PMI Northern Nevada Chapter

PMI Northern Nevada	**PMI-NNV Home** # Happy New Year! ## It's 2019 Get Ready for an Exciting Year
Chapter News **Monthly Dinner Meeting** **Non-Profits** **Monthly Lunch Meeting** **Upcoming Webinars** **Members**	## Volunteer Opportunity! Have you been wanting to help out the PMI NNV chapter but your schedule doesn't allow you to attend events? How about filling a virtual position as the Dinner Meeting Planner? This position is around a 1-2 hour commitment a month and can be done at home. This position will work closely with the VP of Member Services. The responsibilities are: • Reserve locations and schedule menus, etc. • Facilitate communication with meeting location. • Prepare business meeting presentation. (Doesn't have to present) If you are interested in this position, please email vp-members@pmi-nnv.org.
	New Poll Posted In our continuing effort to stay in touch with the membership, we post a monthly poll on the website. Have a look here. This month, we are looking for your input on the why you joined PMI-NNV.
	## First Dinner Meeting of the Year: A Panel Discussion on Benefits of Agile Development

Methodology- January 22, 2019 at Napa Sonoma Plumgate, Reno.

January 22, 2019 Dinner Meeting

This meeting will feature a panel discussion on the ways that organizations are using and benefitting from agile development methodology. Panel members are:

David Richards is an IT Project Manager in the Office of the Nevada Secretary of State, and President of the PMI-NNV chapter. He has several decades of experience as a software development director and software and IT program/project manager, mostly in higher education and associated not-for-profit organizations.

David discovered agile development in 2011 when his organization decided to utilize Scrum for the development of a highly strategic new product by several geographically distributed development teams. Initially a skeptic, he became convinced that agile methods are the best way to develop nearly all software.

He has a Ph.D. and M.S. in physics from the University of Michigan, a B.S. in physics from Alma College, and holds PMP and PMI-ACP certifications.

Heather Lucchesi is an Agile Coach, Scrum Master, SAFe Agilist, and Program Manager at Eyefinity/VSP with proven experience coaching and leading scrum teams using agile software development methodologies including Scrum and SAFe.

Heather enjoys helping teams improve performance and get things done. Having been a developer in a waterfall environment, she has seen the benefits to teams, companies, and product delivery timelines when development teams can self-organize, course correct, make a plan, and deliver using agile techniques. Six years ago, she fell into agile development as a project manager who joined a company that decided to move to Scrum and utilize the Scaled Agile Framework to synchronize teams.

She has a B.S. in Strategic Management from California State University, Sacramento, and holds several certifications including Agile Coach, Scrum Master, SAFe Agilist, Project Management Professional and Certified Paraoptometric.

Karen Michael is Business Portal Administrator in the Office of the Nevada Secretary of State. In this role, she oversees the Business Portal Division to establish through cooperative efforts with state agencies, local governments, health districts and businesses, the standards and requirements necessary to design, build and implement SilverFlume, Nevada's Business Portal.

Karen has an M.S. in Software Engineering from the University of Saint Thomas and a B.A. from the University of Virginia. Prior to her public service, she consulted for Fortune 500 organizations and operated her own business. She started her career in technology and management more than 20 years ago at Andersen Consulting in Minneapolis, MN.

Her industry certifications include PMI-ACP, CSP, CSM, CPSO, ITIL Foundation Certificate in IT Service Management, Nevada Information Security Professional, Nevada Certified Contract Manager, and NV Office of Project Management Change Ambassador. She is a member of the Society of Women Engineers and InfraGard.

Location: Napa Sonoma Plumgate - 550 W Plumb Ln, Reno, NV 89509

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Holiday Party on December 4

It was a rough traveling night, despite the weather, PM's come through! A lively evening at Napa Sonoma Plumbgate.

Message from our President

January 2019

Happy New Year everyone! It is hard to believe that it is 2019 already. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the formation of the Northern Nevada Chapter. In that time, we have grown from a small group of founding members to 270 today; I think that is pretty impressive! We plan to continue our regular fare of monthly lunch and dinner meetings, including a special event this spring to celebrate our anniversary. Our military outreach program is building momentum, providing resources to help those leaving the military to translate project management skills learned in that environment into certification and/or civilian employment. With so many military personnel in Northern Nevada, both veteran and active duty, our chapter is well-positioned for this community service. We also plan to continue our program of introduction to project management training for local not-for-profit organizations.

This month there are two chapter events planned: a lunch meeting at Napa-Sonoma South on January 15, and a dinner meeting at Napa-Sonoma Plumgate on January 22, at which Heather Lucchesi, Karen Michael, and I will hold a panel discussion on Agile. I plan to present a bit of a review on what Agile is, where it came from, and the set of best practices that have evolved over time. Karen will share some ideas about how Agile can be incorporated into the management processes of mature organizations, and Heather will share her experience in scaling Agile to large projects in large organizations. We hope everyone present will jump into the discussion to share their unique perspectives. Sign up for these

events on our website. Signing up early helps with the catering arrangements and earns you a discount for the dinner meeting.

