


# PROJECT MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE LOS ANGELES CHAPTER 1974 - 2024



**Honoring the Past, Driving the Future**



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*"In honor of James (Jim) R. Snyder, the visionary founder whose pioneering spirit laid the foundation for the Project Management Institute, inspiring generations of professionals worldwide to achieve excellence in project management."*

*"The next 50 years excites me about the profession."  
- Jim Snyder, PMI Founder*

**" When it stops being fun, it's time to  
get out of the game.  
Work Hard. Play Hard. Rock on."  
- Deby Covey**

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**"HALF A CENTURY OF DRIVING SUCCESS THROUGH  
PROJECTS, TEAMWORK, AND INNOVATION.  
CONGRATULATIONS, PMI-LA, ON 50 YEARS OF  
EXCELLENCE IN PROJECT MANAGEMENT. HERE'S TO THE  
NEXT CHAPTER OF TRANSFORMATIVE LEADERSHIP AND  
ACHIEVEMENT!"  
- DAVID DOAN**

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“Bill Gates said, ‘We all need people who will give us feedback. That's how we improve.’ When you are part of a community like PMI-LA, you have already signed up to be the best version of yourself through continuous improvement.”  
-Meeta Autrey

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“50 years strong and we’re just getting started! Celebrating our legacy, embracing diversity, and forging the future of project management with innovation and style.”  
-Sean Kennedy

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“Work hard, travel harder, and let the adventures fuel your success story.” PMI-LA is empowered by diversity and driven by excellence. Celebrating this incredible milestone and looking forward to shaping the next!  
-Rose Otowo

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# LEGACY CAPTURED

50 YEARS OF PMI-LA IN FOCUS



Honoring the Past, Driving the Future



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## PMI - LOS ANGELES CHAPTER, INC.

PMI is the leading global association for the project management profession. PMI sets industry standards, conducts research and provides education, certification and professional exchange opportunities designed to strengthen and further establish the profession. PMI advances the careers of practitioners, while enhancing overall business and government performance, through documentation of return on investment. PMI has over 700,000 members and more than 1.4 million PMPs (Project Management Professional certification) in over 300 chapters. Within Los Angeles, there are over 2,400 PMI Chapter Members and more than 1,200 PMPs. (April 2024).

During the early years of PMI, there were no chapters; the organization existed as one body with individual members. The local chapter concept was eventually introduced, and a unit consisting of all California members was formed. This California chapter alternated holding its meetings in San Francisco and Los Angeles, drawing participation throughout the state. However, the travel and logistics soon proved impractical; and separate chapters were eventually formed in each location. The Southern California Chapter was formed from those PMI members south of Bakersfield.

Monthly meetings were held, which drew attendees from this vast area, and a charter was issued to this Southern California Chapter in 1974.

By 1986, the number of members in the San Diego area was large enough to charter a separate chapter, the San Diego Chapter, to serve that area.

Meantime, PMI interest and membership continued to grow in the Southern California Chapter, and eventually, the membership in the Orange County area was sufficient to support a new chapter there as well. With the formation of the Orange County Chapter in 1989, the name of the Southern California Chapter was changed to the Los Angeles Chapter; and in 1999, the PMI-LA chapter received recognition for its 25th year in operation. However, the geographical territory of the chapter was still too large to allow us to adequately serve our members in all our area. So, in 2000, still another chapter, the Los Padres Chapter (now known as PMI-California Central Coast Chapter), was formed which consisted of members in the Santa Barbara and Ventura area.



# LETTER FROM THE 2024 CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Dear PMI-Los Angeles Family,

It's with immense joy and honor that we commemorate PMI-LA's 50th Anniversary—a testament to our shared dedication and the bold strides we've taken together. Reflecting on our storied past, I am reminded of the vibrant energy and commitment that powered my presidency in 2013, and I see those same qualities along with resilience propelling us into a brilliant future.

We've always been change pioneers—rebranding from PMI-Southern California to PMI-Los Angeles in 1989, adopting the PMI blue logo in 2000 and now for the 2020's with a dynamic new logo that echoes our evolving identity, embracing member feedback with unprecedented enthusiasm, and expanding Professional Development to Career Development with innovative systems. Our initiatives, from leading multi-chapter events to coordinating Projects for Social Impact, were not just about expanding our reach; they were about strengthening the heartbeat of our community.



Deby Covey, PMP

Beyond our logistical triumphs, it was the joyous connections, the shared experiences, and the mentorships that truly defined our chapter. The laughter shared at our volunteer events and social gatherings created more than just memories; they fortified the bonds that are the foundation of our success.

As we look ahead, the path is illuminated by the brilliance of our collective spirit. Let us carry the legacy of our past while forging new frontiers with courage and enthusiasm. The horizon is vast, and the possibilities are limitless. With each new challenge, let's lean on the strength of our community and continue to bring the global standard of project management to Los Angeles.

