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PMI Dallas News & Updates I May 2026

From the President | Kimia Penton



Dear chapter members,

Spring has arrived in Dallas, and with it comes a renewed sense of energy, growth, and connection across our PMI Dallas Chapter community. I want to extend a warm welcome to our newest members. We're so glad you're here. To our dedicated volunteers, thank you for the time, heart, and excellence you bring to everything we do. You are the backbone of this chapter. And to those who have recently earned new certifications, congratulations on this meaningful milestone. Your commitment to continuous growth elevates not only your career but also our entire profession.

This month, we've embraced the season by expanding opportunities to connect and engage. Our recent dinner meeting featuring Dustin Jones was truly inspiring, as she shared her LEAD framework and powerful insights on diplomacy in leadership—an essential skill in today's evolving landscape. We also launched new community gatherings, including our monthly happy hour at Bar Louie and Coffee & Connection at La Madeleine. It's been incredible to see so many of you show up, connect, and build meaningful relationships. Thank you to everyone who attended and to the volunteers who made these moments possible.

Looking ahead, we're excited to continue bringing events across the metroplex to meet you where you are and to deepen our sense of community even further. Be sure to mark your calendars for our upcoming co-hosted event with our sister chapter, PMI Fort Worth Chapter, on May 16th. Keep an eye on our event calendar for registration details and new opportunities to engage. Also, mark your calendars for our Professional Development Day on September 26th. This is the perfect time to take advantage of early-bird registration for an enriching event where you'll earn PDUs while having a great time!

Wishing each of you a successful, fulfilling, and impactful month ahead. we look forward to seeing you soon.

Monthly Dinner Meeting: May 14, 2026

Executive Presence. AI in Project Delivery. The Future of Construction



Three Conversations. One Future of Project Management.

This month's PMI Dallas Dinner Meeting brings all three into one powerful evening.

Think Tank: The Art of Presence

Elizabeth De Moraes, M.A., M.F.A. will lead an immersive, interactive session on how trust, credibility, and influence are formed before you even speak and how project leaders can command the room when the stakes are high.

Featured Session
Understanding PMI Infinity
AI-Enabled Project Delivery in Practice

Spotlight Session:
PMI's Global Vision for Construction
Shaping the Future of Construction Project Management





This dinner convenes the leadership capabilities, emerging technologies, and industry forces shaping the future of project professionals.

Attend the Dinner Meeting

Community in Action

DFW Chapter Tour & Networking Momentum

From our Networking Happy Hour to the DFW Project Tour, it was great to see members reconnect, meet new faces, and build meaningful connections. These moments are what turn events into real value.

Real Projects. Real Learning. Real Impact.

In May, we're building on this energy with even more opportunities to connect, learn, and grow together.



See PMI Dallas in Action

New Member Orientation | May 12, 2026

New to PMI Dallas or thinking about joining? This is your starting point.

Discover how to plug into events and volunteer opportunities, and leave with a practical plan for accelerating your professional growth. Connect with fellow members and get your questions answered live.

Don't miss out!

Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2026
Time: 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM CT



Start Today

North Texas Project Management Conference 2026
Future-Ready Leadership Starts Here

The PMI Dallas Chapter's North Texas Project Management Conference returns on September 26 at UNT Frisco for a full day of future-focused learning, remarkable speakers, and high-impact networking across industries. This year's theme centers on future-ready leadership, equipping project managers at every level with the mindset, skills, and connections to stay ahead in a profession that is evolving faster than ever.

Whether you are a seasoned executive or an emerging PM professional, this is the conference that belongs on your calendar.



Early Bird Pricing ends August 15 Member: $185 | Non-Member: $195

Group Discount Available: Register with three or more colleagues from the same company and save $25 per person on early-bird pricing. Email **profdev@pmidallas.org** for your group discount code.

Date: Saturday, September 26, 2026 **Time**: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Location: UNT Frisco | 12995 Preston Rd | Frisco, TX 75033

Register Now

PMI Speaker Series | In Collaboration with PMI Hi and St Loius
Visibility That Works While You're Job Hunting

Your LinkedIn is updated. Now make it work.

Shawn Teasley, Owner and Strategist at Social Tonic and the force behind PMI Mile Hi's social media presence for over three years, will show job seekers how to stay visible on LinkedIn without chasing the algorithm. Learn how to leave intentional breadcrumbs for hiring managers and recruiters, post in a way that sounds like you, and engage with purpose instead of scrolling without a plan.



Bring your real questions. The session ends with open Q&A on posting, engagement, etiquette, and visibility.

Date: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 **Time**: 11:30 AM to 12:45 PM CDT
Format: Virtual | Microsoft Teams **Cost**: Free

Join Here

PMI Speaker Series | In Collaboration with Ericsson
Leading with Adaptability When Conditions Change

When the plan breaks, adaptability becomes the plan.

A stakeholder pivots. Priorities reset. A hidden constraint appears. Suddenly, the roadmap needs to change overnight.



Erin Ramirez calls the capability that gets leaders through those moments Adaptability Intelligence, AQ.

A Nobel Peace Scholar, organizational scientist, and founder of Real Change Studio, Erin has led change impacting up to 70,000 people at a global Fortune 500. Join her for a practical framework to lead with clarity when conditions change.

Come ready to strengthen the skill every project leader needs when the plan no longer holds.

Event Details
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2026 **Time**: 1:00 PM to 2:15 PM CT **Format**: Virtual | Microsoft Teams Cost: Free

Register Now

In Collaboration with 5C Leadership Foundation 2026 DFW Youth Leadership Forum Impact: The Power of Action

Tomorrow's leaders need a room to rise in.

