

# Learning, Serving, and Leading with PMI-OC

PMI-OC is dedicated to professional development and networking opportunities for project managers and project participants. As part of our work, we are introducing a new leadership pathway that can transform individual project managers and benefit the organizations with which they are associated—their place of work, PMI-OC, and even PMI Global.

**PMI-OC Value** Learning, serving, and leading are cornerstone principles of PMI-OC. Based on these values, we have had great success, including:

- 23 years of service
- PMI Global Chapter of the Year Award
- 1,700 members
- Most members are certified professionals
- Second largest chapter in California
- Fourth largest chapter in Region 7
- One of the top 50 global chapters
- A community of experiential leadership and communication opportunities

We are proud of the volunteers at PMI-OC whose leadership has had significant impact at PMI-OC and beyond. The following testimonials show why members value their leadership experiences with PMI-OC.

## Transformed Leaders



**Kristine Munson**  
PMI-OC Fellow

*"I attribute my current professional success to my PMI-OC volunteer leadership experience. As a volunteer, I improved my basic project management skills and developed leadership skills in a safe environment. These experiences prepared me to seize similar opportunities professionally. Along the way, I met other PMI-OC members who remain my mentors and friends."*



**Cornelius Fichtner**  
PMI-OC Fellow

*"When I joined PMI-OC, I was just your average project manager. The encouraging environment of the chapter allowed me to take on one leadership role after the other, all the way up to chapter president. This gave me the opportunity to learn about, practice, and improve my leadership skills, culminating in the launch of my own project management training company."*



**Dave Cornelius**  
VP Communications 2012

*"Participating as a PMI-OC volunteer gave me confidence and a place to belong during my period of employment transition. I was introduced to the OC Project Masters Toastmasters Club, a PMI-OC affiliate, which gave me a voice to speak and write publicly for the first time. It has been an amazing opportunity to learn, serve, and lead without the fear of failing."*



**Nora Goto**  
VP Communications 2011

*"I was often asked, 'Why do you volunteer for PMI-OC?' The answer always was, 'For learning and personal growth.' Most of us are not born perfect leaders. Improved leadership abilities come with greater experience. Leading and working with others in a volunteer environment created more opportunities for learning, developing self awareness, and building social skills."*



**Diana Wei**  
Director of Social Media

*"If you asked me three years ago how long I planned to stay with PMI-OC, I would have said just long enough to attend some meetings now and then. Little did I know, I would become involved in over seven different positions and now serve as the Director of Social Media. If not for PMI-OC, I would not have gained the leadership skills and project management insights that I use today."*

We are excited to introduce our Learning, Serving, Leading progressive pathway for project managers. The following table outlines the many opportunities to learn, serve, and lead at both PMI-OC and PMI Global.

## Your Progressive Elaboration Experience

		Build		Advance
Start				
PMI-OC	<b>Learning</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Member Orientation</li> <li>• PMP Prep Class</li> <li>• OC Project Masters Toastmasters Club</li> <li>• Bi-monthly Networking Events</li> <li>• Annual Project Management Conference</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monthly Dinner Meetings</li> <li>• Webinars</li> <li>• Podcasts</li> <li>• Annual Project Management Conference</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advanced Topic Seminars</li> <li>• Leadership Seminars</li> <li>• Annual Project Management Conference</li> </ul>
	<b>Serving</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteer Entry Level</li> <li>• Annual Spark of Love Toy Drive</li> <li>• Contribute to our social media groups</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteer Chair</li> <li>• Volunteer Mentor</li> <li>• Lend a Helping PM Hand</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PMI-OC Board of Governors</li> <li>• PMIEF Liaison</li> </ul>
	<b>Leading</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteer Writing</li> <li>• Special Event Lead</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteer Teaching</li> <li>• Annual Project of the Year Award</li> <li>• Event Master of Ceremonies</li> <li>• Volunteer Director</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteer Speaking</li> <li>• Volunteer Board of Governors</li> </ul>
PMI Global	<b>Learning</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Membership</li> <li>• Join PMI-OC</li> <li>• PMP Certification</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Download Congress Papers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leadership Institute Meeting (LIM)</li> <li>• Region 7 Meeting</li> </ul>
	<b>Serving</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contribute to PMI LinkedIn and Facebook groups</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteer PMI Global</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PMIEF</li> </ul>
	<b>Leading</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Start an exam prep study group for CAPM or PMP</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Join a Community of Practice</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PMI Master Leadership</li> <li>• Lead a Community of Practice</li> <li>• Chair a Committee</li> <li>• PMI Board of Directors</li> </ul>

### Take Your First Step Today

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