

Happy Holidays!

A message to the PMI Eastern Iowa Chapter  
from Saeko VonBehren, PMP, President\*





December 1, 2022

Hi Fellow PMI Eastern Iowa Chapter members,

I would like to take a moment to let you know of the leadership change that will be taking place at the PMI Eastern Iowa Chapter as I am rolling off at the end of 2022. Bob Sanders, MBA, PMP, will serve as the President for the Eastern Iowa Chapter starting 1/1/23. He has already served as the President for our chapter some time ago and you can be rest assured that he and his leadership team will continue providing you with great benefits that PMI and Eastern Iowa Chapter offer!

I have had the privilege and pleasure of serving as a leadership team member for the past 9 years. Out of those 9 years, serving as a board member for 8 years, and as the President for the past 4 years, I am absolutely proud of having grown and transformed the chapter into advancing our mission; promote the principles of the Project Management Institute through networking with other project managers, sharing project experiences, providing and receiving training, and supporting project managers in their certification efforts!





My whole goal as the President has been to build upon all the great successes that our former chapter leaders created, and to enhance the benefits that our members can utilize and reach out to prospective PM practitioners so that they can also become our members and receive the benefits we offer.

Some of the milestones that we achieved are an introduction of submitting members' PDUs on behalf of members for the PDDs, partnership with the PMI Authorized Training Partners (ATP), with IIL on IIL Advantage Program for the members' certification benefits, agility to offer the different mode for our programs in-person, virtual, and hybrid, and introduction of a mentorship program. As part of the welcome new members' initiative we have had for the past several years, I called over 200 new members throughout the past 4 years as the President and enjoyed getting to know the new members!

I also would like to recognize PMI and Eastern Iowa Chapter's culture of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. I have been living in the U.S.A. for 25 years (8 years were in Honolulu, Hawaii, and the rest are in Iowa). You might think about what made my family want to leave Hawaii! ☺ I do not recall any awkward situation because I look different as I am from Japan, even during COVID. Yes, I must admit that I have a thick skin and can be insensitive as I can sleep through an earthquake if it is under the Richter scale of 4 or 5. ☺

In my experience, the PMI and our chapter have been exercising Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion long before the term has become common.

I appreciate the camaraderie that you shared with me at the PMI global and local Chapter levels.

By the time you read this, I will be at the PMI's Global Conference in Las Vegas with Brian Tompkins, PMP, VP of Finance, to represent the Eastern Iowa Chapter. Since Bob Sanders, PMP, President-Elect decided not to go, the Board is giving me another chance to attend a PMI conference. We shall share what we learned!

Again, I sincerely thank you for letting me serve you. I know the chapter will continue keeping the momentum going, carrying forward into the future, and making us proud to be an association that is larger than ourselves!



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President, PMI Eastern Iowa Chapter

**See if you can spot you and your honorable friends  
in the pictures below! 😊**





# PMI 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrated During 2019 Easter Iowa Chapter Professional Development Day





# Virtual Monthly Professional Development Programs, Professional Development Day, and Virtual PMI Conference







# 2016 PMI Leadership Institute Meeting in San Diego, CA



# Eastern Iowa Chapter Hosted PMI Region 2 Meeting 2018







**2014 Professional Development Day**



## 2018 PMI Leadership Institute Meeting, Los Angeles, CA







## Monthly Professional Development Programs





## Eastern Iowa Chapter 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 2016







# Annual Strategic Planning



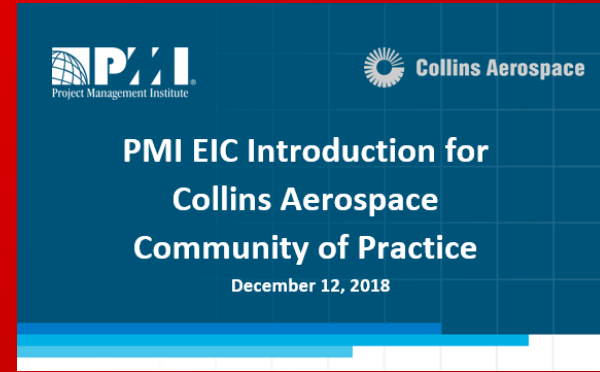


## 2019 PMI Region 2 Leadership Institute Meeting in Manitoba, Canada





# Supporting Project Management Community of Practice & User Groups in the Organizations in the Corridor





# 2019 PMI Leadership Institute Meeting & 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Philadelphia, PA





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Leadership  
Institute Meeting  
&  
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
in Philadelphia,  
PA





## Volunteer Dinner





# Eastern Iowa Chapter 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, in Iowa City, 2021





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# Annual Education Summit with Kirkwood Community Students

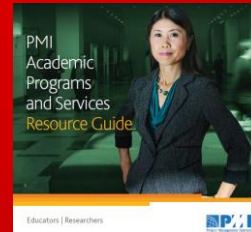


# 2017 Eastern Iowa Chapter Professional Development Day





# 2017 PMI Leadership Institute Meeting in Chicago, IL





# 2022 North America Leadership Institute Meeting in Orlando, FL





# 2022 Eastern Iowa Chapter Professional Development Day





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Thank you!