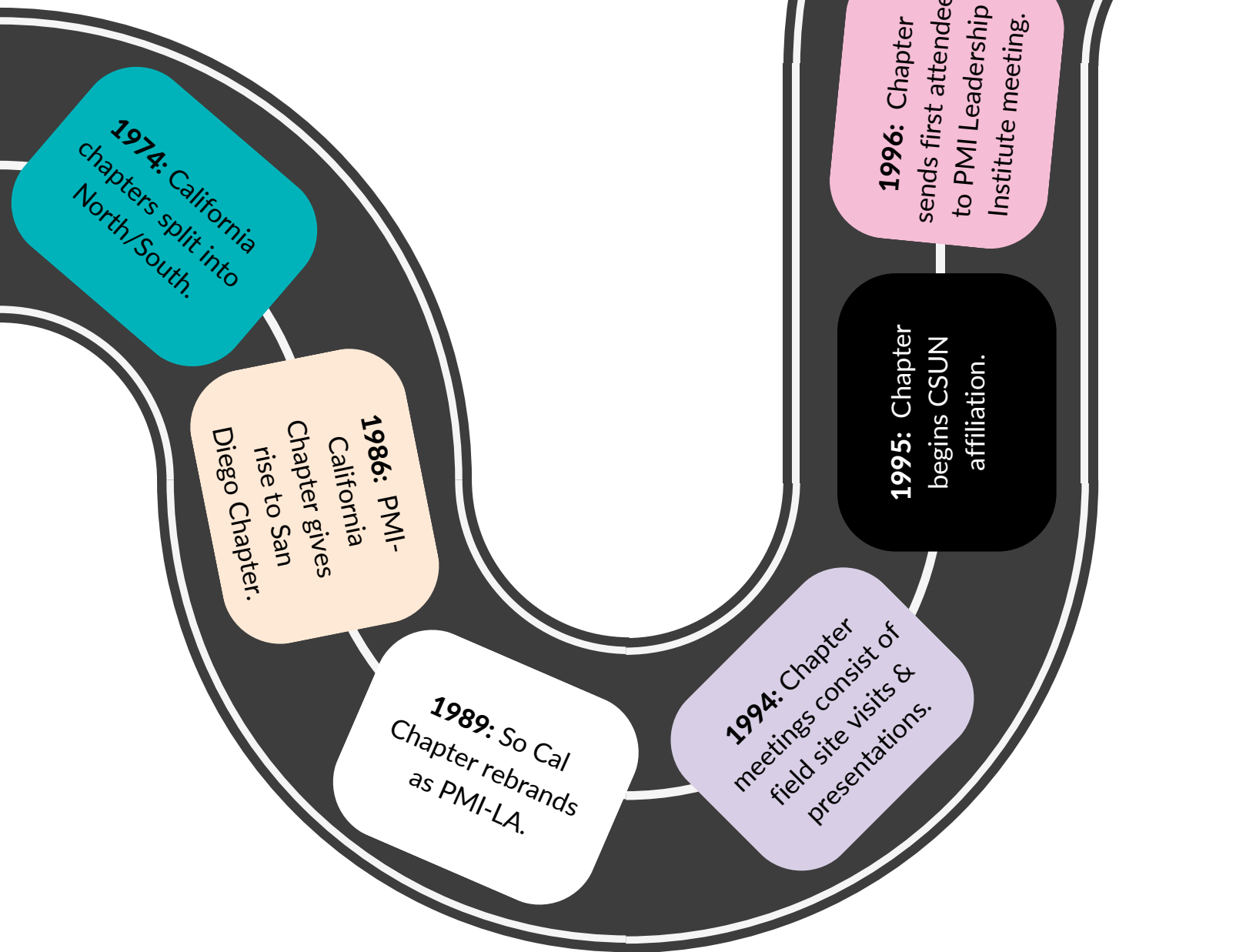
A toast to the next 50 years—may they be filled with innovation, collaboration, and excellence.

**Fun Fact:** Deby served as 2013 PMI-LA Chapter President and then again 10 years later in 2023!



# THE JOURNEY BEGINS

THE LONG WINDING ROAD OF PMI-LA



1969

PMI is Formed

1974

CA chapters split into North/South.

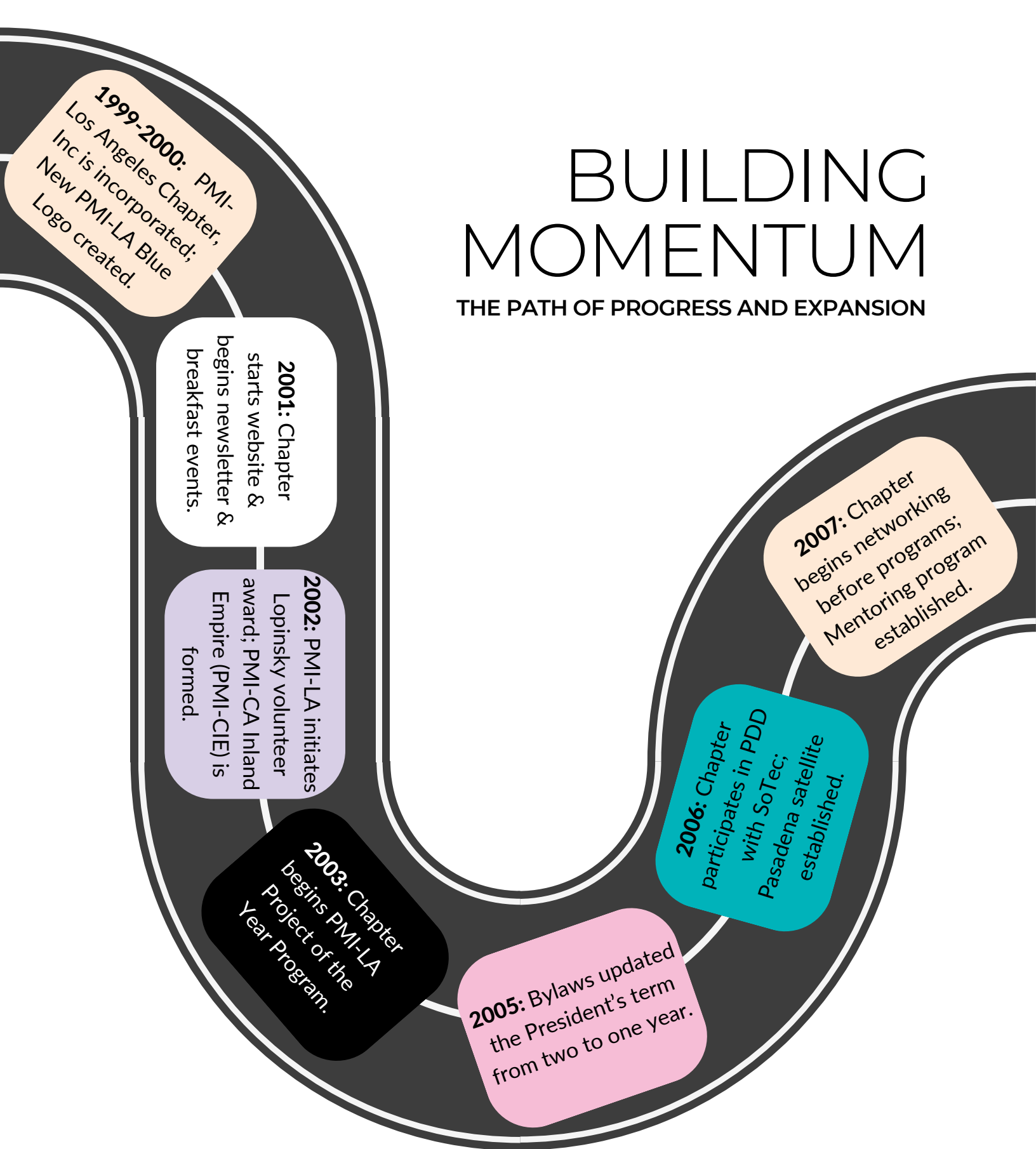
1983

Certification program for PMP begins.



# BUILDING MOMENTUM

THE PATH OF PROGRESS AND EXPANSION



1984

Inaugural PMP exam administered.

