

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

May 18, 2026

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Chapter Announcements



Applications are OPEN for the Summer Mentorship Cohort

Apply now through Sunday, May 31st

The PMI-LA Summer Mentorship Mini-Session is now accepting applications for mentors and mentees looking to grow their careers and expand their network.

Designed as a focused 4-week experience, the program connects project professionals through guided mentorship, shared goals, and meaningful conversations.

[Apply Today](#)



Open Nominations for Two Newly Created Board Positions

Following the successful passing of PMI-LA's new bylaws, we're excited to open nominations for two newly created Board positions:

- Vice President of Volunteer Engagement
- Vice President of Outreach

[Learn more](#) about the roles, responsibilities, and application process.



RECAP: Build Your Professional Personal Brand (Part 1 of 3)

Wed., May 13th, 2026, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM PT

This recent PMI-LA Career Development session, led by David Doan, explored how project professionals can build a stronger personal brand through trust, communication, and consistent leadership.

One idea stood out: your personal brand is already being built – whether you're intentional about it or not.

[Read the full recap](#) and stay tuned for Part 2 of the Career Development Series focused on building an all-star LinkedIn profile.



From COBOL to Program Leadership: How I Learned to Navigate the Job Search

We're excited to share practical career insights from VP of Membership, Danielle Benson, whose journey from COBOL programming to live sports and streaming leadership highlights the power of networking, consistency, and professional visibility.

This reflection explores LinkedIn, AI, resume strategy, and the long-term value of showing up consistently throughout your career journey. [Learn more](#)

This Week



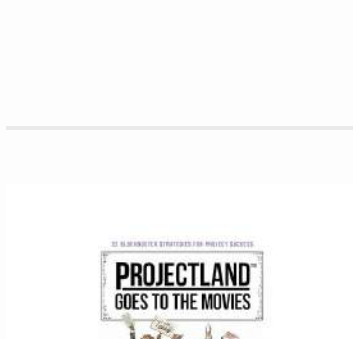
Multi-Chapter | Mentorship Program Leading Through Change: Adaptive Thinking & Tailoring (Online)

Thursday, May 21st, 2026
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm PT
1.0 PDU Power Skills (Leadership)

Join this upcoming mentorship session hosted by PMI Hawaii Chapter, focused on navigating change through adaptive leadership. Learn how to assess change complexity, understand resistance, and tailor your approach to different organizational contexts. [Learn more](#)

Registration closes on May 20, 2026.

Chapter Events Updates



Part 2 of 3 • Career Dev Series: How to Build an All-Star LinkedIn Profile (Online)

Tuesday, May 26th, 2026
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm PT
1.0 PDU Power Skills (Leadership)

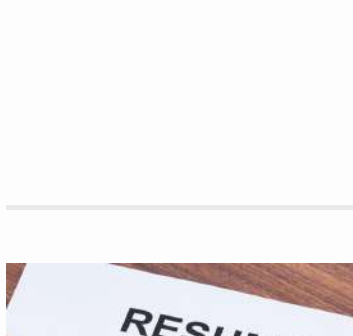
Beyond profile basics, this session will also explore how to build meaningful connections, create impactful content, and maintain professionalism in a highly visible digital space. Whether you are early in your career, transitioning roles, or an experienced leader looking to amplify your influence, this session will provide actionable guidance to elevate your LinkedIn presence and strengthen your professional brand. [Learn more](#)



CAREER DEV | Time Tracking That Actually Motivates People (Online)

Wednesday, June 10th, 2026
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm PT
1.5 PDUs Ways of Working (Technical)

This talk explores why traditional time tracking fails and how it can be redesigned into a system that drives clarity, recognition, and motivation. Instead of focusing on monitoring activity, the session introduces a different perspective: time tracking as a signal system for performance and behavior. Attendees will gain a clear understanding of how to transform time tracking into a tool that supports both business outcomes and team engagement – without increasing control or micromanagement. [Learn more](#)



BOOK CLUB | "Projectland Goes to the Movies: 22 Blockbuster Strategies for Project Success" by Dawn Mahan and Jerry Manas (Online)

