



PMI Dallas News & Updates | April 2026

From the President | Kimia Penton

Dear PMI Dallas Members,

I hope you're all enjoying the arrival of spring and the renewed energy this season brings. It's always a wonderful time to reconnect, refocus, and continue growing together as a community.

It was such a pleasure to see so many of you at our March dinner meeting. Thank you for the incredible turnout and the energy you continue to bring to PMI Dallas, and thank you to our Programs team for delivering excellent events for our community. A special thank you to our guest speaker, Lola Adey, for her powerful and thought-provoking perspective on AI and the future of the PMO. It was also fantastic to welcome so many first-time visitors, alongside celebrating many new certifications! Your dedication to growth is what makes this chapter so vibrant and inspiring.



As we move into the coming month, we're excited to offer even more ways to connect—through casual coffees, happy hours, and even an opportunity to refresh your professional headshots while building meaningful relationships. In addition to our dinner meetings, I encourage you to take advantage of our

breakfast sessions and virtual events, which offer flexible, accessible ways to stay engaged, learn, and connect with fellow members. Keep a close eye on our calendar for the latest events.

Project to Purpose

This month, I'm pleased to kick off my "project to purpose" segment in our monthly newsletter. Each month, I'll share tools or highlight organizations making a lasting impact through projects. This month, I'm recommending PMI's vision through PMI: Next. It's a call to deliver M.O.R.E. and challenges us to elevate how we define success in our profession. M.O.R.E. invites us to Manage Perceptions, Own Success, Relentlessly Reassess, and Expand Perspective, shifting our focus from simply delivering projects to delivering meaningful value. As project professionals, this is where purpose comes alive—when we move beyond timelines and tasks to truly connect our work to outcomes that matter. Each project becomes an opportunity not just to execute, but to influence, adapt, and create impact for our organizations and communities. I encourage you to look further into this framework with the supporting material at [PMI.org](https://www.pmi.org).

As always, I am deeply grateful to our dedicated volunteers and Board for their continued commitment to serving our community with excellence. I look forward to seeing many of you at one of our upcoming events.

Warm Regards,

Kimia Penton, President, PMI Dallas Chapter

Monthly Dinner Meeting: April 09, 2026 **Diplomatic Leadership: The L.E.A.D. Framework**

Meet Our Dinner Meeting Speaker: Dustin Jones

**Award-Winning HR Executive | Best-Selling Author |
International Speaker | Leadership Strategist**

Dustin Jones is a globally recognized HR executive and leadership strategist with over 25 years of experience across manufacturing, telecommunications, and hospitality. As Chief Human Resources Officer of the Dallas Country Club and founder of EncompassHR, LLC, she leads with the belief that diplomacy is not weakness; it is the highest form of strategic influence.

Named one of Inc. Magazine's 10 Most Influential Women Leaders (2024) and one of the Most Inspiring Global Speakers to Know in 2025, Dustin has delivered keynotes at the United Nations (NYC), SIGEF (Malta), and HRSouthwest, among others.



Session Highlight

Dustin will introduce her powerful LEAD Framework. This framework gives leaders a clear, actionable approach to building trust, strengthening culture, and driving performance through emotionally intelligent, values-based leadership. How leaders show up in everyday moments directly shapes employee experience, organizational outcomes, and long-term impact.

April 09, 2026 | 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Brookhaven Country Club | [3333 Golfing Green Dr](#)
[Farmers Branch, TX 75234](#)

Attend the Dinner Meeting

In Memory of Zoltan Cserni

It is with deep sadness that we share the passing of our dear colleague and friend, Zoltan Cserni.

Zoltan was a valued member of the PMI Dallas leadership team, serving with dedication and excellence as Vice President of Finance for four years. During his tenure, he played a vital role in strengthening the chapter's financial foundation and supporting initiatives close to our community's heart, including the student scholarship program that continues to open doors for the next generation of project professionals. His commitment to service, integrity, and impact left a lasting imprint on our chapter and on all who had the privilege of working alongside him.



Beyond his professional contributions, Zoltan will be remembered for his kindness, generosity of spirit, and genuine passion for making a difference. He brought heart to everything he did and inspired those around him through his leadership and unwavering dedication.

We extend our deepest condolences to his wife, Kata, and their sons during this difficult time. As a PMI Dallas community, we honor Zoltan's legacy and hold his family close in our hearts.

Networking Happy Hour Tuesday, April 21, 5:30 - 7:30 PM

Wrap up your day with great conversation, fresh connections, and the energy of the PMI Dallas community at our upcoming Networking Happy Hour.

Join us for a lively in-person gathering at Bar Louie in Las Colinas. This event is open to current, new, and prospective members, making it the perfect opportunity to expand your network, reconnect with familiar faces, and meet other project professionals from across the area.