1989

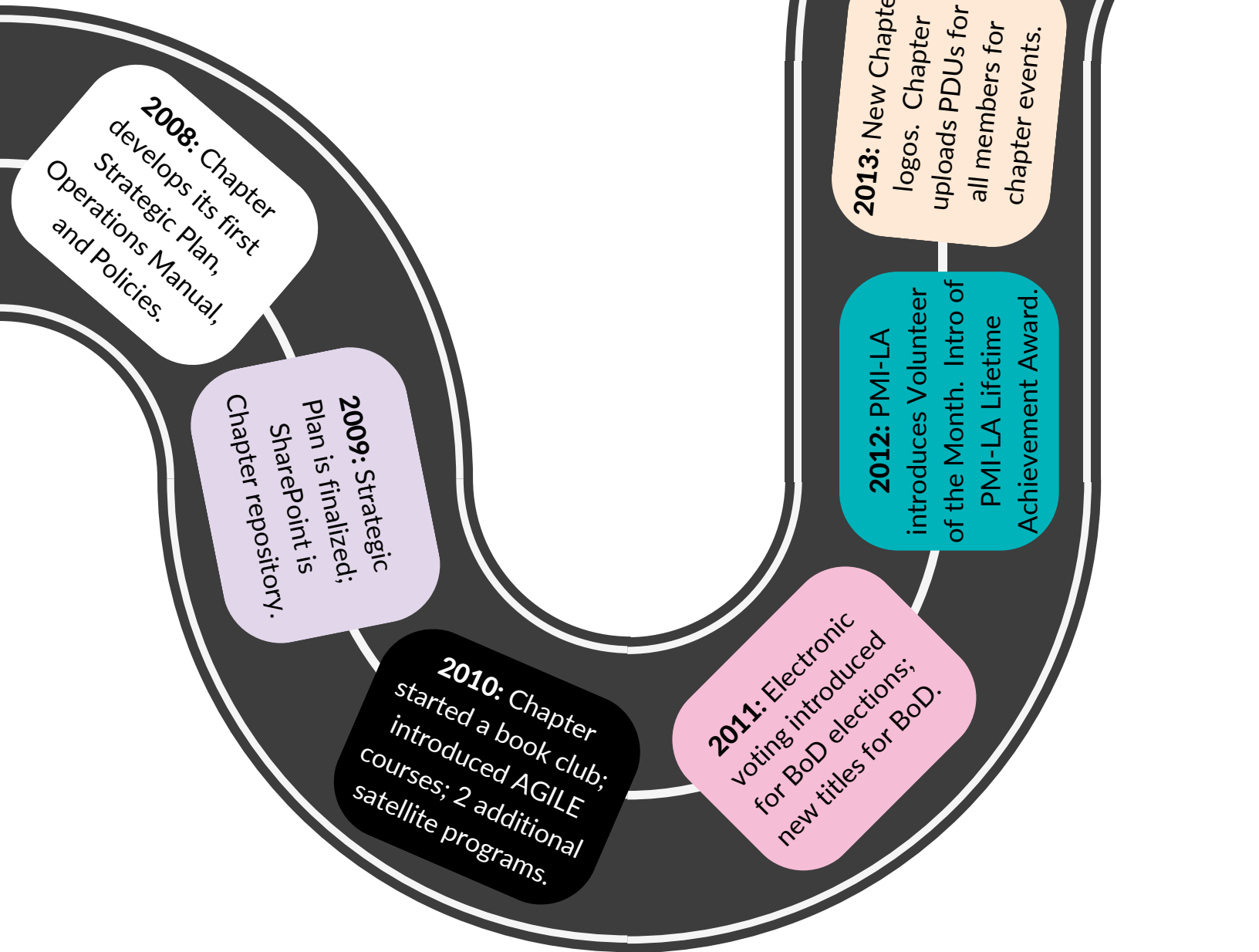
PMI-Orange County is formed from Southern California Chapter

1996

PMI Produces the PMBOK® Guide 3rd Edition

# EXPANDING HORIZONS

BROADENING REACH, DEEPENING IMPACT



2000

2005

2009

PMI Produces the PMBOK® Guide 2nd Edition.

PMI Produces the PMBOK® Guide 3rd Edition

PMI Produces the PMBOK® Guide 4th Edition.



# ACHIEVING MILESTONES

CELEBRATING OUR RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS

**2015-2016:** Starts Social Media initiative; Created Chapter Disaster Recovery Plan.

**2017:** PMI-LA hosts First Kerry Plinton Fun Day & Fisher House Community Outreach Projrect.

**2018:** PMI-LA hosts LIM and Global Conference; PDU & a Pint event held!

**2019:** Chapter starts collaborative FUN chapters.

**2020-2022:** Chapter Pandemic pivot: Mastered 100% virtual events & mentoring.

**2023:** Chapter Operationalized Multi-chapter events & Projects for social impact.

**2024:** Chapter to help host PMI's global summit & NA LIM; career dev focus on Career Tools.

2013

PMI Produces the PMBOK® Guide 5th Edition.

2016

PMI Produces the PMBOK® Guide 6th Edition.

2019

PMI Celebrates 50 years

# Project Management

*It's In Everything We Do*

## **MISSION:**

To provide opportunities for individual growth in project management and increase corporate awareness of the project management profession.

