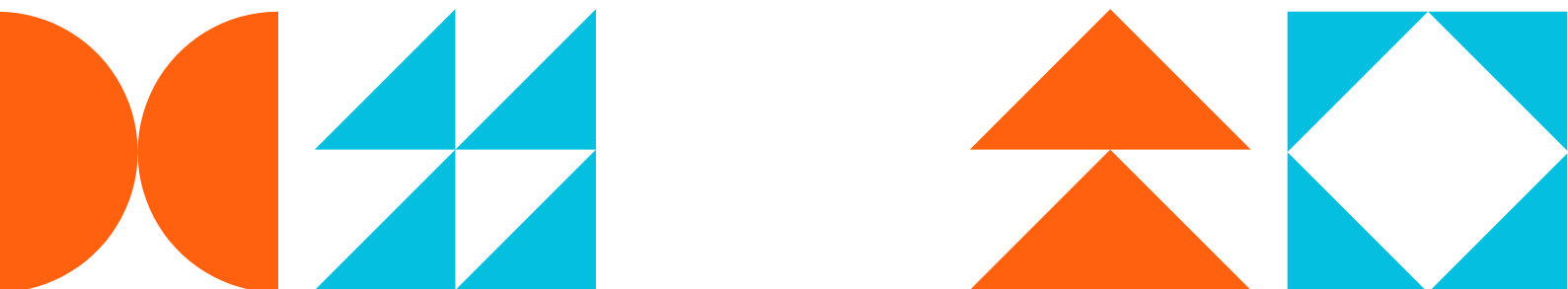


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Chapter President

Dear PMI North Sask Members,

I would like to begin by wishing everyone a happy and healthy upcoming holiday season. With 2023 seeming to be one of the busiest years in recent memory I'd like to extend a thank you to our volunteers for going above and beyond this year to support the chapter while balancing their professional and personal lives. Volunteering can sometimes be a thankless job however it is important to give back to the community where we work and play.



As we wrap up the final quarter of 2023, I wanted to take a moment to highlight some of the significant accomplishments and events that have shaped our chapter over the past four months. It's been an exciting period of growth and development for the PMI North Sask chapter.

We kicked off the quarter with resounding success at our Professional Development Day held on November 9. With over 90 attendees, the event proved to be a remarkable opportunity for knowledge sharing, networking, and skill enhancement within our community. The positive feedback we received speaks volumes about the dedication and enthusiasm of our members towards continuous learning and professional advancement.

In December, we successfully held our Annual General Meeting (AGM) virtually. Chapter financial performance, proposed chapter bylaw updates and our vision for the chapter heading into 2024 were reviewed during the meeting. Our proposed chapter bylaw updates have been submitted to PMI Global and approved and are now in the hands of you, the chapter members. Please take the time to vote as polling closes on January 11th, 2024. You should have received an email on December 11th with instructions on how to vote, however if you did not, please reach out to me directly at president@pminorthsask.com.

As we step into a new year, I am inspired by the collective commitment and passion exhibited by each of you. Together, we've laid a solid foundation for continued growth and success in 2024. I encourage you all to remain engaged and actively involved as we navigate future endeavors and continue to elevate our chapter to new heights. We will conduct our annual planning session for 2024 in early January. If you are interested in volunteering with the chapter, this would be an amazing introduction into our operation!

