

PMI Dallas News & Updates | September 2026

From the President | Kimia Penton

Dear PMI Dallas Community,

Happy September! I hope the back-to-school season and return to post-summer routines are going smoothly.

As we move into fall, I'm especially excited to welcome our community back together. Many of the programs that shifted to virtual formats during the summer will return to in-person and hybrid experiences this fall and through the end of the year. While virtual programming gives us wonderful flexibility, there is something special about being in the same room, learning together, reconnecting with familiar faces, and forming new relationships.

We have several important September dates to keep on your calendar:

- **September 12 – Hybrid Breakfast Meeting in Plano**
- **September 17 – In-Person Dinner Meeting at Brookhaven Country Club**
- **September 26 – Professional Development Day at UNT Frisco**



Our **Professional Development Day on September 26** is one of the highlights of our programming this year. It will be a full day of professional development, PDUs, meaningful connections, and community building. Registration is filling quickly, so if you're planning to attend, I encourage you to secure your spot soon.

Additional happy hour and coffee & community events will be announced soon so please continue to review our calendar for updates.

A heartfelt thank-you to our incredible lineup of speakers and to the volunteers working behind the scenes to make these experiences possible. Your time, talent, and commitment are truly valued and appreciated. Our chapter is stronger because of you.

I also want to share an important leadership opportunity: **nominations for the PMI Dallas Board of Directors are currently open**. If you have a passion for service, leadership, and making an impact within our professional community, I encourage you to consider running for the Board. Please visit our website for nomination details or reach out to nominationsteam@pmidallas.org with any questions.

One of the greatest strengths of PMI Dallas is our community, the knowledge we share, the relationships we build, and the ways we invest in one another's growth. I'm looking forward to seeing many of you in person this fall and finishing the year together with energy, connection, and purpose.

Warmly,

Kimia Penton

President, PMI Dallas Chapter

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North Texas Project Management Conference 2026

Future-ready leadership starts here.

September 26, 2026 | UNT Frisco

Keynote Speaker

 **Tammy Huddleston**
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Future-ready leadership starts here.

Join PMI Dallas for the North Texas Project Management Conference 2026, a full day of professional development, future-focused learning, and high-impact networking in partnership with UNT Frisco.

This year's conference is designed for project professionals who are ready to grow, adapt, and lead in a fast-changing business environment.

Date: Saturday, September 26, 2026

Time: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Location: UNT Frisco, 12995 Preston Rd, Frisco, TX 75033

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Partnership for PMI Dallas Chapter Conference

Become a 2026 PMI Dallas Chapter Conference Partner

As one of the largest PMI chapters in the world with approximately 5,500 members, we are committed to creating meaningful relationships that support both our members and our partners.

We also want to give thanks to our two current sponsors

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Thank again to these organizations for helping make this amazing conference even more awesome for North Texas Professionals.

Conference Partners will:

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PMI Dallas Monthly Dinner Meeting Sept 17, 2026 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Welcome back to in-person Dinner Meetings back at Brookhaven. Meet face to face with local professionals as we get to hear from our keynote

Sagar Gollapudi. He is a premier Enterprise Business Agility Strategist specializing in hyperscaled agile transformations across Fortune 100 companies. As an elite Release Train Engineer (RTE), he has orchestrated world-class delivery ecosystems, alongside major strategic turnarounds at Toyota, Bank of America, and State Farm.



Keynote Synopsis

Mastering the Release Train Engineer Role for Effective Program Management
Agile and Program Management are the standard norm in every large scaled program. This presentation is to focus on the most effective practices of a RTE in an age of methodology mash up. We will review the core practices of Program Management and how the RTE role has evolved over the years to meet the challenges.

Location: Brookhaven Country Club | 3333 Golfing Green Dr
Farmers Branch, TX 75234

New at PMI Dallas — AI & Personal Branding Career Support!

Stop by **during the PMI Dallas Chapter Dinner Meeting from 5:30 PM–6:30 PM** for personalized guidance on using AI to strengthen your résumé, LinkedIn profile, professional brand, and how you communicate your value. Bring a digital copy of your résumé (required) and discover how AI can help you stand out, tell your professional story, and take the next step in your career.

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Member Engagement Series- Using Base Camp: Tracking Your Progress with PMI Dallas Toastmasters September 3, 12:00 - 1:00 PM

PMI Dallas Toastmasters invites you to the **Toastmasters Member Engagement Series.**

This session's topic is **Using Base Camp: Tracking Your Progress.**

This free, 1-hour Zoom session helps PMI Dallas Toastmasters members, PMI Dallas chapter members, and prospective members better understand how Toastmasters works and how to participate in the club.



Date: September 3

Time: 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Location: Zoom (link will be sent to all who register or email in advance)

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Plano Breakfast Hybrid Meeting with Josh Burdick - If AI Existed in 2012: Reimagining a Real ERP Implementation with 2026 AI September 12, 2026 8:30-10:30am

Using a real ERP implementation I managed from 2011 to 2013, this presentation explores how 2026-era AI tools could change the way project managers plan and close out complex projects. The session will compare how the work was done then

with today using AI as a practical delivery partner, while still protecting the role of stakeholder trust.