## **VISION:**

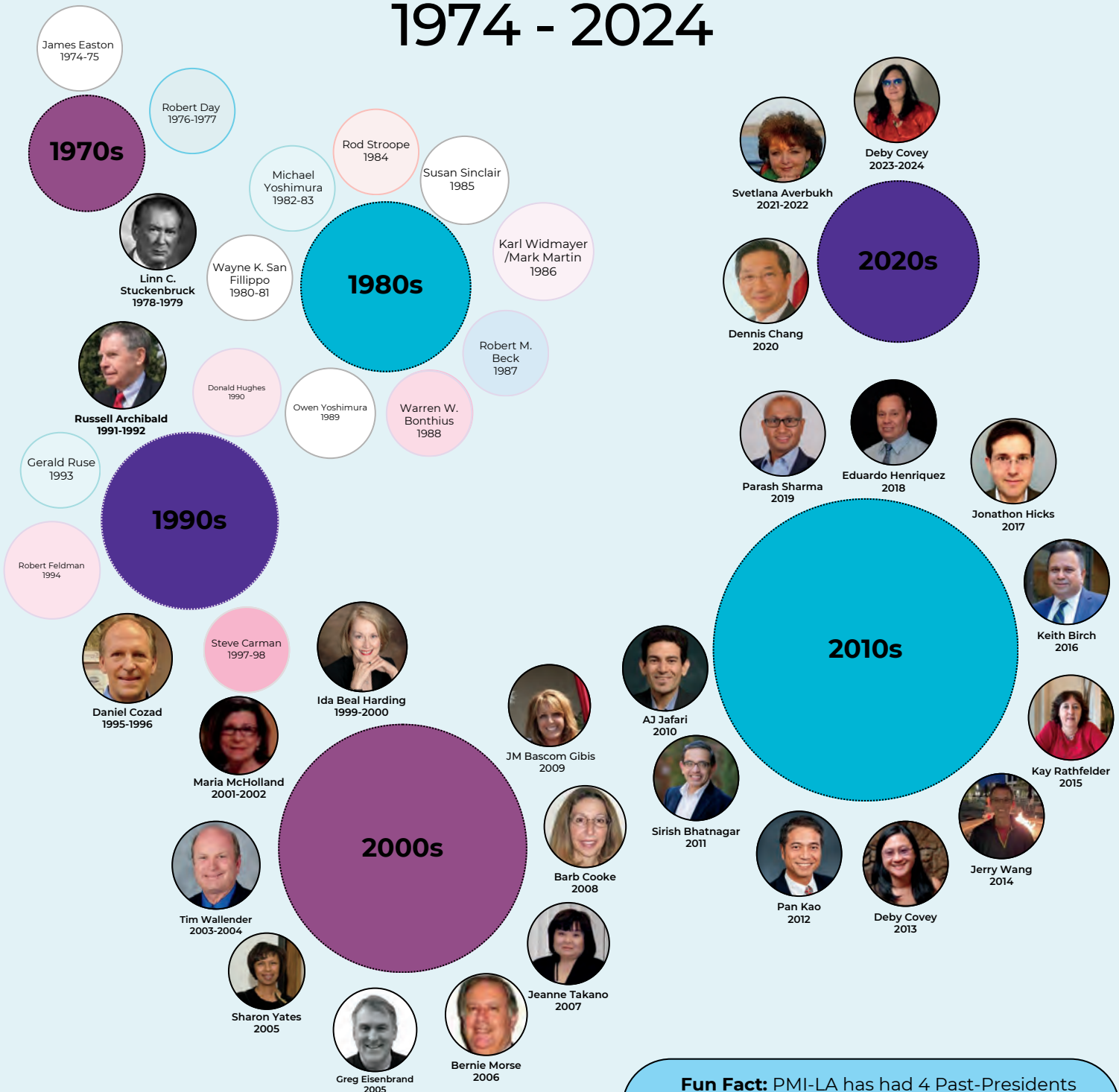
PMI-LA will be recognized as a premier PMI chapter for the advancement of project management and a benchmark for other PMI chapters.



**Project**  
Management  
Institute®  
Los Angeles



# PAST PMI-LA CHAPTER PRESIDENTS 1974 - 2024



**Fun Fact:** PMI-LA has had 4 Past-Presidents who have gone on to serve on the PMI Board of Directors.



2000



2013

2020



## PMI-LA History | 1969 - 1984

From PMI-California, to PMI-Southern California, to PMI-Los Angeles Chapter with 4 new Southern California Sister Chapters, the chapter has transformed over the past 50 years. Please enjoy these pages on history of the chapter milestones as it grew from 12 chapter members to nearly 2400 chapter members becoming the organization it is today.

The Project Management Institute (PMI) was created at Philadelphia's Three Threes Restaurant, marking a pivotal moment for project management professionals.

**1969**



**1974**

The PMI California Chapter divided into Northern and Southern branches, a significant evolution in the organization's structure, moving from three US chapters to four.

PMI marks a significant milestone by offering the first PMP exams and credentials in 1984, formalizing the certification process for project managers.

**1984**





# PMI-LA History | 1985 - 1995



**1986**

PMI-San Diego is formed from the Southern California (Los Angeles) Chapter.

The PMI-Orange County Chapter formed, and the PMI-Los Angeles Chapter marked its 15th anniversary.

**1989**



**1990**

The chapter received the Region III Sustained Superior Performance Award for the first time.

The LA Chapter shifted meetings to the Marriott, adopting a hands-on approach with field trip visits to project sites, and commemorated 20 years of service.

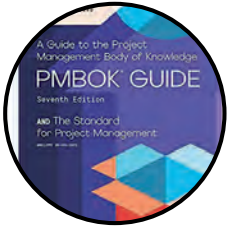
**1994**



**1995**

PMI-LA meetings moved to the 94th Aero Squadron, started focusing on PMBOK topics, and won the Region III performance award.

# PMI-LA History | 1996 - 2000



**1996**

PMI released the inaugural PMBOK® Guide and the chapter's first PMI Leadership Meeting attendee yielded positive results.

Launched PMP courses at Universal Studios, won regional awards, and celebrated Daniel Cozad with the PMI President Award.

**1997**



**1998**

Introduced a new logo, created a website for enrollments, initiated a Vendor Sponsor Program, and hosted the PMI Congress in Long Beach.

Meetings moved to Proud Bird near LAX, won PMI Chapter of the Year, and marked its 25th anniversary.

**1999**



PMI-LA incorporated, unveiled a new logo, initiated a corporate board, and organized a harbor cruise. PMI-Los Padres Chapter was established.

**2000**

# PMI-LA History | 2001 -2005



**2001**

Initiated a newsletter, expanded the website, started breakfast roundtables at LAX, and hosted a Catalina Island event.

PMI recognized the DRA Program, set up the first satellite program in Pasadena, introduced a volunteer award, and enjoyed an antique train ride.

**2002**



**2003**

Introduced the PMI-LA Project of the Year Program with the Alameda Corridor Project, hosted a fun event at Dodger Stadium, and supported a regional program financially.

Celebrated a 30-year milestone, updated bylaws to one-year presidential terms, and the C-17 Project won Project of the Year.

**2004**



**2005**

The chapter bylaws were revised, shortening the presidential term from two years to one.



# PMI-LA History | 2006 - 2010



**2006**

PMI-LA held the Kerzner Seminar, initiated teleconference board meetings, and launched a Pasadena satellite program with Kaiser Permanente.

PMI-LA initiated a mentoring program, co-hosted a regional leadership conference, and developed a chapter operations manual.

**2007**



**2008**

Formulated a strategic plan, overhauled the website, established financial policies, and implemented a PDU tracking process.

Implemented a mentoring program, introduced SharePoint for board members, finalized strategic plans, and marked the 35th anniversary.

**2009**



**2010**

PMI-LA ratified its strategic plan, introduced electronic voting, started a book club, and offered Agile Scrum Master courses.

# PMI-LA History | 2011 - 2015



**2011**

The chapter transitioned to a chapter-managed website, added a PMI Educational Foundation liaison, and introduced electronic Board of Directors voting.

PMI-LA launched a volunteer program, recognized members at an event, and achieved a record membership growth.

