
Candidate for Secretary: Jennifer Lohrer, PMP®



Jenn earned her PMP in January 2018 and has been a PMI Eastern Iowa Chapter member since 2017. She has over 20 years of leadership and project management experience.

Currently, she manages the PMO Director for Acclara. The PMO is responsible for strategic projects, system upgrades, continuous improvement, enhancements, and infrastructure projects.

Jenn has extensive experience in standardizing processes, process improvement, and change management. She earned her Business Administration degree from Mount Mercy University in Cedar Rapids, IA, and a Marketing degree from Kirkwood Community College. She is a Six Sigma Black Belt, Certified Continuous Improvement Manager, and Agile Coach. Her favorite part of being a project manager is the variety that comes with each new project.

Candidate for Vice President Education: Stephanie Estrada, PMP®



Stephanie has spent over 20 years managing teams in various industries and is currently a Program Manager for a local corridor education company. Mrs. Estrada is a certified PMP and has worked with state education agencies for the last eight years to deliver summative assessments, as well as assist in managing the launch of new products. She manages project scope, schedule, cost, quality, staffing, communication, and risks, and also works with external vendors to secure subcontracts for various outsourced tasks. Outside of work Stephanie's passion is spending time with her family; which includes her husband, three children (ages 26, 24 and 15), and her two year old grandson.

Candidate for Vice President Finance: Brian Tompkins, PMP®



Brian brings over 20 years of technology experience, working across numerous industries, including retail, educational assessment, finance/insurance and science/research.

He is known for solving problems and designing/implementing customer solutions. Brian is currently a New Product Portfolio Manager with Integrated DNA Technologies (IDT) in Coralville, Brian is leading a team to develop and launch new products for IDT.

Brian is a certified Project Management Professional (PMP) as well as being ITIL Certified in Incident and Change Management. He holds a bachelor's degree in Information Technology from Capella University.

Candidate for Vice President of Operations: Brian Thorn, PMP®



Brian has over 25 years of experience in engineering, focusing on process improvement and quality. He has led many projects to implement improvements within the heavy manufacturing and educational testing industries. Brian has applied process improvements across various departments from manual operations to financial and accounting systems. Brian has been a member of PMI Eastern Iowa since 2005 and is a certified Project Management Professional (PMP). He has a bachelor's degree in engineering and an MBA, both from the University of Iowa.

Candidate for Vice President Outreach: Nadya Garay, PMP®



Nadya was born in Panama City, Panama and moved to Iowa City to complete her studies. Nadya graduated with a bachelor's degree from the University of Iowa in Engineering. She started a family and has made Cedar Rapids, Iowa her home.

Nadya has participated in Project Management Institute (PMI) activities through the Eastern Iowa Chapter (EIC) since August 2011, became a member in October 2013, and achieved her Project Management Professional (PMP) certification in November 2018. This is her third leadership role with PMI EIC.

Candidate for Vice President Communications & Publicity: David Sheppard, PMP



David Sheppard was born in a small town called Chewelah, WA. He moved to Iowa in 1996 and considers himself an Iowan. He graduated from Colorado Technical University with a Master's Degree in Project Management in 2014. He obtained his Project Management Professional (PMP) certification from the Project Management Institute in March 2023. He is currently employed as a Project Coordinator for Transamerica, where he manages and coordinates all aspects of projects. He is a member of the National Society of Leadership and Success as well as the Eastern Iowa Chapter of the Project Management Institute. He has a six year old daughter. His hobbies include bass guitar and disc golf.