WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Special Events

Coming Soon

Combined Flagship & Book Club (In-person)

Saturday April 11, 2026
8:00 am to 5:30 pm PT
8.5 PDUs Power Skills (Leadership), Ways of Working (Technical), Agile
Location: Aquarium of the Pacific

Join us for a unique full-day PMI-LA experience combining our Flagship Program and in-person Book Club featuring Radical Candor. Earn up to 8 PDUs while enjoying a Catech guest speaker, catered food, mimosas, and networking in a one-of-a-kind venue. Learn more.

Early bird pricing ends 14 March 2026 at 11:59 PM. Tickets cover both programs and start at $70 for members.

Coming Soon

PMP® Prep Course - Spring 2026 Session (In-Person)

Every Saturday, March 28th - April 25th, 2026
08:30 am - 05:30 pm PT
35 PDUs
Location: Mt. Saint Mary's University Doheny Campus, 22 St. James*Park W, Los Angeles, CA 90007

PMI-LA is excited to bring back our in-person, authorized PMP® Prep Course! This five-day experience gives project managers everything they need to succeed on the PMP exam, including the required 35 contact hours to master tips, practice exams, and study aids created by the same experts who helped shape PMP exam content. This session is a special 2026 offering at pre-pandemic rates. Learn more

Early Bird deadline is March 16th, 2026, 11:59 PM.

This Week

From Firefighting to Foresight: Why Every Project Feels Harder Than It Should (Online)

Monday, March 9th, 2026
5:30 pm to 7:30 pm PT
1 PDU Power Skills (Leadership)

In this webinar, participants will explore the real risks that quietly derail projects across industries and learn how to shift from reactive problem-solving to proactive risk leadership. Attendees will gain practical insight into recognizing early warning signs, prioritizing risk effectively, and leading clearer risk conversations that protect timelines, budgets, teams, and stakeholder trust. This session is designed for project managers, program leaders, and PMO professionals who want to move beyond constant firefighting and lead projects with greater clarity, confidence, and foresight. Learn more

Multi-Chapter | Pro-cast: Debunking the false debate between Project Management and Product Management (Online)

Tuesday, March 10th, 2026
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm PT
0.5 PDUs Power Skills (Leadership)
0.5 PDUs Business Acumen (Strategy)

In this fast-paced and thought-provoking session, **Jesse Farrell, PMP**, unpacks the roots of this perception gap and reveals how project and product management can co-exist to create stronger outcomes. Through real-world examples and actionable insights, he'll confront stereotypes head-on and highlight the shared competencies that drive success in both disciplines. Learn more

CAREER DEV | Creative x Control: Project Management for the AIs in the Age of AI (In-person)

Thursday, March 12th, 2026
6:30 pm - 9:30 pm PT
1.0 PDUs Ways of Working (Technical)
0.5 PDUs Business Acumen (Strategy)

Creative work thrives on inspiration and reliable delivery. This panel shows how project management helps scale artistic ambition, integrate talent, and deliver business impact without losing creative intent. Learn about PMI and PMI-LA's support for career growth through standards, training, and certifications. Discover common pitfalls when project management is missing and practical fixes. Explore frameworks for faster creative workflows and discuss ethical GenAI adoption.

Chapter Announcements

Mentorship Program Application Submission is Open for the 2026 Spring Session

PMI-LA's Mentorship Program is back this session! Whether you participate as a mentor or mentee, this three-month experience is designed to help you make new connections, gain fresh perspectives, and set new goals. Application submissions is now open for the 2026 Spring Session for active PMI-LA Members.

Calling for MENTORS: Take a few minutes to complete the Mentorship Program application and share your experience by helping guide and inspire emerging professionals through mentorship. Learn more

Deadline to submit applications for the 2026 Spring Session is Monday, March 23rd, 2026.