**2012**



**2013**

PMI-LA introduced new logos, streamlined PDU uploads, engaged members with a survey leading to new initiatives, and held a fun movie event.

Launched additional satellites and online classes, engaged in student outreach, and celebrated the 40-year milestone.

**2014**



**2015**

Enhanced mentorship, participated in Regional Summit at Sea, upgraded the website and social media outreach, and introduced scholarships.

# PMI-LA History | 2016 - 2020



**2016**

Expanded project management into vocational schools, hosted an open house, and devised a disaster recovery plan.

Moved the Pasadena meeting to a new location, hosted a community project, and aligned the strategic plan with PMI's goals.

**2017**



**2018**

Hosted the PMI LIM & Global Conference in LA, created a unique networking event, and supported the Central LA Fisher House with fundraising.

Hosted a flagship event at the USS Iowa, participated in the K1 Racing with PMI-OC, and celebrated 45 years of PMI Los Angeles and 50 years of PMI globally.

**2019**



**2020**

Implemented DRP to cancel an in-person Flagship meeting and make it virtual due to pandemic lockdowns, pivot to 100% virtual Programs, Networking and Career Dev opportunities, using special pandemic pricing to retain members with the chapter; installed formal process to become a volunteer and track volunteer hours



# PMI-LA History | 2021 - 2024



**2021**

Continuation of virtual events with the highest number of programs and Career Development events in a single year; Mentoring Program was revived and improved for virtual connections; JOBS board was implemented with a 3rd party service; Partnerships with vendors & other minority academic groups to outreach at a student level.

Growth of PMP certifications during the pandemic. Established a project plan to prepare for a return to in-person events once the pandemic was over. Decision to keep strong virtual offering for members as well as quarterly in-person events.

**2022**



Rotating in-person Flagship every quarter while maintaining a majority of virtual events. Career Development continues to be 100% virtual. Offered hybrid New member Orientation meetings and returned to a Networking Happy Hour towards the end of the year. Established Framework for Projects for Social Impact to enable chapter members to help give back to the community. Chapter leadership was invited to PMI Global Partners event.,

**2023**



Continued with Projects for Social Impact; partnered with PMI and Project Managers Without Borders for 2 Social Impact non-profit groups; Growth of Women in PMI Leadership Roles, PMI Global Summit and North America LIM to be held in Los Angeles this September and the chapter will play a role in supporting this event, PMI-LA celebrates 50 years!

**2024**



Continuous Improvement to celebrate another 50 years of Project Management in Los Angeles!

**Project Management: It's in Everything We Do!**

# SHAPING THE PMI-LA 2024 BOARD

GUIDING PROJECT MANAGEMENT INTO TOMORROW: THE 2024 BOARD FORGES NEW PATHS OF EXCELLENCE AND INNOVATION



**Deby Covey**  
President



**David Doan**  
VP of Operations/President-Elect



**Meeta Autrey**  
VP of Finance



**James Jackson**  
VP of Technology



**Vick Madenian**  
VP of Career Development



**Rose Otowo**  
VP of Marketing & Comms



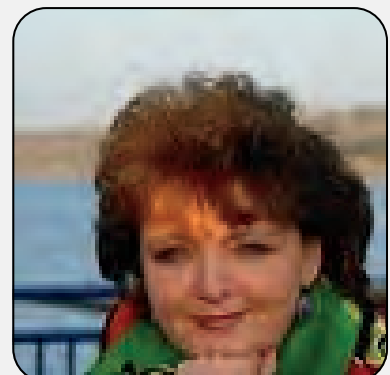
**Sean Kennedy**  
VP of PMO & Administration



**Danielle Benson**  
VP of Membership



**Phoebe Johnson**  
VP of Programs



**Svetlana Averbukh**  
Past-President

# FUTURE OF PMI-LA

## PMI-LA TRUSTEES

PMI-LA is unique in that this chapter has it written in our By Laws a non-voting Board Position known as "Trustee" with 1 or more opportunities for past presidents to stay engaged with the chapter and provide historical references and governance advice. Any engaged Immediate Past- President can apply to be a Trustee of the board. Trustees were first established in 2005 and we have had as few as 2 Trustees.



*Barbara Cooke,  
2008 President*



*AJ Jafari,  
2010 President*



*Kay Rathfelder,  
2015 President*



*Ida Harding,  
1999-2000 President*

**Fun Fact:** The highest number of Trustees for a single board was in 2018 when there were 10 Trustees.



# SOCIAL IMPACT



LOS ANGELES FOOD BANK 2023



HEAL THE BAY TORRANCE CLEAN-UP 2023



COVENANT HOUSE - INTAKE KITS 2023



DOWNTOWN WOMENS CENTER SNACK PACKS JUNE 2023

PMI-LA launched the Projects for Social Impact initiative in June 2023, aimed at addressing global challenges and supporting the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This initiative encouraged PMI-LA members to apply their project management skills towards creating a sustainable and inclusive world.

Within the established framework, all members have the opportunity to undertake projects that contribute directly to SDGs such as quality education, sustainable cities, gender equality, and climate action. Participation not only aids in societal and environmental betterment but also enhances members' professional skills and expands their network.

In 2024, PMI-LA is excited to pilot the Project Management Without Borders initiative to continue the positive impact in our community. Chapter volunteers will partner with non-profits to maximize project success by sharing expertise towards their projects.

Together, we aim to make a difference, bettering people's lives and the planet, now and in the future!

**2023-2024 PMI-LA Board of  
Directors & Social Impact  
Committee**



MINDS MATTER SO CAL CAREER INCUBATOR 2023



LA FOOD BANK HYGEINE KITS NOV 2023



DREAM CENTER HOLIDAY FUN DAY - DEC 2023



DOWNTOWN WOMENS CENTER SNACK PACKS  
JUNE 2023

## Social Impact Initiative

Kickoff Date  
June 2023

2023 Stats (June - December)

Total Impact Hours Logged  
1600

Individual Participants  
258

Total Projects Completed  
11

Organizations Supported  
9



COVENANT HOUSE - INTAKE KITS JULY 2023



HEAL THE BAY SANTA MONICA CLEAN-UP 2024





Charlie Lopinsky

## CHARLIE LOPINSKY VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNERS

Allan Shechet	2002
Margaret Chu	2003
Mallik Kesavaraju	2004
Allan Shechet	2005
Micheal Berner	2006
Vick Madenian	2007
Jeb Bowdoin	2008
Steve Marlin	2009
Kerry Plinton	2010
Shirley Halahmy (Douglass)	2011
Keith Birch	2013
Darci Oltman	2014
Hector Rivera	2015
Kay Rathfelder	2016
Chris O Connell	2017
Joan McNamara	2018
Darci Oltman	2020
Lindiwe Stenberg	2021
Barbara Cooke	2023

## CHARLIE LOPINSKY

The original “key volunteer” for the Southern California Chapter, Charlie (PMI Member ID: 301) participated in both LA and OC Chapters until his passing in 2002. He attended every PMI-LA Board and chapter meeting. He always provided ideas and advice — and always with the best interests of the chapter in mind. He was named a PMI Fellow in 1989. This is PMI’s highest and most prestigious award for an individual. It recognizes and honors those PMI members who have made sustained and significant contributions for more than a decade to PMI and the project management profession. Since 2002, we have presented the ‘Charlie Lopinsky Volunteer of the Year’ award to a key volunteer who exhibits the outstanding traits of dedication and enthusiasm for the chapter. These volunteers have helped make PMI-Los Angeles Chapter what it is today.