Our Chapter depends on its volunteers to thrive and grow. If you are able to contribute some of your time and talent, visit the **Get Involved/Volunteer Opportunities** tab on our website to learn more about the opportunities available. If you have a PMP or other PMI certification, this is a good way to earn PDUs while serving your fellow Chapter members.

I look forward to seeing you at one of our events in the near future.

David Richards, PMP, PMI-ACP

Monthly Lunch Meetings- Napa Sonoma South

Join Us For Lunch!

Reno lunch meeting - 3rd Tuesday of the month 11:45am - 1pm at Napa Sonoma South - 7671 S Virginia St, Reno, NV 89511 Napa Sonoma South Website

The format is roundtable, relaxed with lots of discussion about real-life experiences in project management. The meeting is free, each attendee is responsible for their lunch order.

PDU's: Attendees will qualify for one (1) PDU. - Please register for restaurant planning purposes.

Registration: Meeting registrations are posted on the top right corner of this home page.

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Upcoming Webinars

Conflict Resolution
Jan 8, 2019 10:00:00 AM EST (UTC-5)
Presenter: [Dana Bernstein](#)
How much time do we waste thinking about, avoiding or worrying about conflict and what does that do to your work environment? Conflict does not generally go away unless you actively manage it. The conversations are not always easy, but getting a resolution feels good, especially if you both walk away satisfied. In the webinar, we will explore how to have productive conversations and provide you with a framework where you can be successful in winning a resolution. Attendees will be better equipped to manage conflict in a structured way, apply principled negotiations effectively to focus on winning a resolution and learn to identify their preferred style/s in influencing others and managing conflict and the additional strategies that they need to use to successfully resolve the conflict situation.

It's Time to Shine: A Guide for a Successful PMI Award Nomination
Jan 9, 2019 1:00:00 PM EST (UTC-5)
Presenter: [Lorelie Kaid](#)
Are you ready to shine? Do you want to know more about PMI Professional Awards? Is there a person, project, or PMO that has outstanding performance to be recognized globally? If you answered yes to any of these, please join us to learn how to determine which award nomination might be most appropriate. We will share best practices, sage advice, and new updates on submitting a nomination. In 2019, ALL nominations will be completed online, so save time by joining this informative webinar.

When the Box is the Limit - Drive your creativity with constraints
Jan 9, 2019 2:00:00 PM EST (UTC-5)
Presenter: [Walter Vandervelde](#)
Innovators have long recognized that constraints very often stimulate or guide the process of creativity and innovation. When 'the box is the limit', creativity often comes to the surface organically as the most ultimate and natural solution. This webinar is aimed at every professional who's convinced that creativity plays a

crucial role in the daily work environment, but is also aware of the boundaries that take away the illusion of 'the sky is the limit'.

[Project Governance: From Data to Recommendations to Action or Inaction](#)
Jan 15, 2019 11:00:00 AM EST (UTC-5)
Presenters: [Hang Vo](#), [Terry Williams](#), [Richard Kirkham](#)
Assurance reviews are essential to the overall good governance of major public projects and programs; in this webinar, we explore some of the challenges around framing and implementing assurance review recommendations during the life-cycle. PMI have funded a research study led by The University of Hull, which seeks to uncover how the treatment of assurance review data influences recommendations and the subsequent actions (or inactions) that arise, using a definitive set of data. During the webinar, we will discuss some of the implications arising from the findings of this study, explore suggestions for improving current assurance processes in practice and identify recommendations for future research.

More Upcoming Webinars

1/15/19	1:00 PM	**[Flip the Switch - Shifting to Innovation Centered Project Management](#)**
1/17/19	11:00 AM	**[How to Facilitate Productive Planning Meetings](#)**
1/18/19	9:00 AM	**[The Agile Enterprise: From Agile Teams to Agile Organization](#)**
1/24/19	11:00 AM	**[Buenas Prácticas en la Gestión de Proyectos de la Cadena de Suministros](#)**
1/30/19	11:00 AM	**[Killer Requirements Generation Using Design Sprints](#)**
1/30/19	2:00 PM	**[Applying Gemba Kaizen and CI Principles in Non-Kaizen Enterprises](#)**
2/20/19	1:00 PM	**[The Unwritten Rules of Managing Up: Dos and Don'ts for Teaming Effectively with Senior Level Stakeholders](#)**

* all times are displayed in EST (UTC-5)

New PMI-NNV Chapter Members

New Members

	Daniel McDonnell, PMP Nicholas Maxon Joshua Smith Laurie Heer, PMP, PMI-ACP Katelyn Walsh Chadwick Spencer Nora Laitinen ## New Credentials: None this month

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