



Hello to all of our members, prospective members and followers! What a year! PDUs, awards, certification classes, collaborations and hackathons! 2019 was truly a year to remember and 2020 starts our kickoff to our **25**th anniversary!

What did we accomplish in 2019?

We had some amazing speakers such as Connie Hester from PMI's Education Foundation share with us their experience and knowledge. We also hosted joint collaborations with UB, LeanDog & ISM and celebrated PMI's 50th anniversary!!! All these events totaled **30** PDUs by my count! You only need 60 over 3 years to maintain your PMP certification. Dinner events and professional development days are valuable, timely and local. What a great way to learn about the latest project management and agile tips and techniques while networking with people who do what you do? Our 2020 calendar is even better!

In addition to the PMP Prep certification classes, we offered PMI-ACP and CSM certification classes. Over **50** people prepared themselves for the next step in their career through these classes. Due to the success of these programs, PMP Prep, CSM and PMI-ACP are already on the docket for **2020**!

Our vision is to be recognized as a dynamic organization promoting the Project Management Institute (PMI) and professional project management practices in the Buffalo Niagara Regional area. Community involvement is a fantastic way to promote project management. This year we were involved with Future City, University of Buffalo, Buffalo Niagara Partnership, Buffalo Niagara Payroll association, ISM, ASWE, ASME, ASEE, ASQ and Infotech WNY. Do you have an idea of a community organization we should be involved in? [Let me know.](#)

And the beat goes on.

While the drum beats with the member-focused initiatives above, another side of the Board's work is internal and largely unseen. This work ensures we continue as a viable, operational organization and includes marketing, chapter analytics, records management, financial management and technology management. While the details are too numerous to mention, I can say this - the PMI Buffalo chapter was in the running for chapter of the year because we have a strong balance sheet with necessary reserves, the right technology to meet our needs and a commitment to succession and transition planning through uniform record keeping.

Our lifeblood!

Volunteers are the lifeblood of the PMI Buffalo chapter and this year was a great year for our volunteers. **This year** we honor the presidents who have come before us:

Tom Attridge - Term 1995-97 - Members 50, 1

Gary Dahlstrom - Term 1997-98 - Members 1, 7

Prof Bill Hayden - Term 1998-99 Members 7, 206

Connie Figley-Feuz - Term 1999-2001 Members 206,257

Brian Lang - Term 2001-2004 Members 257,278,260,302

Brian Griffin - Term 2004-06 Members 302,366, 379

Jackie May - Term 2006-10 Members 379, 404, 440, 458, 508

Mark Kwandrans - Term 2010-13 Members 508, 580, 612, 580

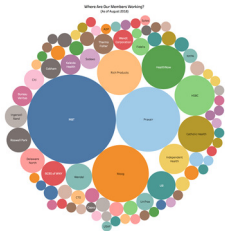
JoAnn Boehm - Term 2014-16 Members 580, 555, 577, 644

It is with a heavy heart that we had to say goodbye to **Steve Tunmore**, our beloved VP, Marketing & President-Elect. I had the honor of recognizing Steve's contributions to the PMI Buffalo chapter by naming our annual scholarship - the Steve Tunmore Scholarship and presenting his son Mitchell with the honorary PMI Buffalo statue.

NOW we look to the future! **Christa Jueckstock** - our VP of Membership, **Susan Czyrny** - our VP of Outreach and **Julie Lang** - our VP of Certification all joined the Board this year alongside **Pat Walsh, Tony Pappagallo, Mary Harris** and **Erin Keding**. We have a dream team!!

Let the party begin!

Today we start our 25th year. We want you to be a part of it! Tell us your story, volunteer your time and be a part of something bigger than yourself! Now is the time!



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Our mission is simple - to provide a forum to promote PMI standards and to strengthen stakeholders' knowledge, awareness and understanding of Project Management principles, tools and techniques. **I hope you make our mission - your mission.**