

# Baseline Newsletter August 2025



PMI GREAT LAKES

## From the President's Desk

Can you believe we are heading into FALL? PMIGL has many big events planned for August & September

- **August 19th** – are you attending the *Member Appreciation* – registration is FREE but is required. Come receive recognition as a member of PMIGL and enjoy the FUN planned.
- **September 8<sup>th</sup>** – our next virtual *Monthly Meeting* to earn PDU's
- **September 24<sup>th</sup>** – keep an eye out for our virtual *Lunch & Learn* session
- **PDD on October 24<sup>th</sup>** – have you registered for Professional Development Day yet? We are offering a discount until the end of August.

In addition, here are some Chapter Business items we need your input for:

- Updated **BYLAWS** will be posted on the PMIGL Website for Membership to review and approval – keep an eye out for the email.
- It's time for our **PMIGL VP Elections** – who will lead our Chapter in 2026 and beyond – you decide!

What are you looking forward to participating in this summer?

As PMIGL continues to serve our members, take advantage of our many events and realize the value of your PMIGL Membership.

**Synthia S. Adams**  
**President, PMI Great Lakes Chapter**  
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# PMIGL Elections 2025-2026

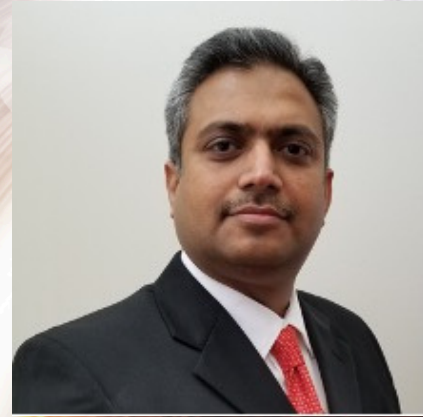


Greetings!

I am pleased to announce that Rodney Johnson has been elected by the executive committee to serve as President-Elect, President, and Past President for the 2026-2028 term. I am confident that under his leadership, PMIGL will continue to thrive. Congratulations, Rodney!

Best,  
Anthony Amalraj  
PMIGL Elections

# Volunteer Spotlight



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We are excited to recognize Mitesh Shah for his dedication and service as our June 2025  
Volunteer Spotlight Honoree!

A PMI member since 2014, Mitesh began volunteering with PMIGL in 2019, managing volunteer email accounts and serving as the Google Workspace administrator. His reliability and commitment have been invaluable to our team.

Professionally, Mitesh leads Application and SaaS Security at Stellantis within the CISO’s organization. With over 20 years in IT, he brings expertise in software development, Information Assurance, technical management, and project leadership. He previously managed global development teams at AT&T and earned his PMP certification in 2014. He also holds CISSP and CCSP credentials.

Mitesh earned his M.S. in Information Assurance from Walsh College and a B.S. in Computer Science from MSU, India.

Thank you, Mitesh, for all that you do for PMIGL—we’re lucky to have you!





# Behind the Scenes

## Behind The Scenes: How PMIGL Volunteers Keep Us Moving

Every successful event, engaging workshop, and even the newsletter from PMIGL has one thing in common: the dedication of our awesome volunteers.

From organizing chapter meetings to coordinating professional development programs, PMIGL volunteers contribute their expertise, time, and creativity to help our community thrive. These volunteers apply leadership, communication, and problem-solving skills not just at work (or their business), but for the benefit of fellow professionals in Metro Detroit.

If you're interested in getting involved, we encourage you to volunteer. Volunteering is a fantastic way to expand your professional network, sharpen your skills, and make a lasting impact on our chapter.

Please visit our volunteer page to see current opportunities.

Let's give a big thank you to all our volunteers – you're the reason PMIGL continues to move forward!!!







# PMIGL 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing



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Saturday, August 9, 2025, was a picture-perfect day for PMIGL members and sponsors to gather at the beautifully manicured Farmington Hills Golf Club for our 10<sup>th</sup> annual golf outing, a vibrant mix of play, camaraderie, and networking.

From the moment golfers arrived, the atmosphere was electric—energized players hit the course ready for a spirited round of golf.

After several hours of swings, laughter, and teamwork, everyone regrouped to enjoy a delicious lunch – the perfect chance to compare drives, swap stories, and gear up for the afternoon festivities.

