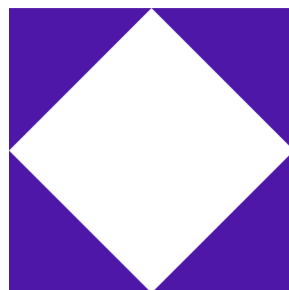
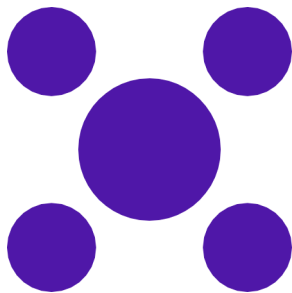




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CHAPTER PRESIDENT

As we close out an incredibly active second quarter, I want to thank our members for their continued engagement. Our focus this spring remained firmly on professional growth and community, and the results have been outstanding.

Professional Development & Education

On June 16, we hosted our Spring Virtual Professional Development Day, "Rising Above the Noise." With nine expert speakers and three tracks, it was a fantastic opportunity to sharpen our leadership skills. If you registered but missed a session, recordings remain available for the next three months for you to earn PDUs on your own schedule.

I also wanted to give a shout out to Garricks Elechi for taking the lead on bringing back the PMP study group. This was the first session in over five years and was a great success.



Leadership Update

I am pleased to welcome Bailey Doucette as our new VP Finance. We are excited to have Bailey's expertise on the leadership team! At the same time, I want to extend my sincere gratitude to Artak Babayan for his dedicated service as our outgoing VP Finance (among other positions over the years). Thank you for your hard work and the lasting contributions you have made to our chapter's operational success.

Stay Connected

It is great to see new members connecting at our quarterly virtual new member orientations. If you are new to the chapter or just want to hear the latest info please find this event on the website calendar. We will also be hosting our annual member appreciation event in July and I look forward to seeing some familiar and new faces.

Warm regards,
Joel Goy, P.Eng, PMP
Chapter President PMI
North Saskatchewan

PMI Chapter Introduction

PMI North Saskatchewan Chapter is a volunteer-led community for project, program, and change leaders across northern Saskatchewan. Since our chapter was chartered in 2000, we have grown into a dynamic and diverse network recognized for professionalism in project management.

What does “member value” mean in practice? It means a steady rhythm of programs that support your growth, your network, and your impact:

Monthly Luncheon Speaker Meetings

These sessions bring in professionals to share real-world lessons on leadership, delivery, and the modern workplace and each luncheon is eligible for 1 PDU.

Annual Professional Development Day (PDD)

A signature, speaker-driven learning experience designed around timely topics and practical takeaways.

Certification support

We run a yearly PMP/CAPM Study Group that walks through key topics and creates accountability and momentum for exam preparation.

Member connection and onboarding

Orientation sessions help new members understand the chapter’s programs, PDUs, volunteer options, and how to get plugged in quickly.

Behind the scenes, the chapter is run by a volunteer board with dedicated officers and directors. Board and director roles are two-year terms, and the board meets about monthly to govern programs, manage finances, and improve member experience.

You can think of the chapter as your local “project learning lab”:

1. Learn something useful (a tool, a framework, a mindset),
2. Meet someone who can help (or whom you can help),
3. Put the learning into practice at work the next day.

If you are new here, welcome. If you have been with us for years, thank you for helping shape the culture of professionalism and service that keeps the chapter strong. No matter where you are in your career, your next step is simple: pick one way to engage this quarter: attend a luncheon, volunteer on a committee, or participate in a mentorship. [Join our Chapter](#)

RECOGNITION & TRANSITION

WELCOME TO THE TEAM

Bailey Doucette, VP Finance

Bailey will carry this important work forward, supporting the Chapter's financial leadership in the season ahead.



Thank you, Artak Babayan

Recognizing years of dedicated service to PMI-NSC

The PMI North Saskatchewan Chapter is grateful to recognize Artak Babayan for his dedicated volunteer service since 2018. Over the years, Artak has given his time and expertise across many parts of the Chapter beginning as Director of Volunteer Recognition, then serving as VP Volunteers, and contributing to several key committees and initiatives, including Project of the Year, Professional Development Day, and our volunteer recognition programs.

"Dedicated volunteer service since 2018."