# CHAPTER AWARDS



## PMI-LA CHAPTER LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

First issued in 2012, this award was designed to honor those PMI-LA chapter members who have been chapter members for more than 10 years and have dedicated a lifetime of experience to PMI and PMI-Los Angeles. Through holding various volunteer roles at the PMI Global level and bringing that knowledge back to the chapter, making our chapter stronger as a result, these individuals are honored with the highest achievement that this chapter can offer to any volunteer.



2019  
Barb Cooke

**"LEGACY ETCHED IN EXCELLENCE, A BEACON  
FOR FUTURES BRIGHT."**

*PMI-LA*



2016  
Maria McHolland



2012  
Ida Beal Harding



## LEE MANDLEY

Founding Director of the PMI-LA Alhambra Community Meeting located at DeVry, Lee was a Construction PM and a long time member of the chapter. He was the voice and liaison for the San Gabriel Valley members east of Pasadena. Lee was the first director to institute round table discussions on interesting Project Management Topics when a speaker had to cancel at the last moment.

Since 2012, we have presented the 'Volunteer of the Month' award to a key volunteer who exhibits the outstanding trait of working "outside-the-box" to ensure that chapter operations are running smoothly in their area. This award was renamed later that year to honor Lee Mandley.



Lee Mandley

### LEE MANDLEY VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH AWARD RECIPIENTS

#### 2012

Monique Charland  
Steve Marlin  
Richard Webb  
Harvey Ganz  
Lisa Priester  
Felicia Macias  
Nazy Aslani  
Lee Mandley  
Huy Vo  
Leighton Tsai

#### 2013

Tracy Bader  
Rodrigo Goncalves  
Suzy Husner  
Keith Birch  
Darci Oltman  
Vicki Momary  
Francis Xavier  
Heather Murrell  
Prabin Sharma

#### 2014

Jay Bradshaw  
Shirley Douglass  
John Zhou  
Lilybeth Dee  
Rocio Neira  
Barbara Cooke  
Sam Nooshin

#### 2015

Dorothy Musacchio  
Lisa Norris  
Tracy Bader  
Ed Fritz  
Allen Wilson  
Hector Rivera  
Lorie Nicio  
Evelyn Brooks  
Pam Meador

#### 2016

Flavia Gitersonke  
Rodrigo Goncalves  
Maria McHolland  
Alex Cheung  
Yolanda Rubio  
Meeta Lulla  
Janet Schwarz  
Hiro Hirashiki  
Jon Lurgio  
Cecilia MacKnight

#### 2017

Cleber Cuzziol  
Nareg Tovmassian  
Vick Madenian  
Sherin Abdallah  
Chris O Connell  
Vince Eng  
Ferlicius Martinez  
Jeanne Takano

#### 2018

Brian Franke  
Lancelot Lake  
James Jackson  
Peter Wu  
Anil Divakaran  
Cami Hamilton

#### 2019

Keith Birch  
Christine Nguyen  
Sherin Abdallah  
Darci Oltman  
Lynda Brown Lee  
Brian Franke  
Monica Alvarez

#### 2020

Heather Sutton  
Tracy Bader  
Pardha Akalamkam  
Mern Reeves  
ByLaws Committee  
• Ida Harding, Maria McHolland, Barb Cooke  
Farrokh Shoar  
NomCom Committee  
• Keith Birch, AJ Jafari, Mern Reeves  
Steven Dien  
Beth Sassoon  
Network Events Team  
• Vipanee Pengpol, Susan Graz

#### 2021

Wilson Yu  
Vick Madenian  
Diane Gloor

#### 2022

Brian Franke  
Pardha Akalamkam

#### 2023

Tia Eskandari  
Rose Otowo  
Simona Lovin

# CHAPTER AWARDS



## VIJEY KUMAR, PMP

Vijey joined PMI in May 15, 1990 when applications for the PMP were all handwritten and mailed in. He was PMP Certified on January 1, 1991 before the 1st PMBoK edition! A CSSM Certified Construction PM, Vijey was passionate about learning as he worked on several Southern California construction projects thru the years.

At age 55, Vijey started speed walking on the beach daily, and had over 60 full and half marathons under his belt. Often inviting his PMI Family to join him.

In his 24 years as a PMI-LA Member, he started volunteering in 2000-2002 and in 2003 he replaced a mid-year board resignation as what is now the VP of Finance. Then in 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2012, and the beginning of 2013, he kept the chapter books in order as the longest serving board member for a single position.

Since 2016, we have honored his memory with annual scholarships to help chapter members in their pursuit of learning.



Vijey Kumar

### VIJEY KUMAR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

#### 2016

Nareg Tovmassian  
Meeta (Lulla) Autrey  
Liliya Bilpuch  
Chris O'Connell

#### 2018

Darci Oltman  
Christine Nguyen  
Kimberly Sanders  
Diane Gloor

#### 2017

Robert Smith  
Judy Patterson  
William Yang  
Vince Eng  
Katie Frankle

#### 2021

Richard Martinson  
Karthik Kurmurthy  
Ruth Joya

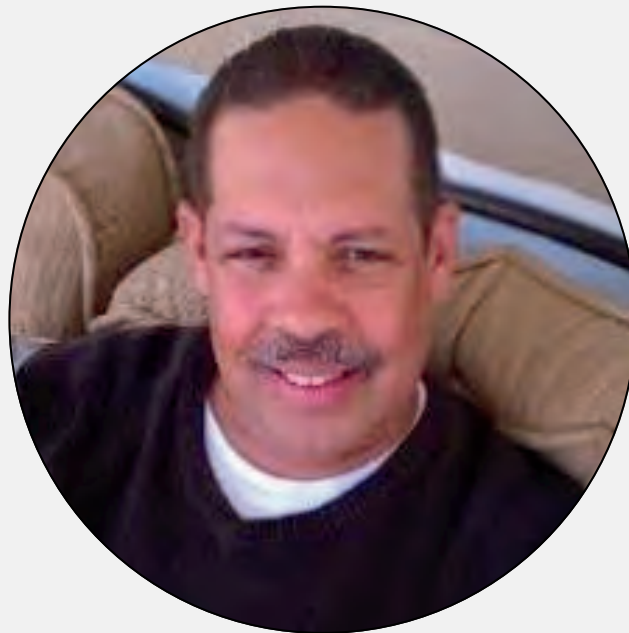
**Fun Fact:** In 2017, Vijey's family added personal funds to this scholarship award that helps keep the memory of their father alive. This enabled the chapter to issue 2 more scholarships that year.

