



Evolving Projects: Future-Ready Skills for Project Managers

A Co-Op PMI Chapter Event

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Welcome

Evolving Projects: Future-Ready Skills for Project Managers.

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Join project managers from diverse industries for a one-day virtual conference focused on the skills and strategies needed to thrive in a rapidly evolving landscape. Topics include leveraging AI, enhancing leadership and communication, fostering innovation, mastering strategic thinking, and adopting agile practices. Network with peers, gain actionable insights, and earn Professional Development Units (PDUs) to advance your professional designation. Don't miss this opportunity to equip yourself for the future of project management.

This is a 1-day, virtual Professional Development Day for project management professionals who want to learn and be inspired by each other. Featuring...

- 9 world-class speakers across 3 rooms – allowing delegates to choose one speaker per session
- All sessions will be recorded and available to delegates ONLY, after the event
- 1 keynote speaker
- An executive panel
- 1 peer-to-peer discussion groups @ 25-min each
- Prizes all day

We look forward to:

- **Innovative Leadership:** Featuring speakers who have led groundbreaking projects and can share insights on leading teams to success.
- **Collaborative Networks:** Focusing on the importance of building professional networks and how they can be leveraged for project success.
- **Skill Advancement:** Offering sessions that provide PDUs, ensuring that attendees are gaining valuable knowledge that contributes to their professional development.

This conference delivers as many as 17 PDUs. If you stay with us for the day, you can collect six PDUs. BUT, as a registered delegate you will get access to the recordings of the rest of the 11 PDUs – available for three months following the event.

We hope you will consider joining us. And please pass our information along to colleagues who are interested in how the future will deliver project management excellence.

NOTE: Registration for this event should be made through your participating chapter. A registration link can be found on your chapter site.

An event web site for all others, including registration link, is under construction.

What you need to know...

Registration – **on your chapter website**

Event Overview

Keynote Presentation - 9-10am

Track Sessions, one hour each: 10:20am, 1:30pm, 3:50pm

- three rooms available per time slot divided by Talent Triangle topics.

Executive Panel – 11:30am – one hour discussion with senior executives on the state of our Project Management practice

Group Discussions – 2:40pm – two peer-to-peer discussion groups @ 25 minutes each. Each delegate selects two sessions over the one-hour slot – from a list of 10+ titles.

Prizes – draws held throughout the day

Event Recordings - available ONLY to registered delegates after the event and for a limited time period.

Your Conference Team:

Caroline	Horste	Huron Valley
Florence	Rene	Central Illinois
Heather	Ricciuto	Durham Highlands
Stephanie	DeYoung	Nova Scotia
Niki	Brandi	Pike's Peak
Sandeep	Dharieswhar	Keystone
Lee	Rachlin	Savannah
Karen	Teeter	Calumet
Bayo	Osinuga	North Saskatchewan
Sharon Nicole	Fortune	Central Alabama
Safia	Suboohi	Willamette Valley
Diana	Weissbach	Long Island
Chris	Canada	Heartland
Tim Gorton	Stein	New York City

Conference-at-a-Glance

all times stated in Eastern Daylight Time

9am	Open		
9:10 - 10:10	Keynote Session How to Lead Through Listening: Our Silent Strength Lisa DiTullio		
10:10 - 10:15	break		
10:15 - 10:20	prizes		
	Ways of Working	Power Skills	Business Acumen
10:20 - 11:20	Deliver Impactful Products with OKRs Steven Granese	Leading Innovation in Traditional Environments: Bridging Tradition and Agility Alicia Morgan	Embodied Decision-making: Using our full body intelligence to make the big decisions that scare us! Mark Hollingsworth
11:20 - 11:25	break		
11:25 - 11:30	Prizes		
11:30 - 12:30	Executive Panel		
12:30 - 1:25	Lunch		
1:25 - 1:30	prizes		
	Ways of Working	Power Skills	Jason Orloske
1:30 - 2:30	Do Your Stakeholders Appreciate Being Managed? Robin Goldsmith	The Dark Arts of Project Leadership: Influence and Politics Joe Perzel	Biking and Business - Lessons From the Back of the Peloton to the Front of the Project Jason Orloske
2:30 - 2:35	break		
2:35 - 2:40	prizes		
2:40 - 3:40	Discussion Groups		
3:40 - 3:45	break		
3:45 - 3:50	prizes		
	Ways of Working	Power Skills	Business Acumen
3:50 - 4:50	Enhancing Project and Change Management in the Era of AI Ori Schibi	Trust: The Currency of Your Workforce Jonathan Cinelli	Mastering the Art of Strategic Thinking: Your Roadmap to Success David Barrett
4:50 - 5:00	wrap up		

Keynote Presentation

9:10 – 10:10am

Lisa DiTullio

How to Lead Through Listening: Our Silent Strength



Our personal brand as leaders is built upon how others perceive us as listeners. Yet, great listeners are rare. This session introduces simple practices on how to transition from active listening to disciplined listening by getting out of your own way, accept what your counterparts share, and capture opportunities that others fail to see.

Executive Panel Discussion

11:30 – 12:30

This session will give us all an opportunity to listen to, and ask questions of, 3 to 4 senior executives from organizations maybe like their own.

We are all encouraged to participate during this ‘conversation’ with questions that we have always wanted to ask our senior management but hesitant to do so.

Panel Members TBA

Discussion Groups

2:40 – 3:40

Here is an opportunity to be heard and to hear from your peers.