PMI Dallas is proud to partner with the 5C Leadership Foundation for a half-day forum connecting middle and high school students with real-world professionals for leadership, innovation, and community impact.

Students will hear from Mayor Muns of Plano, Sam Mudro, President and CFO of HKS Inc., leaders from Bank of America, AWS, Palo Alto Networks, and PMI Dallas Chapter President Kimia Penton. All proceeds benefit Scottish Rite for Children.

Know a student or family who should be there? Share this. Leadership starts long before the PMP.



Event Details
Date: Saturday, May 16, 2026 Time: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Location: The Hope Center | 2001 W. Plano Pkwy | Plano, TX 75075
Cost: $10 per family | Early Bird $5 through May 2

Register Now!

Plano Breakfast Hybrid Meeting
Managing with Empathy: Inclusion as Competitive Advantage

Accessibility is not a checkbox. It is a competitive advantage.

Our speaker, Sunil Kumar Suvvari brings 15+ years of experience across telecommunications and financial services, helping teams embed inclusive design into Agile, DevOps, and enterprise SDLC practices from the start.

Date: Saturday, May 9, 2026
Time: 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM CT
Format: Hybrid | In-Person and Virtual Location: Marriott Courtyard Plano at Legacy Park | Plano, TX 75024



Register Here.

Volunteer Spotlight: May 2026

PMI Dallas proudly celebrates Bob Beideck, CSM, CSPO, DASM, DTM, our May 2026 Volunteer of the Month!



Bob's journey with PMI Dallas began the way the best ones do: someone knew what he was capable of and asked him to show up. He answered that call through the PMI Dallas Toastmasters club and never stopped.

Since then Bob has grown into one of the chapter's most versatile contributors, moving from Toastmasters into data analysis support and eventually taking on responsibility for managing the chapter's technology assets. Today he helps onboard and train both volunteers and board members on the software systems that keep PMI Dallas running behind the scenes. It is the kind of work that rarely gets applause but makes everything else possible.

Thank you Bob for the expertise you bring, the systems you keep running, and the example you set for every volunteer who comes after you.

Fun Fact: Bob holds the Distinguished Toastmaster designation, Toastmasters International's highest award, reflecting years of commitment to communication and leadership excellence.

Connect with Bob

Virtual Lunch and Learn

Human-Centric Transformation in the Age of AI

AI is not the disruption. How we lead people through it is.



Join PMI's Lenka, Chief of Staff to the CEO and a leading voice in enterprise transformation, for a powerful Lunch and Learn on what it takes to lead through continuous change.

Her message is clear: change is no longer a project. It is an organizational capability. The leaders who build it now will be the ones their organizations trust when the next disruption arrives.This session will show you how.

Date: Thursday, May 29, 2026
Time: 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM CT
Format: Virtual | Zoom Cost: Free

Register Now

Coffee and Community

A great cup of coffee can be the start of a great professional connection.



Register Now!

Networking Happy Hour

No agenda. No presentations. Just good people and great energy.



RSVP Today

PMI Dallas Hybrid Toastmasters Meeting
May 16, 9:00 - 11:00 AM



Great leadership starts with great communication.

The May Toastmasters Hybrid Meeting provides a structured, supportive environment to sharpen both prepared and impromptu communication skills alongside fellow project management professionals who understand the stakes.

Date: May 16, 2026
Time: 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM (CT)
Format: Virtual Location: Zoom

Registration closes at 5:00 PM on the day before the meeting.
The Zoom link will be emailed by 7:00 PM that same evening to the address PMI has on file.

Register Here

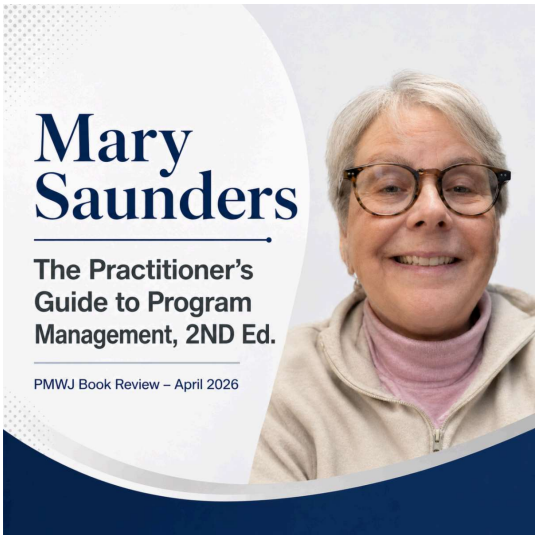
PMWJ Book Review – April 2026



Four PMI Dallas chapter members were published in the April edition of the PM World Journal. The PMWJ is read by project management leaders across more than 100 countries, and our members showed up powerfully. Please take a moment to read their work and celebrate what this community continues to build together.



Read the Review



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From the Editor's Desk

Dear Readers,

Project management is more than the plans we create. It is the people we bring together, the challenges we help solve, and the impact we leave behind.

This edition reflects the strength of PMI Dallas in action: leaders learning, members connecting, volunteers serving, and professionals shaping the future of our field.

As you read this edition, I hope you see more than events and updates. I hope you see an invitation to participate, contribute, connect, and lead.

The future of project management is not waiting for us. It is being built by us.

Until next month, keep leading well.

Joseph Adebanjo, PMP, PMI-ACP
Newsletter Director, PMI Dallas

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Get Involved Today

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Whether you are looking to advance your career as a mentor or seeking advice as a mentee, our program offers a unique opportunity for growth and development in the project management field.

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