Warm regards,

Joel Goy, PMP, P.Eng

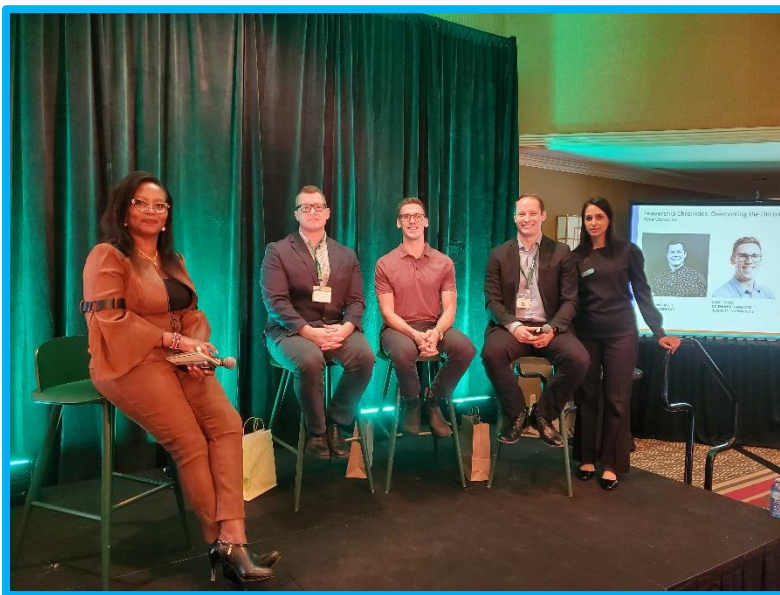
Dear PMI North Sask Members,

PDD 2023

Thank you for helping make PDD 2023 a success!

This year's PDD was truly exceptional! The speakers delivered engaging and informative sessions, with a central emphasis on innovative approaches to project management.

Special recognition goes to our volunteers, sponsors, and speakers for their crucial contributions, and heartfelt thanks to the engaged participants who enriched our discussions. Together, your collaborative efforts have had a lasting impact on our professional community!



PROJECT OF THE YEAR

And the winner is...

Cadence

March is the recipient of the 2023 Project of the Year Award for the new application to simplify and automate the currently manual, overwhelming and time-consuming work related to settling the estate of a deceased.

In addition to the overall highest score, the project was rated highest in the Community Impact category.

You can read more about this project here:

Cadence [Legacy Planner](#) & [Executor Assistance](#).



LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR? HOW YOU CAN LEARN ABOUT 2023 POY

- Please see the PMI-NSC website link for more information: [Project of the Year Award | PMI North Saskatchewan Chapter](#)
- The volunteer team has been reaching out to networks and contacts in our community to share POY information and to encourage you to submit your projects!
- Be on the lookout for POY posts on our social media pages and please like, share, comment, and tag!

Reminder! 🛎 Excellence in project management is not only found in large scope, billion-dollar projects – it can show itself in any project. We want to celebrate the people and projects in our community, so we ask you to consider how excellence was shown in your projects that fit the submission criteria and please.... send them in!

NEW VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT

Bahati Chisala-Nyekanyeka

CURRENT POSITION WITH PMI:

Director of Recognition

CURRENT ROLE:

Research Project Manager, USASK, Department of Plant Sciences

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS:

BSc in Biology, MSc in Biotechnology, MBA

DOMAIN / INDUSTRY KNOWLEDGE:

Project Management – Bioscience Research



TESTIMONIAL:

Since June 2023, I've proudly held the title of Research Project Manager, bringing over 15 years of experience to the table. Throughout my career, I've been deeply involved in various bioscience projects, wearing different hats within project teams. My journey has taken me through the Federal Government, Private, and Public Health sectors, where I've gained valuable exposure and successfully delivered bioscience research-based projects.

Joining the PMI North Saskatchewan Chapter in April 2023 was a fantastic decision for me. It's been a great way to connect with fellow professionals in project management and boost my engagement in the field. Moreover, being a part of the chapter allows me to give back to the community and soak in insights from others.

In my current role as Director of Recognition, I'm on a journey of discovery. I'm learning firsthand about the immense value of acknowledging the dedication of volunteers who generously contribute their time to keep the chapter running smoothly. My goal is to infuse a sense of fun into our activities, creating enjoyable environments where all chapter volunteers can actively participate and, most importantly, feel genuinely appreciated. I believe that a positive and fun atmosphere enhances our collective impact and strengthens our community spirit.

MEMBER EVENTS

1. 2023 AGM

Hopefully you had the opportunity to join us at our 2023 AGM which was conducted on December 12, 2023. During the AGM we reviewed the operations from 2023, presented the FY 2023 financials and the outgoing and incoming Board of Directors.