There are two parts to this session: you choose one topic below for the first half. Then we all get together to talk about one topic: AI Tools for PMs.

For the first session, you can choose any topic you wish. Each room will have one designated moderator. You will be given 25-minutes to discuss the topic.

- The Secrets to Managing a Virtual Project Team
- How Do You Manage Difficult Stakeholders
- What Is the Secret to Great Communications Within a Project Team
- How To Manage Projects When They Don't Value Project Managers
- How Do I Exert influence Without Authority
- AI - Where Do I Start?
- Leading a New Project Team - Where Do I Start?
- Tips to Ensure Better Project Execution?
- Tips for Managing Cross-Functional Teams

Track Sessions

10:20 - 11:20

Steven Granese

Deliver Impactful Products with OKRs

Ways of Working



Objectives and Key Results (OKRs) are more than just a goal-setting framework—they are a powerful tool for driving focus, alignment, and measurable outcomes in product management. In this session, we will discuss how OKRs can significantly sharpen your product strategy to create meaningful and impactful results for your teams.

Alicia Morgan

Leading Innovation in Traditional Environments: Bridging Tradition and Agility

Power Skills



Leadership in traditional organizations often involves navigating the tension between established processes and the need for innovation. While many companies still adhere to rigid structures and traditional project management practices, leaders can foster an innovation mindset by strategically introducing agile principles.

Mark Hollingsworth

Embodied Decision-making: Using our full body intelligence to make the big decisions that scare us!

Business Acumen



The concept of the "extended mind", that is, the role and importance of our bodies in information gathering, innovation, gaining buy-in and decision-making is still poorly understood. Yet, many of us have to take decisions when the solution to our problems or the answer to the challenges or big questions we face is not in the numbers; more research, calculations and analysis just further confuses us rather than giving us clarity.

Exploration of one's bodily presence, awareness and the Six Stances of Decision-making can quite simply open up (or limit possibilities) in tough decision-making situations. This highly interactive session will explore this phenomenon. Be prepared to move!

Track Sessions

1:30 - 2:30

Robin Goldsmith

Do Your Stakeholders Appreciate Being Managed?

Ways of Working



Many projects rely on “stakeholder management” to control communications with stakeholders, including feedback. This often is touted as a best practice, but perhaps is not as smart as it may sound. Could a few sound techniques get out of hand and turn counter-productive? In this interactive session, discover what should be stakeholder management’s objectives and how we might better accomplish them.

Joe Perzel

The Dark Arts of Project Leadership: Influence and Politics

Power Skills



Successful journey from start to finish of a project is never linear, clean, forecastable or easy. Your interest is to deliver the project on time, on budget with a smile on everyone’s face, but others have conflicting interests. Armed with your System Development Life Cycle (SDLC), a planning tool of your choice and the innocence that always comes at the start of a project you think you are set to go. Then the plan that you have worked so hard to perfect shows a flaw, gets amended or completely thrown out altogether. How do you minimize these occurrences and

provide the best chance to survive the project intact when you rarely have any control?

This presentation will start with the Top 10 Keys to Success then discuss how to become a Master Magician covering topics such as Winning at Politics; Influence for Good Outcomes; Communicating & Motivating and Marketing your Project.

Jason Orloske

Biking and Business - Lessons From the Back of the Peloton to the Front of the Project

Business Acumen



What do Project Management and bicycling have in common? You'd be surprised! This presentation draws upon the unique experiences of competitive and ultra-distance cycling to illustrate key project management and leadership principles applicable to the business world. Explore concepts such as teamwork, resilience, strategy, and communication through the lens of the peloton. Discover how to overcome obstacles, maximize performance, and achieve collective

success in both cycling and business.

Track Sessions

3:50 – 4:50

Ori Schibi

Enhancing Project and Change Management in the Era of AI

Ways of Working



Artificial Intelligence (AI) is transforming our work and lives, as well as the way organizations manage change initiatives and projects. While AI provides powerful tools to enhance decision-making, drives efficiency, and fosters innovation; it also introduces the need for changes in the way we lead, and the way we engage stakeholders, and manage our teams. This power session provides a two-way view of how to leverage AI to improve both or PM and OCM practices, and how AI impacts these areas, and our leadership styles. Participants will get a peek into how to navigate and thrive in the AI era, as well as an overview of relevant skills and strategies for overcoming challenges, fostering innovation, and implementing ethical AI practices."

Jonathan Cinelli

Trust: The Currency of Your Workforce

Power Skills



In this session, you'll learn the three key words that build trust among leaders and how to differentiate between connection and correction. Jonathan will show you how taking action can cure mistrust and guide you in creating a trust-based team culture.

David Barrett

Strategic Thinking – For Your Job, Your Life and Your Career

Business Acumen



Have you ever wondered what sets the truly successful individuals apart from the rest? What is it that propels some people to reach their dreams, while others seem to wander aimlessly through life? The answer lies in the power of strategic thinking, a skill that can transform your life, both personally and professionally. David Barrett has spent years exploring the art of strategic thinking, helping individuals and organizations and himself! unlock their potential.

In this session, he will take you on a journey that will empower you to think strategically and logically about your future. He will inspire you to create a roadmap that guides your actions and choices, leading you toward your dreams and aspirations. By the end of this session, you'll have the tools and mindset to put yourself firmly in the driver's seat of your life's journey."