The day rolled on with raffle drawing at 2 PM and wrapped up at 3 PM—crowning winners, sparking new friendships, and sending everyone home with big smiles and great memories.

All told, the outing delivered an unforgettable blend of friendly competition, meaningful networking, and pure fun—exactly what PMIGL is all about.

A heartfelt thank-you to Farmington Hills Gold Club for hosting us, to all our enthusiastic participants, and to our generous sponsors, Intellibee and Dechen Consulting.

We'll see you next year on the green!!!





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# UPCOMING EVENTS



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UNLOCK YOUR POTENTIAL

# MEMBER APPRECIATION DAY INVITATION

Join us for a unique opportunity to expand your professional network and foster collaboration, explore new job opportunities. Participate in engaging discussions, share insights, and form valuable connections with fellow managers. This networking event is designed to inspire growth and innovation. Don't miss your chance to elevate your career and make a lasting impact in your industry!

Connect, Collaborate, and Grow  
Together!

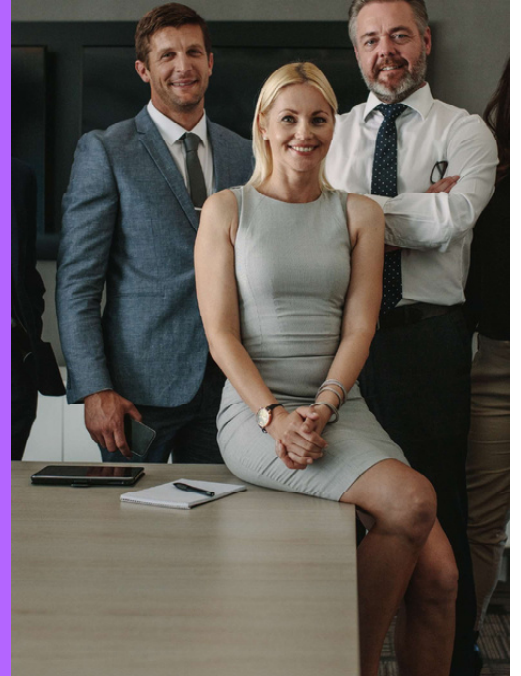
Date: August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Venue: MSU Management Education Center  
811 W Square Lake Rd., Troy MI 48098

Time: 5:30 - 8:30 PM

Light Snacks provided. Cash Bar available

REGISTER HERE



# Monthly Lunch & Learn

## Exploring the “3rd Alternative” in Negotiation

Sept 24, 2025

At Noon



With: Ed Lively  
Senior Consultant & Trainer,  
International Institute for Learning  
(IIL)

### Exploring the “3rd Alternative” in Negotiation

Wed, Sept 24 • 12–1 PM ET

Live Webinar with Ed Lively (IIL)

\$15.00 for Members

#### Discover how to:

- Move beyond win/lose thinking
- Create synergy in negotiations
- Leverage differing perspectives

### Meet your Speaker

Ed Lively, PMP, MBA, Senior Consultant & Trainer, IIL

Ed is a highly skilled trainer and consultant at IIL with extensive experience across operations, IT, corporate finance, and process improvement. He is known for strong team-building, training, and pragmatic leadership development. Ed has worked with IIL since 2005 and teaches project management fundamentals.



**REGISTER NOW**



# SEPTEMBER CHAPTER MEETING



SEPTEMBER 8, 2025  
6 PM - 7 PM  
VIRTUAL

## A New Role for the Project Management Professional - Advocate for Project Management Ready Youth



WITH **BILL MOYLAN**

### Topic:

**"A New Role for the Project Management Professional -  
Advocate for Project Management Ready Youth"**

**Speaker: Bill Moylan, PhD, PMP, FESD, DTM**

**When: Monday, September 8, 2025**

**Time: 6:00 - 7:00 PM ET**

### What You'll Learn:

- **Key strategies to advocate for Project Management Ready Youth**
- **Using Agile vs. traditional plan-based approaches**
- **Partnering with CTE teachers as their "Guide on the Side"**
- **Project Management as a vital life skill for the 21st century**