Saturday, June 13th, 2026
11:00 am - 1:00 pm PT
3.0 PDUs Power Skills (Leadership)

This month, the PMI-LA Book Club will discuss "Projectland Goes to the Movies: 22 Blockbuster Strategies for Project Success" by Dawn Mahan and Jerry Manas. Earn PDUs by sharing your thoughts on this popular book with fellow and future project managers. Additionally, there will be a presentation on a project management topic. [Learn more](#)



Multi-Chapter | Dad Jokes & Deadlines (Online)

Thursday, June 18th, 2026
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm PT
0.5 PDUs Power Skills (Leadership)
0.5 PDUs Ways of Working (Technical)

We're excited to highlight an upcoming multi-chapter Father's Day event in partnership with Tim Boyd from Caltech.

Centered on leadership, growth, and connection, this event brings our community together around conversations that extend beyond the workplace.

Stay connected as we share moments and insights from the experience. [Learn more](#)



Career Development | Positioning Your Personal Brand & Storytelling (Résumé) (Online)

Tuesday, June 23rd, 2026
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm PT
1.0 PDU Power Skills (Leadership)

Participants will learn practical techniques to position themselves for leadership industries by highlighting outcomes, roles across behaviors, and transferable skills (not just responsibilities). We'll also connect the résumé to the broader career toolkit – LinkedIn consistency, networking conversations, and interview storytelling – so your message is cohesive from application to offer. [Learn more](#)



FLAGSHIP! Beyond the Hype: How an AI Strategist Uses Claude and Why LLM Communication Skills Beat Tools: A Hands-On Session (In Person)

Saturday, July 25th, 2026
10:00 am - 1:30 pm PT
1.5 PDUs Ways of Working (Technical), Business Acumen (Strategy)

This hands-on session gives project managers a practical look at how Claude is used across real workflows, from planning and reporting to stakeholder communication, while building the communication skills that lead to better results. [Learn more](#)

Space is limited to 50 participants.
Early bird deadline: June 30th, 2026 at 11:59PM

Hot Jobs



TECHNICAL PROJECT MANAGER

Location: Point Mugu, CA
Status: Full Time

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Coordinator, Transportation

Location: Los Angeles, CA
Status: Full Time

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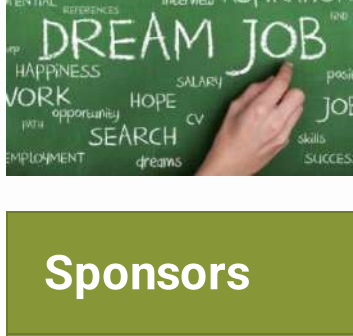


Creative Project Manager

Location: Torrance, CA
Status: Full Time

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Professional Community Events

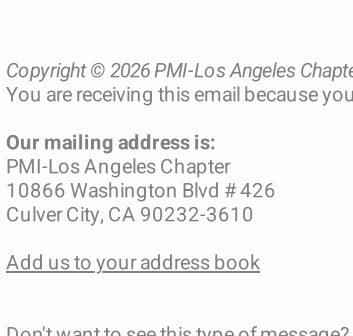


7th Annual Independence Day Hiring Spree

Thursday, June 11th, 2026
9:00 am - 1:00 pm PT
ZEV YAROSLAVSKY FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER
7555 VAN NUYS BLVD, VAN NUYS, CA 91405

Are you ready to declare financial Independence by getting a new job? [Learn more](#)

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



CCAC Fellowship Program | Climate Action Corps Applications Open May 1st, 2026

The California Climate Action Corps (CCAC) Fellowship provides a paid opportunity to gain hands-on experience in climate action and community resilience while developing leadership skills through real-world projects. [Learn more](#)

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



LA County MVA | 3rd Annual Women Veterans Summit

Friday, June 12th, 2026
8:00 am - 4:00 pm PT
Location: Bob Hope Patriotic Hall
1816 S Figueroa St. Los Angeles, CA 90015

The 3rd Annual Veteran Women's Summit will bring together women veterans for a day of connection, learning, and growth. [Learn more](#)

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

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](#).

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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