Our Speaker:

Josh Burdick is Founder and Principal Consultant of Night Signal Consulting LLC. With 28 years of experience in project management, enterprise agile transformation, and AI enablement. During his 19-year career at Chevron, Josh managed complex IT projects before becoming a Senior Agile Coach, delivering more than 135 SAFe certification courses and training more than 4,000 professionals.



Marriott Courtyard Plano at Legacy Park | 6840 North Dallas Parkway
Plano, TX 75024

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Hybrid Meeting with PMI Dallas Toastmasters September 19, 9:00-11:00 AM

PMI Dallas Toastmasters invites you to our Hybrid Toastmasters Meeting. This is a free event.

Participants will develop skills to become more competent and confident when talking to other people, both in prepared speeches and impromptu conversations. Earn 2 PDUs for attending each 2-hour meeting.



Location: Dallas College Brookhaven Campus | 3939 Valley View Lane
Farmers Branch, TX 75244

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**In collaboration with Ericsson: PMI Speaker Series -
Getting M.O.R.E out of Project Management
September 24, 2026 | 1:30 PM - 2:15 PM Virtual**

Getting M.O.R.E out of Project Management

M.O.R.E. is PMI's vision for the project profession. What is it, why does it matter, and how can project professionals begin putting it into practice?

PMI's "From Vision to Practice" playbook introduces M.O.R.E. as a practical way to rethink project success beyond scope, schedule, and budget. In this session, we will explore what M.O.R.E. means, why it matters to project professionals, and how its practices can be connected to familiar PMBOK Guide concepts to make them easier to understand and apply in project work.

Jonathan Lee is the founder of Riics and an adjunct professor at Illinois Tech's Stuart School of Business, with more than 29 years of experience in IT consulting, project management, Agile, and training. He is a former President of the PMI Chicagoland Chapter and currently serves on PMI's Project Success "M.O.R.E." Insight Team and Thought Leadership Advisory Council.

As part of PMI's Project Success work, Jonathan was the architect behind mapping the 40 M.O.R.E. practices to the PMBOK Guide framework, helping to translate PMI's research into practical guidance for project professionals.



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Volunteer Spotlight: September 2026

**PMI Dallas proudly celebrates
Madhusudhan Nagaraja, our August 2026
Volunteer of the Month!**

We are pleased to nominate Madhusudhan Nagaraja (Madhu) for Volunteer of the Month in recognition of his exceptional commitment, proactive leadership, and significant contributions to the PMI Dallas Programs Team.

Since joining the team, Madhu has consistently demonstrated a strong sense of ownership and a willingness to go above and beyond to ensure the success of our programs. In his role as Programs Logistics Manager, he has quickly become a dependable and highly proactive team member who takes responsibility from the initial planning stages through execution.

One of Madhu's greatest strengths is his initiative and follow-through with our guest speakers. He proactively reaches out to speakers, helps finalize topics, and stays closely engaged throughout the preparation process. His efforts have helped us build



a strong pipeline of quality sessions well into the future, providing continuity and momentum for the PMI Dallas Programs Team.

Madhu's willingness to take ownership was also evident during one of the Dinner meetings role-play session, where he took the initiative to engage PMI Infinity and Programs leadership making the session very unique. He consistently demonstrates that he does not simply wait for tasks to be assigned—he identifies what needs to be done, takes action, and follows through.

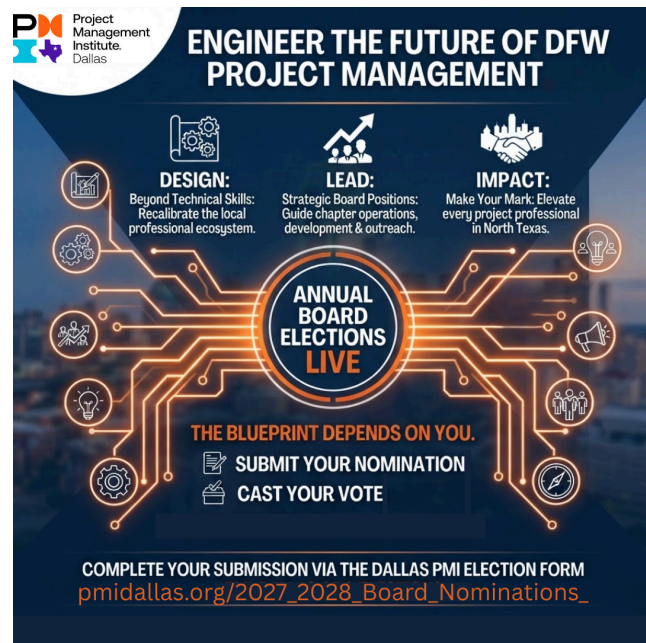
Madhu exemplifies the spirit of volunteering. His contributions have strengthened the PMI Dallas Programs Team and are helping us deliver more engaging and valuable experiences for our members.

We are proud to nominate Madhu for Volunteer of the Month and believe he is highly deserving of this recognition.

[Connect with Madhu](#)

Nomination Form PMI Dallas

The PMI Dallas chapter is accepting nominations for board positions! If you are interested in running for a position or feel that someone else within the chapter would make a great board member, please consider nominating yourself or them! Please complete the below form.



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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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