### About the Speaker

**Dr. Bill Moylan is Professor Emeritus at Eastern Michigan University and a seasoned expert in project management with over 50 years of experience. He helped develop the PMI Project Management Ready® certification for youth and is passionate about preparing the next generation of project managers.**



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PROFESSIONAL

# Development Day

SUSTAINABLE PROJECT MANAGEMENT:  
DRIVING CHANGE FOR A GREENER  
FUTURE

OCTOBER 24, 2025



## Professional Development Day 2025

Join us for PMI Great Lakes Chapter's Professional Development Day! This year's theme — Sustainable Project Management: Driving Change for a Greener Future — brings together inspiring keynote speakers and expert voices from across the country and within our own chapter.

Earn PDUs, connect with fellow professionals, and gain fresh insights to drive lasting impact in your projects.

Members: \$185

Non-Members: \$230

Venue: MSU Management Education Center  
811 W Square Lake Rd, Troy, MI, 48098

Date & Time: Friday, October 24th, 2025

7:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Register now for just \$185 (only \$10 more than early bird pricing) for a limited time!



**REGISTER NOW**





Project Management  
Content Development  
Consulting  
Private Training

## Ready to Get Certified? Take Advantage of Discounted Exam Prep Training!

Are you thinking about taking the next step in your project management career? Whether you're aiming for your **PMP®**, **CAPM®**, **PMI-ACP®**, or **Professional Scrum Master** certification, now is a great time to start preparing — and saving!

PMI Great Lakes Chapter (PMIGLC) is proud to partner with [Peak Business Management](#) to offer **discounted exam prep** training for both **members and non-members**. These courses are taught by experienced instructors and are designed to help you confidently prepare for the certification exam that aligns with your career goals.

As a PMIGLC member (or even if you're not!), you can receive **up to \$200 off** the cost of certification training through this partnership. Whether you're a seasoned professional looking to earn your PMP or a newcomer interested in the CAPM, this is a smart, cost-effective way to get started.

Have questions about the certification process or which path might be right for you? Feel free to reach out to me, **Ron Papa, Director of Certifications**, [director.certifications@pmiglc.org](mailto:director.certifications@pmiglc.org)

I'm happy to help!

Let's take your project management career to the next level — together



# PM Musings: The World is Big!

*By April Callis-Birchmeier for PMI Great Lakes Chapter*

The World is Big!

We all know the world is vast. Intellectually, at least. We're aware that billions of people live differently, shaped by unique cultures, habits, environments, and values. And yet, despite that awareness, it's easy to forget. Daily routines compress our view. Our patterns become familiar, our assumptions unnoticed. We begin to think most people are living slight variations of our own day-to-day.

Until something disrupts that rhythm and we see, really see, how differently life can unfold.

Travel is one such disruption.

Not because it presents novelty for novelty's sake, or because it sets up contrast for critique. Rather, it's the quiet realization: "This way of doing life, this system, this custom, this pace works here." Not just differently, but well. Travel invites us to observe, not just to move. It widens the lens. And when it does, it shifts our orientation to one of many connected, curious, and open.

Recently my husband Jay and I stepped away for three weeks, a longer journey than we usually allow.

As entrepreneurs, the idea of being away from our businesses felt bold, even risky. The kind of decision that makes you double-check your calendar and your courage.

But we went. And we did something even more radical: we left our laptops behind. Initially, the silence felt odd. We looked for our computers that weren't there. Notifications were conspicuously absent. But slowly, the absence became its own kind of presence. We were where we were. And the memories that stayed with us weren't part of a travel brochure.

They came from the unexpected, an entertaining conversation with an Albanian taxi driver, a restaurant that graciously served us long after the kitchen had officially closed, and a dessert, ordered in uncertain translation, that arrived comically oversized and gloriously sweet – we enjoyed eating our mistake!

These moments reminded me of a simple truth. There is richness in the unplanned, value in the unfamiliar and growth in stepping outside of what we know.

As someone who lives and breathes change management, I couldn't help but notice the systems around me, even on vacation and the smooth adaptation that we and other travelers made in response to the unfamiliar.

Now that we're home, I'm trying to protect that traveler's mindset.

It's tempting to rush back into productivity. To over-schedule but doing so narrows the view again. So instead, I'm practicing the discipline of leaving room for slower thinking, deeper listening and new ideas.