2. Luncheon Presentation – January 16, 2024

Unlock Leadership Excellence! Join our event - 'Mastering Project Leadership & Impromptu Speaking Workshop.' Learn real-world strategies from a Project Manager's Toastmasters journey. Elevate your communication, leadership skills, and master impromptu speaking. Don't miss this opportunity to transform into a more effective and influential leader. Join us for practical insights and real-world applications. [Event info.](#)

3. PMIXPO – Virtual Experience Series 2024 – March, 21

PMXPO 2024 is your gateway to the latest industry insights. Hear from influential PMI leaders as they share the latest on the project profession to support you in positioning yourself as a project professional leader. Stay ahead of the curve by immersing yourself in the hottest trends shaping the project management industry and learn how you can unleash the power of AI to discover new ways of working. Power skills are the cornerstones of effective project management and PMXPO 2024 is dedicated to elevating your skills through expert-led discussions, engaging sessions, and real-world case studies. This year's PMXPO is not just a virtual event, it's a dynamic experience designed to empower project professionals to excel in the ever-evolving landscape of project management. [Event info.](#)



Explore Online Archives: Access Recordings of Past Events

AGM and PDD recordings now available on our website! All luncheon presentations are free for members, and PDD sessions can be accessed for just \$15. Unlock valuable insights today!

<https://www.pminorthsask.com/webinars>

1. Earn on demand PDUs - Webinars are live on the PMI North Sask Website!

Did you miss the chance to join us at February Luncheon Presentation 2023? We are now offering the chance to watch the recorded events and earn PDUs! Watch for future webinars as we look to add value to your North Sask membership.

- Click this [link](#) to view the available webinars
- Select the webinar you wish to view and complete the purchase (must be logged in)
- Once the purchase is complete, go to 'my videos' under your name drop down on the top right of the page
- Once you have viewed the webinar, you will manually claim your PDUs through the PMI.org website

2. Authorized Training Partners with PMI

PMI Authorized Training Partners (ATPs) are organizations that we have approved to offer:

- Project Management Professional (PMP)[®] certification exam prep for the exam
- Disciplined Agile[®] training
- Courses that offer PDUs to maintain your PMI certification.

[Learn more.](#)

3. The Official PMI Blog

Perspectives on working in new ways and turning ideas into reality. [Read more here.](#)

4. Helpful Articles and Resources

[Global Project Management Job Trades 2023](#) - pmi.org

[8 Ways to Reduce Mental Load as a Project Manager](#) – pmi.org

[20 Must-Read Articles From 2023](#) - pmi.org

[Agile Superpower #1: Focus on Collaborative Teamwork](#) – pmi.org

[How to Fearlessly Lead a Multi-Generational Team](#) – pmtraining.com

[Building Resilience in Your Professional Life](#) - pmtraining.com

[Make New Year's Resolutions Your Company Can Keep](#) – fastcompnay.com

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Want to get involved?

Board Members and Directors provide important support for the Chapter.

What's involved in being a volunteer?

Build relationships with members and volunteers through effective stakeholder communications:

- Attend all Chapter events, when possible, such as AGM, dinner, and lunch meetings.
- Ensure timely payment to the vendors and service providers they engage.
- Adhere to Chapter policies and bylaws.
- Transition to their successor at the end of term for their position.

Board Member responsibilities:

- Chair the Portfolio Committee, enabling it to work harmoniously and decisively together with all members.
- Participate in regular meetings and other business of the Chapter.

Director responsibilities:

- Build good relationships with members and volunteers through effective stakeholder communication.
- Report to Board Member responsible prior to monthly Board and Director meeting.
- Manage initiatives specific to the Directorship position.
- Provide feedback to President-Elect for improvements to the roles and responsibilities.

VP Volunteers

The Vice President of Volunteers is responsible for addressing the needs of the volunteers, including recruitment, retention, recognition, and leadership development training and support, in accordance with Chapter policies and bylaws.

[More about the VP Volunteer role](#)

Director of New Members

Director of New Members is responsible for assignment of and oversight of the Membership committee members.