Most recently, Artak served as VP Finance, where he supported the Chapter's financial operations with commitment, care, and a strong sense of stewardship. As he steps away from this role, we extend our sincere thanks for everything he has contributed to PMI-NSC.

Please join us in thanking Artak for his years of service and in welcoming Bailey to the role.

Fall PDD 2026

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

Elevate 2026

Power Skills for the Next Generation of Project Leaders

Join fellow project professionals for a full day of learning, connection, and inspiration at our flagship Fall PDC featuring keynote speakers from professional sport, leadership coaching, and strategic project delivery. Earn 7 PDUs and celebrate this year's Project of the Year.

DATE

Thu, Nov 5
2026

TIME

7:30 AM
to 4:30 PM

VENUE

Prairieland Park
Saskatoon, SK

EARN

7 PDUs
Power Skills

FEATURED SPEAKERS

Dr. Kimberley Amirault-Ryan

Performance Consultant to the NHL, NBA & Olympians

KEYNOTE: Excellence: Winners' Traits

Phil Jewell

Founder, Impact Leadership Development & Coaching

SESSION: The Irrelevant Leader: Leading by Letting Go

Amanda Dahl, PMP, ACP

Owner & Operator, Boost Consulting

SESSION: Linking Strategy to Projects

Reserve your seat at Elevate 2026

Full-day conference · 7 PDUs · Breakfast & lunch included

[Register Now](#)

Project of the Year 2026

AWARDS • 2026

Call for Nominations

Did your team deliver something remarkable?

Each year, PMI-NSC celebrates one outstanding project that demonstrates excellence in project management, leadership, and innovation delivering real value to its customer and lasting benefit to the organization or community. Now it's time to put yours forward.

PROJECT OF THE YEAR 2025

Colliers Project Leaders

Recognized for the Meadow Lake Recreational Co-op Centre showcasing leadership, innovation, and community impact.

IS YOUR PROJECT ELIGIBLE?

- ✓ Demonstrates excellence in one or more of PMI's 10 Performance Domains
- ✓ Successfully closed before August 30, 2026
- ✓ A non-recurring, non-operational project
- ✓ The project or company is located in Saskatchewan
- ✓ Delivered clear community and/or organizational benefits
- ✓ Showed leadership and/or innovation by the project manager and team
- ✓ Bonus: documented lessons learned

WHY NOMINATE

- ★ Share your project's success with the wider chapter community.
- ★ Winners present their project on stage at a PMI-NSC PDC event.
- ★ Receive an award and a social media spotlight from PMI-NSC.
- ★ Good, old-fashioned bragging rights for you and your team.

How the winner is celebrated: announced at the Fall 2026 PDC, presented with an award, invited to present the winning project, and featured across PMI-NSC's social channels.

Submit your project today

It only takes a few minutes to put your team forward.

Nominate Online



PMP Study Group 2026

Strctured Support for Exam Success

Program Highlights

- PMBOK® 8th Edition aligned
- Scenario-based practice
- Mentor-led discussions
- Peer accountability
- In-person sessions in Saskatoon

The PMI North Saskatchewan Study Group is designed for PMP candidates who are preparing for the certification exam and want a more practical, supportive, and focused learning experience. Rather than relying only on memorization, the program emphasizes principles-based decision-making, performance domains, and value delivery across predictive, hybrid, and agile project environments.

What makes this program especially valuable is its practical and collaborative approach. Participants benefit from scenario-based practice, guidance from experienced PMI chapter mentors, and insights drawn from recent PMP exam writers. The study group also creates a supportive cohort where peer learning and accountability help candidates stay motivated throughout their preparation journey.

Sessions include short concept refreshers, facilitated discussion of PMP-style situational questions, analysis of answer choices using PMI logic, and practical discussion around tailoring, ethics, leadership, and value delivery. The delivery model includes one open house and five in-person study sessions, each designed to give participants structured preparation and meaningful discussion.

2026 Study Group Schedule

**29 August 2026
2:00–4:00 PM**



**Cosmo Civic Centre
Meeting Room B
3130 Laurier Drive,
Saskatoon**



**Reserve Your
Spot Now!**



FUN FACT

Project Management Trivia

The first formal Gantt Chart was developed by Henry Gantt over 100 years ago and it's still one of the most widely used project planning tools today.