Because wisdom often speaks in the pauses. And the most meaningful insights don't arrive when we're rushing.

You don't need to cross an ocean to rediscover this kind of presence. A weekend unplugged. An afternoon without your phone. A quiet walk with no destination in mind. These small breaks from routine can bring perspective and spaciousness back into daily life. So, if it's been a while since you've stepped back consider this your invitation. Not to escape, but to expand.

Because the world truly is immense. And your ideas and your capacity to navigate it, can be just as vast.

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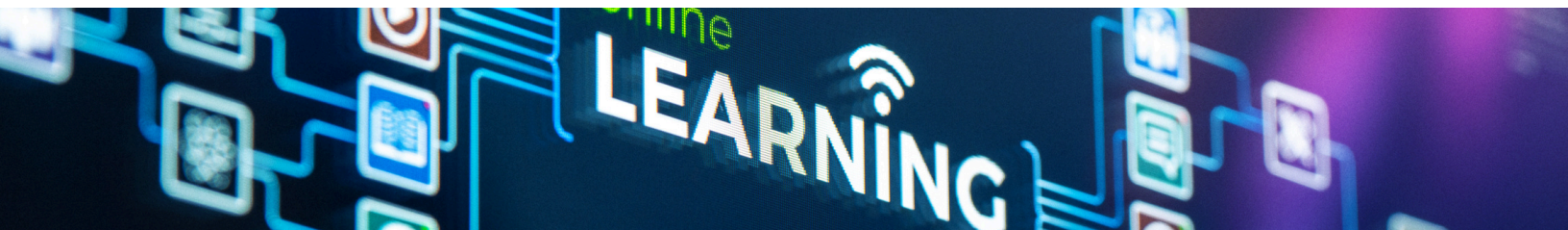




A banner image showing a close-up of a document with the words "Job Opportunity" in large, bold, black letters. Below it, the word "EMPLOYMENT" is partially visible. In the background, there are some blurred text elements like "Inventory" and "Legal Administration".

# Job Opportunity

The PMI Job Board has enhanced features, making it easier to connect job seekers and employers in the project management industry. You can access PMIGL's Job Board of local postings at <https://pmiglc.org/job-postings>



## **What is Disciplined Agile Certification?**

As a leader in project management education, we are working with Peak Business Management to offer the official PMI Disciplined Agile workshop and DASM certification program for individuals looking to pass the exam and become a Disciplined Agile Scrum Master (DASM). Learn more at <https://pmiglc.org/peakbusinessmanagement>

## **Earn Free PDUs!**

Peak Business Management, is offering chapter members free PDUs! Please [visit their website](#) for more details. Be sure to use the password PeakPDU0922 to access this offer.

## **PMIGL is thrilled to shine a light on our partnership with IIL.**

Members have access to an incredible array of benefits and amazing opportunities such as discounts on courses, free webinars, and so much more. Please visit the IIL/PMIGL website

## **What is KICKOFF™?**

KICKOFF™ is a free, interactive project management course that only takes 45 minutes to complete. Use it to get up to speed on project management basics. Once you're done, you can share a badge that shows you know the basics of managing projects from start to finish. Please visit <https://www.pmi.org/kickoff/> for more Information.

## **Stay Up to Date with PMIGL**

Help promote PMIGL by following us on [Facebook](#), [X \(Twitter\)](#) and [LinkedIn](#), and share our upcoming events and volunteer opportunities as you see posted. You never know what door may open!



Welcome New Members & Congratulations on Milestone Anniversaries  
Congratulations to members on their milestone anniversaries this month. Thank you for your valued membership and continued support!  
Also, welcome to our new members who recently joined the chapter.



## Sustained Annual Sponsorship Opportunities for 2025

Sponsors and recruiters are invited to connect with the PMIGL marketing team ([director.marketing@pmiglc.net](mailto:director.marketing@pmiglc.net)) to participate in PMIGL events,

For the 2025 Golf outing:

Individual hole and event sponsorships are welcome . Please click on the following link to download the sponsor information packet for details and sponsor benefits:

<https://pmiglc.org/static/uploaded/Files/Documents/Sponsorship/2025-Sponsorship-Packet-Master.pdf>

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