Food and drinks are available for purchase.
Come hungry and thirsty!

Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Time: 5:30 - 7:30 PM

Location: Bar Louie, [360 W Las Colinas Blvd., Irving, TX 75039](#)

Cost: Free

Registration closes at 5:00 PM on Monday, April 20, 2026.



RSVP Today

Craft an Abstract that Grabs Attention Join our free 1-hour Webinar to Learn How

Have a story worth telling? A framework that has delivered results? An insight that changed how you lead?

The Call for Presentations for the North Texas Project Management Conference is now open, and we want to hear from you. On April 10, we are hosting a free one-hour webinar to walk prospective speakers through the submission process, answer your questions, and help you put forward a strong proposal.

This is one of the most respected regional PM conferences in the country. This year's conference will bring together project leaders across industries for a full day of future-focused learning and high-impact networking.

If you have ever considered sharing your expertise from a major stage, this is your moment.

Webinar Details Date: April 10, 2026 **Time:** 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

Format: Virtual | Zoom **Cost:** Free



Join the Webinar and Submit Your Abstract

Register for the Conference

Corporate Ambassadors Meeting April 4, 2026 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Join the PMI Dallas Corporate Ambassador Program and help strengthen connections between PMI Dallas and organizations across North Texas.

Benefits of Becoming a Corporate Ambassador:

- Enhance your brand as a leader and change champion
- Receive support to deepen your leadership skills and project management expertise
- Serve as your organization's voice within PMI Dallas
- Gain valuable networking and collaboration experience



This free virtual meeting features a facilitated discussion with fellow project management professionals and offers 1.5 Strategic and Business Management PDUs. The PDU code will be provided during the meeting.

April 4, 2026

9:00 AM to 10:30 AM

Virtual | Zoom

Questions? Contact CorpAmbassador@pmidallas.org

Be the Voice of Your Company

[Register Here.](#)

Volunteer Spotlight: April 2026



PMI Dallas proudly celebrates Stephanie Mosley, PMP Our April 2026 Volunteer of the Month!

Stephanie leads enterprise initiatives for a Seattle-based credit union, bringing strategy, structure, and results to complex programs. Known for her ability to connect the dots and move work forward with purpose, she thrives at the intersection of people, process, and performance.

Through her involvement with PMI Dallas, Stephanie demonstrates leadership, collaboration, and advocacy for the project management profession. She is deeply committed to creating space for connection, uplifting others, and contributing to a strong and supportive PM

community.

Fun Fact: Stephanie believes that strong leadership starts with service, consistency, and authenticity in every season.

Thank you, Stephanie, for the impact you make and the excellence you bring to PMI Dallas.

[Learn more about Stephanie](#)

[Connect with Stephanie](#)

Virtual Lunch and Learn Building a Winning Project Culture

What separates projects that consistently deliver from those that struggle? More often than not, the answer is culture.

Join us for our April Virtual Lunch and Learn featuring Laszlo von Lazar, one of the most respected execution professionals in the EPC space. Over a 33-year career spanning conventional power generation,



solar, nuclear, offshore power transmission, wind generation, and liquified natural gas, Laszlo has led major international projects where the margin for cultural misalignment is zero.

His session will walk through the Project Management Wheel, a practical framework for building a project culture that drives accountability, alignment, and results from the ground up.

If you lead teams, manage programs, or influence how work gets done inside your organization, this is a session worth your lunch hour.

Date: April 24, 2026

Time: 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Format: Virtual | Zoom

[Register Now](#)

PMI Dallas Hybrid Toastmasters Meeting April 18, 9:00 - 11:00 AM

Great leadership starts with great communication. Whether you are stepping into a boardroom presentation, facilitating a difficult stakeholder conversation, or navigating an impromptu question from an executive, how you speak matters as much as what you say.

The April 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.



April 18, 2026

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM (CT)

In-Person and Virtual Location: Dallas College Brookhaven Campus
[3939 Valley View Lane | Farmers Branch, TX 75244](#)

Free Event | Earn 2 PDUs

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](#)

Member Orientation Monday, April 13, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Calling All Members

Current, New & Prospective!

Don't miss our Membership Orientation!

In just 90 minutes, you'll get a clear breakdown of your member benefits, learn how to plug into events and volunteer opportunities, and discover practical ways to accelerate your professional growth. You'll also connect with fellow members and get your questions answered live.

Engage and leave with a plan.

Date: Monday, April 13, 2026

Time: 7:00–8:30 PM

Location: Zoom. Open to All.

Cost: Free

Registration closes at 5:00 PM on Saturday, April 11, 2026.

Registration information will be emailed to registered attendees by 7:00 PM that same evening.



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Coffee and Community Saturday, April 25, 9:00 - 10:30 AM

Some of the best professional connections happen over a simple cup of coffee.