# KERRY PLINTON

Kerry began his volunteer service with the chapter in 2007 in Communications, helping to PM the website transition. He stepped up to the board as VP of Programs in 2010-2012 moving us to the Marriot in Culver City for our Flagship. He introduced BUFFET to the chapter Flagship meetings and had his team coordinate speakers to 1-2 sponsors to offset the expenses of the Marriott. His AVP, Shirley Douglass revived the Mentoring Program, since Kerry was a firm believer in Mentoring.

In 2013 he moved to the VP of Admin & Operations, then in 2015 he became the VP of Membership, adding networking events.

Everything Kerry did was fun, exciting and larger than life. After his passing in 2016, the chapter decided to rename our “fun events” no matter where or what they will be—to the “Kerry Plinton Fun Event” in his honor.



Kerry Plinton



July 2017 Picnic in the Park  
July 2018 Picnic in the Park  
**April 2023 Cirque Du Soleil**



“EVERYTHING KERRY DID WAS FUN, EXCITING AND LARGER THAN LIFE.”

# LONGEST MEMBERSHIP WITH THE CHAPTER - 31 YEARS

## IDA BEAL HARDING

Ida Beal Harding stands as a distinguished professional within the Project Management Institute (PMI), an organization renowned for setting the standards in project management excellence. She initiated her association with PMI on November 10, 1993, and has since then been an active participant in shaping the project management landscape. Her PMI Member ID, 40645, became synonymous with dedication and proficiency following her acquisition of the PMP Certification on June 17, 1995, a testament to her in-depth understanding and skill in the domain.



Ida Beal Harding

Beyond her individual achievements, Ida's engagement with PMI's Los Angeles chapter from the onset of her PMI membership signifies a commitment to community and professional growth. Her influence extended through multiple avenues, culminating in a prestigious acknowledgment when she was awarded the FIRST PMI-Los Angeles Lifetime Achievement Award in 2012. This award not only marks a personal milestone for Ida but also serves as a beacon of inspiration for current and future PMI members. It underscores the impact that steadfast dedication to one's field can achieve, celebrating her as a paragon of leadership and a cornerstone of the PMI community. Her journey reflects the ethos of PMI, epitomizing the pursuit of project management excellence.



Ida Beal Harding

**Fun Fact:** Ida was the first Director of Regional Advocacy for Western US (Region III) at the time and continues to participate as a volunteer with the chapter.





# PMI Global Component Awards

## BEGINNING IN 1989...

PMI started honoring chapters with milestone awards as the 3 initial chapters reached their 15th year milestone. PMI-LA received awards as a part of Region III.

**1989**

**CHAPTER 15 YEAR MILESTONE AWARD**

**1990**

**PMI CHAPTER SUSTAINED SUPERIOR  
PERFORMANCE AWARD, REGION III**

**1994**

**CHAPTER 20 YEAR MILESTONE AWARD**

**1995**

**PMI CHAPTER SUSTAINED SUPERIOR  
PERFORMANCE AWARD, REGION III**

**1996**

**PMI CHAPTER SUSTAINED SUPERIOR  
PERFORMANCE AWARD, REGION III**

**1997**

**PMI OUTSTANDING CHAPTER PRESIDENT AWARD - DANIEL COZAD, PMP**  
PMI Chapter Sustained Superior Performance Award, Region III

**1998**

**PMI OUTSTANDING CHAPTER PRESIDENT AWARD - STEVE CARMAN, PMP**  
PMI Chapter Sustained Superior Performance Award, Region III

**1999**

**PMI CHAPTER PRESIDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD - IDA HARDING, PMP**  
PMI Chapter of the Year Award

PMI Outstanding Chapter Performance Award, Region III

PMI Chapter Sustained Superior Performance Award, Region III

Chapter 25 Year Milestone Award

PMI Chapter President of the Year Award - Ida Harding, PMP

**Fun Fact:** *Ida was the first president to win this award 2 years in a row.*

# Given to PMI-LA Chapter



**2000**

**PMI CHAPTER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARD**

PMI Chapter Professional Development Award  
PMI Chapter Sustained Superior Performance Award

**2004**

**CHAPTER 30 YEAR MILESTONE AWARD**

**2009**

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Pierre Le Manh, PMP

Pierre Le Manh has been serving as the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Project Management Institute since September 2022. A global executive with a multicultural background and experience in leading companies across multiple knowledge industries, he has a proven track record of delivering results and guiding organizations through complex transformations and globalization. He is passionate about leading teams to innovate with purpose and to create new ways of disseminating specialized knowledge, upskilling, and education.

Before joining PMI, Pierre led the preparation for the expansion into North America of Galileo Global Education, a leading global provider of higher education and education technology platforms, in which he is an investor.

Previously, he served as Chief Executive Officer for North America and as Global Deputy CEO at Ipsos, one of the world's largest data, analytics, and insights companies. Pierre played a crucial role in transforming Ipsos from a primarily European-focused organization with \$700 million in revenue in 2004, to a \$2.5 billion global industry leader by 2021, and in growing the company to more than 18,000 employees operating in 90 countries, successively leading various regions and global business lines.

Earlier in his career, Pierre was the CEO of Consodata, a leader in first and third-party consumer data, precision, and digital marketing. He began his career at the consulting giant Accenture, subsequently serving as CFO of the performing arts nonprofit, Adami, CEO of digital publisher, Encyclopaedia Universalis, and CEO of CFL Holding, a family office with various assets in direct-to-consumer marketing services and the real estate industries.

# PRESIDENT & CEO OF PMI

Born and raised in France to a Vietnamese father and a French mother, Pierre has lived in several countries before settling in New York City in 2013. He is fluent in English, French, and Italian. His interests include traveling the world to visit his large family and friends, watching Paris Saint-Germain soccer games, and exploring Manhattan on his electric scooter. He has two sons who reside in Paris and London.



# PMI FOUNDING

## JAMES SNYDER



**Fun Fact:** Jim Snyder is known as the Father of PMI and used to travel to chapters to give wonderful presentations on the History of PMI.

