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2024 Annual Report

Hello PMI Buffalo members, prospective members and passionate volunteers!

As I reflect on this past year, I can't help but feel immense pride in everything that our chapter was able to accomplish. Our collective efforts have not only enhanced the value we provide to our members but also reinforced our commitment to fostering excellence in project management within the Buffalo area.

Kicking off this year, we organized a special tour of the Buffalo Albright Knox Museum (AKG) thanks to support of one of our keynote speakers from our 2023 Fall PDD. The tour was well-received, and the new sections of the museum are spectacular. Additionally, it has become an annual tradition for PMI Buffalo to sponsor the Project Management Award at the Future City competitions. Future City is a hands-on cross-curricular educational program that brings STEM to life for students in grades 6 through 8, and the Project Management Award is presented to the team which best demonstrates the principles of successful project management. A small team of PMI Buffalo volunteers judged the projects this year.

In the Spring we held our annual Volunteer Appreciation Gala at The Show at Shea's in West Seneca. This event was an outstanding success, allowing our hard-working volunteers to take a break alongside their families and friends, enjoying excellent food and drinks while receiving some well-deserved recognition. During the event the chapter leaders announced that Aamna Hussain was awarded Volunteer of the Year for 2023!

Throughout 2024 we held a combination of breakfast, lunch, and dinner meetings; in virtual and in-person formats, to provide more opportunities for our membership to connect while balancing our busy schedules. The board also collaborated with other organizations to co-promote virtual events that we thought the membership might be interested in. We followed through on our commitment from 2023 and held two Professional Development Days (PDD) in the Spring and Fall of 2024. Our in-person half-day Spring PDD offered face-to-face networking, hands-on workshops, and an insightful presentation from Rick Morris about conflict resolution, negotiation and influence. The energy and enthusiasm were palpable as members reconnected, exchanged ideas, and gained valuable knowledge to apply in their professional roles. Then in the Fall we participated in a combined PDD with 11 other PMI chapters. This virtual event featured 10 world-class speakers, an interactive executive panel, and peer-to-peer discussion groups with prizes raffled off throughout the day. The virtual format was a resounding success, with high attendance and positive feedback highlighting the convenience and accessibility of this approach. All said and done, PMI Buffalo offered 40 PDU's through a variety of different means in 2024!

Thanks to our successful membership drive, we welcomed five new members, each bringing a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to our community. Additionally, our volunteer drive attracted fifteen new volunteers, of which 3 have nominated themselves for leadership positions on the board of directors, further strengthening our team and expanding our capacity to deliver exceptional programs and services. Our finance team continues to be focused on reducing our costs to serve our membership while improving profitability to ensure your chapters sustainability. Next year we will be celebrating our 30th anniversary, and we aim to set the chapter up for success for 30 more!



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In closing I would like to recognize some of our outgoing volunteers and thank them for their impressive contributions to our chapter. JoAnn Boehm, Kelli Wilson, Bill Reese, Sue Czynny, Angela Korzczyński, Navaid Jamal, and Sean Sweeney - thank you for your leadership and commitment to PMI Buffalo.

Cheers to a peaceful holiday season and Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

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