Join us on April 25 for Coffee and Community, a relaxed morning gathering where chapter members and board members come together to connect, share, and simply get to know one another. No agenda, no presentations. Just good conversation and great company.

If you have been looking for a low-key way to plug into the PMI Dallas community, this is a perfect place to start.

Event Details

Date: Saturday, April 25, 2026

Time: 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Location: La Madeleine [Las Colinas](#) | 6430 N MacArthur Blvd | Irving, TX '

Cost: Free



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PMWJ Book Review – March 2026



The 7 Make or Break Challenges Facing IT Leaders in 2026
Book Review by Archana Choudhary

With 94% of CIOs expecting major disruption to their plans within 24 months, yet fewer than half of digital initiatives actually hitting their targets, the pressure on technology and project leaders has never been higher. Archana Choudhary breaks down the seven challenges most likely to derail or elevate IT leaders this year, from widening AI and cybersecurity talent gaps to execution failures at scale.



[Read the Review](#)

A Concise Business Guide to Climate Change
Book Review by Chijioke Basil Oleru

Climate change is no longer just an environmental issue. It is a project management and organizational strategy issue. In this review, Oleru walks through Professor Gunnar Trumbull's seven-chapter guide, which introduces the SOLAR framework covering strategy, organization, leadership, accounting, and regulation as a practical lens for business leaders navigating decarbonization, carbon markets, and stakeholder pressure.



[Read the Review](#)

AI Project Power
Book Review by Christine E. M. Gwaze

What does it actually mean to work alongside AI rather than compete with it? Christine Gwaze reviews this practical guide by author Mei, which demystifies AI for both technical and non-technical project professionals. The book's core message resonates clearly: AI handles the repetitive work so project managers can focus on the strategic decisions that matter. From scheduling and risk assessment to documentation and forecasting, the frameworks are hands-on and immediately applicable.



[Read the Review](#)

PM Thought of the Month
Share Yours Next Month

The most expensive decisions executives make are not the wrong ones. They are the delayed ones.

Uncertainty is not a reason to wait. It is the condition under which every great leader has ever had to move. The information will never be perfect. The timing will never be ideal. The stakeholders will never be fully aligned before you need to act.

What separates decisive executives from hesitant ones is not confidence in the outcome. It is confidence in the process. In the team. In the judgment built from years of doing the hard work of leading through ambiguity.

Move with intention. Decide with purpose. Adjust as you go.

That is not recklessness. That is leadership.

We are building a new space in this newsletter for exactly these moments. If you have a thought, a story, or an insight worth sharing with 20,000 fellow professionals, we want to hear from you.

Share Your PM Thought

Did You Know?

PMI Dallas is one of the most active and impactful PMI chapters in the country. Here is what that looks like by the numbers.

5,400+

Active members across DFW

15,400+

Monthly Website Visits

100+

Events per year

One of the most active PMI chapters in the country. And you are part of it.

From the Editor's Desk

Dear PMI Dallas Community,

Every story in these pages belongs to someone in this community. Every event was planned by a volunteer who gave their evening so you could grow yours. Every tribute, every spotlight, every thought worth sharing exists because someone in this chapter decided that showing up for others was worth their time.

You are reading this because you are part of something that matters. Not just a professional organization. A community of people who believe that how we lead, how we connect, and how we invest in each other is just as important as any deliverable we have ever shipped.

This month, we honor. We gather. We learn. And we do it together.

That is PMI Dallas. And you are exactly why it works.

Lead well this April.

Joseph Adebajo, PMP
Newsletter Director, PMI Dallas

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Know an inspiring project management leader? We're looking for dynamic speakers for our upcoming events—and we'd love your recommendation!

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Want to make a difference in the PM community? Join us as a volunteer, leader, or board director! Opportunities are flexible—short- or long-term, virtual or in-person—so you can create a meaningful impact on your schedule.

Get Involved Today

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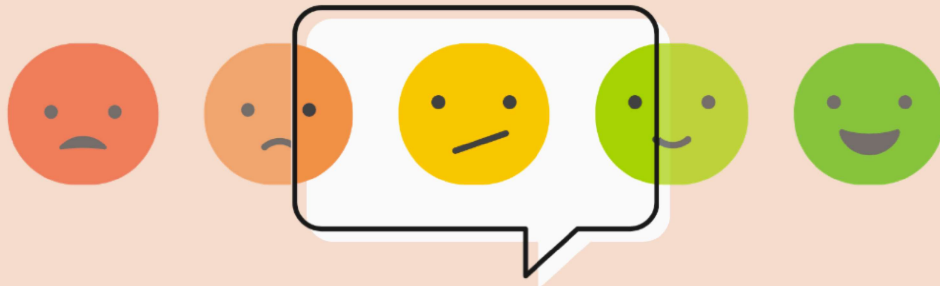
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