

Executive Council Newsletter

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Here's what has happened last year and what's to come!

Welcome to our Executive Council newsletter!

Vision: The PMI Executive Council exists to promote the strategic and operational value of project management, advancing the profession to the C-suite.

Throughout the year, the PMI Chicagoland Executive Council (EC) remained grounded in the principles of people, processes, and purpose, advancing strategic initiatives that elevated both the member experience and organizational effectiveness.

Looking ahead, the Executive Council (EC) is stepping into 2026 with clarity, confidence, and ambition. The year will include quarterly Executive Council meetings focused on governance, innovation, and alignment; continued evolution of the Leadership Forum experience; and expanded opportunities for members to engage through speaking at the December Chapter Meeting. We are also participating in the chapter's Mentorship Program, a PMI EC promotional video, and social and professional networking experiences!

A member poll will be shared soon, as your insights remain essential to shaping the year ahead!

Whether you aspire to mentor, speak, collaborate, or help shape PMI's future narrative - there is space for your voice and leadership. Details for our Q1 meeting and upcoming initiatives are shared within the newsletter.

Thank you for your dedication, leadership, and belief in PMI's mission. Because of you, PMI Chicagoland is more than an organization—it is a community of forward-thinking leaders driving meaningful change. Here's to honoring our legacy while boldly shaping what's next.

Enjoy this month's newsletter!

With appreciation and excitement,

The Executive Council Core Team

Executive Council 2025 Events

As we closed out 2025, one thing is undeniable—The EC is in motion! This year marked a powerful convergence of legacy, innovation, and leadership as we celebrated milestones, strengthened engagement, and sharpened our vision for the future. The result is a community energized and ready to accelerate, adopt, and evolve into 2026.

One of the most defining moments of the year was our 20th Anniversary Leadership Forum, hosted at the Chevy Chase Country Club. This milestone event brought together visionary leaders to explore the future of project management under the theme Accelerate, Adopt & Evolve: Redefining Project Management Excellence.

Attendees gained valuable insights from distinguished speakers, including Mike Griffiths, Author and PMI Consultant, who explored three trends reshaping the evolution of project teams; Julie Yurko, President and CEO of the Northern Illinois Food Bank, who shared how human-centered design can drive meaningful strategy transformation; and Patrick Chew, Vice President of AI and Data Science at AIT Worldwide Logistics, who demonstrated how organizations can accelerate PMO transformation through AI without compromising quality.

In parallel, our EC Open House provided an essential opportunity to listen and learn directly from our community, including aspiring Executive Council members.

Member feedback surfaced key priorities and helped strengthen alignment between leadership and stakeholders. Insights gathered during the Open House directly informed 2026 Leadership Forum themes, speaker selection, and future programming, reinforcing our commitment to accessibility, relevance, and value.



20th Anniversary
Accelerate, Adopt & Evolve:
Redefining Project Management Excellence

20 25
Friday, May 2, 2025
7:30 AM - Noon CT
Chevy Chase Country Club
Wheeling IL

Mike Griffiths
Author, Trainer and Consultant for PMI
Three Trends Shaping the Evolution of Project Teams

Julie Yurko
President & CEO, Northern Illinois Food Bank
Strategy Transformation via Adoption of Human-Centered Design

Patrick Chew
VP AI & Data Science, AIT Worldwide Logistics
Accelerate Transforming PMOs with AI Without Compromising Quality



PMI Project Management Institute, Chicagoland
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OPEN HOUSE 2025
Theme: "What's in it for me?"

Open to current or eligible EC members. Current EC members may bring one Senior leader as a guest. The Senior leader must register separately.

24 SEPT 2025 5:00PM
SPEAKER JONATHAN M. LEE

For more information: [Executive Council page](#)

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Executive Council 2025 Events

Turn big healthcare goals into measurable results.

Use new and proven methods to solve project challenges.

Apply practical strategies to improve projects and teams.

Join our panel to hear leaders share practical insights on healthcare transformation!

300 East Randolph, Chicago IL
5:30-8:00pm CST

Moderator
Michelle N. Ware-Ivy
MA, PMP, ACMP
Global Business Transformational Leader Thermo Fisher Scientific

Panelists

Nalin Dhar
MEng
Executive Director – Portfolio Services

Rev Murray
MBA
Executive Director of EPMO

Felicia Rockefeller
MBA, PMP
IT PMO Senior Manager Medline Industries

Shauntea Denton
PMP
Director - Regulatory Affairs Abbott

Hosted by **HCSC** Health Care Service Corporation

Across the year, the EC also advanced operational excellence by simplifying the EC nomination process to expand leadership access, strengthening member outreach through personal networks and collaboration with PMI Global, establishing clearer change-request and content review processes, and enhancing event planning standards to improve consistency and quality.

The year concluded with the December Executive Council Chapter Meeting, which focused on reflection, refinement, and readiness. Through a structured review of 2025 initiatives, the Council captured actionable lessons learned, identified opportunities to strengthen collaboration with third-party hosts and chapters, and reinforced the importance of early marketing, content review, and inclusive planning. These discussions translated into smarter execution models that will guide our work in 2026.

Save The Dates!

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<p>Q1: EC Quarterly Meeting March 25th at 5:30PM (Virtual) Register Online</p>	<p>Q2: Leadership Forum 'Delivering M.O.R.E.' May 1 at 7:00AM Wheeling, IL Register Online</p>
<p>Q3: EC Quarterly Meeting September (TBD) Register Online</p>	<p>Q4: PMI Chicagoland Chapter Meeting December (TBD) Onsite (TBD)</p>