- PMI Member ID #1
- Later served as President and Chairman of the Board
- A Fellow of the Institute
- Until his recent passing, was an active BOD Member of PMI Educational Foundation, Treasurer of Delaware Valley Chapter, and a member of the Editorial Review Board of Project Management Journal

- PMI's President in 1971
- Chairman in 1972
- A founding member of the PMI Houston Chapter
- Honored by PMI in 1975 for his Distinguished Contribution to the Institute

## ERIC JENETT, PMP



**Fun Fact:** Eric Jenett was the very first certified PMP.

- Sent the initial letter inviting a few key people to a meeting to discuss forming a group dedicated to sharing Project management knowledge
- Established that “membership is the organization”

## E.A. "NED" ENGMAN



**Fun Fact:** Ned Engman, started the ball rolling by inviting key people to meet with himself, Jim Snyder, & Susan Gallagher in New Orleans to form a symposium of Project Managers.

# MEMBERS

## J. GORDON DAVIS, PH.D.

- PMI Member #4
- Former Vice President of PMI
- Served PMI in many capacities, including the coordination of the Institute's early-on academic activities



**Fun Fact:** J. Gordon Davis received nearly every honor that the organization bestows, including the designation of PMI Fellow.

## SUSAN GALLAGHER



**Fun Fact:** Susan Gallagher served PMI as first Treasurer, Vice President of Technical Service, and Director-at-Large.

- Worked in project management with fellow founder James Snyder at SmithKline and French Laboratories in Philadelphia
- Participated in the 1969 meeting in Atlanta during which the five original founders and one other trustee seeking to add structure to PMI named themselves to various posts in the brand new organization
- Active in the PMI Midwest Chapter and was instrumental in orchestrating the PMI 1977 Seminars & Symposium

# FIRST CHAPTERS



In early 1974, 3 Chapters were formed. PMI-California, PMI-New York, and PMI-Houston. PMI-California had 24 members, alternating meetings between North & South. By June of that same year, the chapter had enough members in each location to dissolve and become re-chartered as PMI- Northern California and PMI-Southern California.



In 1989, PMI-Southern California Chapter was re-branded as PMI- Los Angeles Chapter. PMI-Northern California Chapter was rebranded as PMI-San Francisco Bay Area Chapter.

PMI-New York—it is believed that PMI-New York had a similar situation and was dissolved to become several chapters.

PMI-Houston is the oldest originally chartered chapter in PMI, celebrating its Milestone 6 months earlier than the California chapters.

## FROM ONE PMI CALIFORNIA CHAPTER TO 11 CHAPTERS IN CALIFORNIA

11 Chapters now in California

- 1974 - Los Angeles Chapter (Southern California Chapter)  
- PMI-LA
- 1974 - San Francisco Bay Area Chapter (Northern California Chapter) - PMI-SFBAC)
- 1986 - San Diego Chapter (PMI-SD)
- 1989 - Orange County Chapter (PMI-OC)
- 1989 - Sacramento Valley Chapter (PMI-SVC)
- 1997 - Silicon Valley Chapter (PMI-SV)
- 2000 - California Central Coast Chapter (PMI-4C)
- 2000 - Wine Country Chapter (PMI-WCC)
- 2002 - California Inland Empire Chapter (PMI-CIE)
- 2004 - Monterey Bay Chapter (PMI-MBay)
- 2010 - California Central Valley Chapter (PMI-CCVC)



# REGIONAL SUPPORT



Ida Harding was instrumental in forming a chapter advocate program at the Global level. A volunteer position with no budget, local chapters rallied to support their regional advocate. At the time PMI-Los Angeles was a part of Region III.

The title then changed to Component Mentor and finally to Region 7 Mentor in 2009. Now PMI provides a small travel budget to region mentors in order to support their areas. Region 7 consists of all Southwestern US—with California as the largest with 11 chapters. Other states included are Nevada(2), Arizona(2), New Mexico(1) and Hawaii (1) which make up a total of 17 chapters in Region 7.

## REGION MENTORS

### Directors of Regional Advocacy

- Ida Harding, PMP 2001-2002  
Director of Worldwide DRA Program 2003
- Cyndi Snyder, PMP 2002-2003

### Component Mentors

- Maria McHolland, PMP 2004-2005
- Ray Frohnhoefer, PMP 2006-2008

### Region 7 Mentors

- Richard Polendy, PMP 2009-2011
- Tony Appleby, PMP 2012-2015  
PMI Board of Directors 2017-2019
- Deby Covey, PMP 2015(shadow) 2016-2018
- John Jones, PMP 2018(shadow) 2019-2021
- Bill Parris, PMP 2022
- Lorena DeBenedittis, PMP 2023-present



**Fun Fact:** Region Mentors are presidents that move up to the global level to help their region with support. PMI-LA has had 3 presidents, more than any other chapter in the area, that moved into this role. Can you identify them?



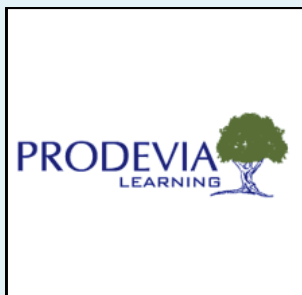
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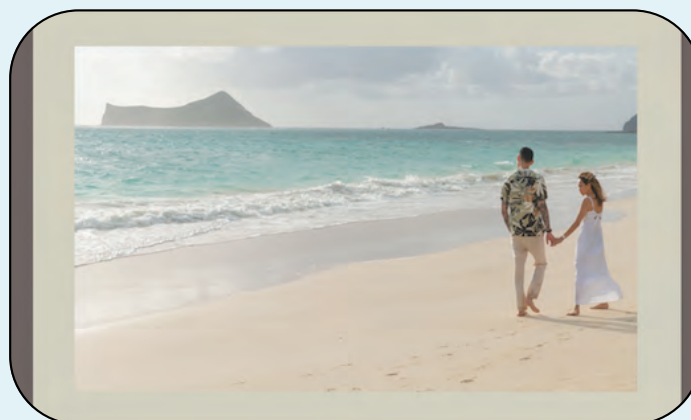


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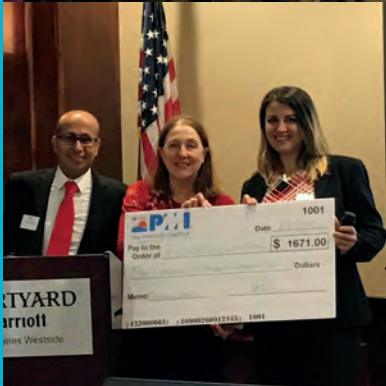
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