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CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

I hope this message finds you well and you are staying warm. It's hard to believe how quickly this year has flown by -2026 is now just a few weeks away.

The past few months have been both extraordinary and busy for our Chapter team. In September, we hosted our first in-person supper event, which was very well received. Much of our summer and early fall was dedicated to planning **Professional Development Day 2025**, which took place on **October 23, 2025**. We were thrilled to welcome **150 attendees**—one of the highest turnouts for a PDD event in recent years.



To everyone who joined us, thank you. We hope you gained valuable insights from the sessions and enjoyed connecting with fellow professionals. I would also like to extend heartfelt appreciation to our dedicated PDD Committee, who worked tirelessly since February 2025 to bring this event to life.

In November, we introduced our first **exclusive networking supper event**, which received overwhelmingly positive feedback. We look forward to continuing this engaging format in 2026.

Our **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** is scheduled for **December 11, 2025**, during the lunch hour. If you haven't registered yet, please do—this meeting will include key updates, financial highlights, and an opportunity to connect directly with the Board and ask questions. Your participation is an important part of shaping our Chapter's future.

As always, thank you for being part of our vibrant and growing community. Your commitment and engagement are what keep our Chapter thriving.

Warm regards,

Rohan Suresh, MBA, PMP

President, PMI North Saskatchewan

CHAPTER NEWS

Thank You for a Successful Professional Development Conference 2025!

Thank you to everyone who joined us on **October 23, 2025**, for our Professional Development Conference themed "Future-Proofing Project Management: Al, Agility & Adaptation." It was a powerful day filled with learning, connection, and forward-thinking insights. From the inspiring keynote on resilience to breakout sessions exploring Al, productivity, and ethical leadership, our speakers delivered practical tools and fresh perspectives to help us navigate the evolving project landscape.

A heartfelt thank you to our participants, speakers, sponsors, and dedicated volunteers for making this event a true success. Your engagement and support continue to strengthen our project management community.

Recap of Speed Networking Event:

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our dynamic **Speed Networking Event**—an evening designed to help members expand their professional circles, share insights, and spark new opportunities. Through high-energy, fast-paced conversations, participants connected with fellow project professionals across industries, exchanging ideas, experiences, and career wisdom in a fun and efficient format.

We're thrilled to share that the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. Participants called it "one of the most engaging events we've held in a long time," and praised it as "a great event" and "an amazing evening." We're excited to see this event become a favourite—and one worth keeping on the books for next year!

A big thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to such a vibrant, collaborative atmosphere. Your enthusiasm continues to strengthen our chapter community.





MEMBER EVENTS

Stay engaged with the Chapter through these upcoming events. Mark your calendars and join us to expand your network and enhance your project management skills! Visit the <u>events calendar</u> to register for these events.

Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2025

Our **2025 Annual General Meeting (AGM)** will take place on **Thursday, December 11**. Members are invited to join as we review the past year's accomplishments, discuss upcoming initiatives, and address member feedback. Your participation is essential to shaping the future of our chapter. Register here to receive more info. We look forward to seeing you there!

Annual Survey

As we prepare for our upcoming annual planning, we'd love to hear your thoughts. Please take a few minutes to complete our <u>Planning Survey</u> so we can better align our events and initiatives with your interests and needs. Thank you for helping us make the year ahead even better.



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- Session 2 (March 13) Leadership, Build & Support Project Teams
- Session 3 (March 19) Scope & Schedule, Budget & Resources
- Session 4 (March 26) Quality of Products, Communications, Risks & Issues
- **Session 5** (March 27) Procurement, Stakeholders, Business Environment Domain
- BONUS: Agile Session (March 10) 2 Hours

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NEW VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT

Marcela Vera Solf

CURRENT POSITION WITH PMI

Director, Social Media - Oct, 2025

Previously - Member, POY Committee (Aug, 2025)

CURRENT ROLE:

Strategy & Change Management Consultant

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS:

Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering · PMP®

DOMAIN/INDUSTRY KNOWLEDGE:

Project Management · Change Management · Leadership & Capability Development · AI-enabled Productivity · Agile & Adaptive Execution

TESTIMONIAL:

I'm a Strategy & Change Management Consultant with over 10 years of experience leading go-to-market execution, E-Commerce, and large-scale cross-functional projects in the CPG industry. I help leaders and organisations adopt new ways of working and build the capabilities they need to achieve their goals.

I believe change is no longer confined to siloed projects with fixed timelines. Progress comes from constant experimentation, testing, learning, and adapting as part of everyday work. The key is creating flexible systems, guided by adaptive leaders.

I joined PMI North Saskatchewan because I believe we are all project managers in some way, and that the tools, structure, and community PMI provides help us become better professionals. In a world that moves quickly and often feels uncertain, my goal is to contribute by bringing clarity, connecting people, and fostering a sense of shared responsibility. I'm grateful to be part of this chapter and excited to support the growth of our local PM community!



SPONSOR HIGHLIGHTS

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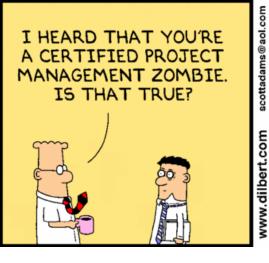
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Saskatchewan Polytechnic

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PMI Resources

Explore the **Resources** tab on PMI.org to access a wide range of tools designed to support your professional growth. Grouped into **Discover & Learn**, **Connect & Contribute** and **Grow Your Career**, you'll find templates, insights, and thought-leadership content to help you stay current with industry trends; Links to PMI's global community spaces, collaboration platforms, and opportunities to engage with peers; and career resources, like the Career Navigator tool, and support for military personnel looking to transition. These resources are designed to help you learn, connect, and advance at every stage of your project management journey. More information here.

PMI Job Board

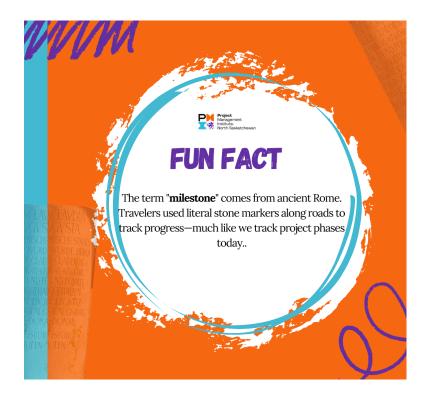
The **PMI® Job Board**, is a global career-center where project professionals can browse thousands of open positions across industries and regions. It also offers tools to help you stand out — including a resume review, a career-planning portal, and career-coaching and job-search resources. It's a great place to explore new opportunities and advance your project-management career. <u>More info.</u>

PMI Learning

Whether you want to boost your leadership skills, enhance Project Management capabilities, or take the next step in your career, unlock your potential with PMI-provided expert-led courses. These learning resources, tailored for Project Managers by Project Management experts, are available both in-person and virtually for all PMI members. Learn more in the Learning tab here.

PMI Global Events

Connect with project professionals worldwide, expand your knowledge, sharpen your skills, and build lasting relationships while discovering how maximising project success can elevate our world. Explore a variety of events designed to inspire and elevate your project success. Visit the <u>PMI events page</u> to learn about and register for such events.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Want to get involved?

Board Members, Directors and committee members 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 Directors meeting.
- Manage initiatives specific to the Directorship position.
- Provide feedback to President-Elect for improvements to the roles and responsibilities

Available Positions:

Director of Professional Development Events

Director of Professional Development Events is responsible for organising and delivering one or more Professional Development Day(s). More here">here

Director of Education

The Director of Education is responsible for certifications - supporting candidates in achieving their designation(s). More here.