Chapter Events Updates

Multi-Chapter | Sustainability in Action: Rethinking Project Planning Featuring Lucila Tello (Online)

Thursday, March 19th, 2026
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm PT
0.5 PDUs Ways of Working (Technical)
0.5 PDUs Power Skills (Leadership)
0.5 PDUs Business Acumen (Strategy)

This 75-minute virtual session brings together PMI-Global, PMI-LA, Sound of Earth, and leading sustainability partners to show practical ways project managers can embed sustainability into project planning, delivery, and governance – and to map clear upskilling pathways for Sustainable Project Management (instead of green). Green Project Management (GPM), and the GPM-b certification. Learn more

PMI-LA New/Prospective Member Orientation (Online)

Wednesday, March 25th, 2026
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm PT

This orientation is designed for both members and non-members to explore how the Los Angeles Chapter supports professional and personal growth, offering an overview of membership benefits, volunteer roles, and leadership opportunities. Participants will have the chance to connect with board members and chapter representatives to learn how to maximize their membership. Learn more

Multi-Chapter | How to Communicate with Confidence and Humor (Online)

Tuesday, April 14th, 2026
10:00 am - 11:00 am PT
1 PDU Power Skills (Leadership)

As project managers, we know hard work isn't enough. Clear, engaging communication is key, especially with endless emails and notifications. Humor grabs attention and makes messages stick. Learn to craft clear messages, use humor to engage, and develop a confident presence in our practical program. Learn more

Multi-Chapter | Using AI as Your Project Co-Pilot (Online)

Monday, April 20th, 2026
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm PT
0.5 PDUs Ways of Working (Technical)
0.5 PDUs Power Skills (Leadership)

Instead of asking if AI will replace you, think about what makes you irreplaceable in an AI-augmented world. Learn to use AI as your Project Management Co-Pilot. AI excels in data processing, pattern recognition, and routine tasks, but needs proper data to be effective. Discover how to set up AI for giant work, generate options, and create updates. Understand AI-hype and make it work with effort and management support. Learn more

Multi-Chapter | THRIVE: Creating Your Human Mind Fire Reclaiming YOU in the Age of AI (Online)

Thursday, April 23rd, 2026
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm PT
1.0 PDU Ways of Working (Technical)

In this webinar, Dr. Mickesen will demonstrate how to capture, organize, and digitize expertise into an AI-friendly format to boost productivity. Using real examples and exercises, show how to build an AI-Augmentation Plan to future-proof your role and organization, empowering us to adapt AI with confidence and lead confidently in an AI-driven world. Learn more

Professional Community Events

LACI | Charting Your Path : WICT Recruitment Event

Wednesday, March 11, 2026
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm PT

Looking to pivot into cleantech or launch your own startup? Charting Your Path, hosted by LACI's Women in Cleantech, brings together founders, industry leaders, and workforce graduates for an evening of insight, mentorship, and practical application support. Celebrate Women's History Month by investing in your next career move. Learn more

This is a professional community event not organized by the PMI-LA Chapter.

LACI | STEAM1 Fellowship Info Session

Wednesday, April 8th, 2026
4:30 pm - 6:30 pm PT
Location: La Kretz Innovation Campus
525 S. Hewitt St, Los Angeles, CA

The Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator (LACI) is now accepting applications for its Distributed Energy Resource Management Systems (DERMS) Fellowship, a free eight-week training program focused on the future of energy systems and grid optimization. As Los Angeles prepares for major infrastructure initiatives ahead of the 2028 Olympic Games, microgrids and distributed energy management systems are becoming increasingly important. Learn more

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Innovative Leadership | Leadership Development Program (Online)

Self-Paced
60 PDUs

Join the Innovative Leadership Institute in a transformative leadership journey.

Why This Class?

Depth: We go beyond the 'what' of leadership, exploring the 'how' and facilitating an introspective lens at your leadership behaviors. You move beyond talking about leadership to becoming a highly effective leader. Learn More

$50 off with a discount code for PMI-LA Chapter members.

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Additional Resources

VOLUNTEER: No matter where you are on your PM or BA career journey, we've got opportunities to match your interests. Make a difference and earn PDUs volunteering with PMI-LA!

Applications to volunteer with the chapter are now **open**. Apply today.

BOOK CLUB: Improve your project management skills, gain PDUs, and interact with fellow members by joining the Project Management Book Club. You don't have to be PMP certified, nor a member of PMI to join.

PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY EVENTS: Every now and again, your hardworking board organizes a special event for our members and their families. Check Out The Upcoming Events!

PMI x 3: Stay Ahead. Lead the Future of AI in Project Management. PMI X AI eLearning. Stand out when you elevate your project management skills with AI. Learn More About X Here!

JOBS BOARD: The PMI jobs board provides a consolidated view of some of the more popular job search sites, and it gives you the power to sort for the level of employment and industry that you are most interested in! Check Out Jobs!

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