

PMI Orange County: Slate of Candidates for Election 2016

Board of Governors for two year term starting April 1, 2017

Vote for three out of the five candidates

Attention: PMI Orange County Members:

Election Announcement: 2016 Governor Elections for 2017-2019 Terms

Election Opens November 20th, Closes December 4th

The PMI OC Board of Governors Election 2016

Welcome and thank you for taking the time to vote on the three open Board of Governors positions. As a mutual benefit non-profit corporation, members need to elect from their membership a governing body. The PMI Orange County Board of Governors is comprised of 6 members, elected by the membership for a two year term. Each year three (3) governors are elected to provide overlapping terms of service. Governors are not elected to a specific role. Each newly comprised Board of Governors collaborates to select a president and to determine specific areas of responsibility as VP's per the Chapter Bylaws.

The Nominating Committee is proud to present the following Slate of Candidates:

Amy Bui,	BA
Kaustubh Deshpande,	MSEE, MBA, PMP
Amir Kamseh,	PHD(eng), MBA, PfMP, PgMP, PMP
Sriram Ramadas,	MBA, PMP, MCT
Narmela Sargis,	MBA, PMP, CSM

Thank you very much for taking the time prepare for your vote. Your support of PMI Orange County Chapter Annual Board of Governors elections is appreciated. Should you have any questions, please contact the Elections Committee at nominations@pmi-oc.org.

Sincerely,

Gregory Scott

Past President and Chair Nominating Committee.

Each Candidate's Bio follows.

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Amy Bui, BA

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Director, PMI Annual Conference, PMI-OC

Senior Digital Marketing Manager, American Advisors Group

Brief Background Experience, Qualifications

I am a self-driven web, email, social, brand, and digital marketing strategist. With over 8 years of hands-on experience, I have been involved in numerous projects of all sizes, acting upon a variety of different roles. I focus my efforts on understanding my clients' business problems and needs, and design data-driven marketing solutions, with a clear focus on creating measurable goals. To sum up my personal aspiration into a single line: "To constantly be striving to be the best version of myself and go beyond the status quo."

Experience in PMI and PMI OC

I am best known for challenging the status quo. In just 1 month of joining the PMI-OC chapter, I took up a challenging role, the Director of Annual Conference. Dedicated to doubling our 2014 annual conference results, I created a dedicated site for the conference which increased our website traffic by 431.25% and increased our social channels by 93.39%. These efforts resulted in a 115% increase in attendance compared to 2014 and a 20% positive ROI.

Your goals as a Governor for PMI OC

I have a strong desire to challenge what PMI-OC already know and do. For a strategist like myself, it's heaven. Business as usual is a death march in today's economy. Everything we do should focus on three things: how do we provide value, benefits, and opportunities for our members. Revamping our activities and operations to focus on the three key items is how we can take our chapter to the next level.

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Kaustubh Deshpande MSEE, MBA, PMP

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Vice President of Finance – PM-IOC

Lead Product Manager, MorphoTrak LLC

Brief Background Experience, Qualifications/ Experience in PMI and PMI OC

Volunteering with the PMI-OC organization for the past 5 years, Kaustubh understands the needs of the members and the volunteer groups. Most recently as the Vice-President of Finance, Kaustubh is involved closely with the financial operations of the organization as well as making the first contact through the Registrations Team. This year, he expanded the role of the finance group to include the Career Enhancement area as well as the Speakers Pool area.

Involved heavily with the very successful Annual Event, the Finance group under Kaustubh's guidance implemented for the very first time in PMI-OC an automated PDU upload mechanism that provided even more value to the members by automatically tracking and reporting the earned PDU's to the PMI organization.

Your goals as a Governor for PMI OC

Using various financial and operational instruments, Kaustubh is always trying to identify ways to maximize the value for the PMI-OC members through the programs offered by the chapter. Another example of this is a new reporting system that was introduced with his guidance that looks at the P&L of individual programs and identifies areas of concerns for a quicker turnaround. At the same time, understanding the needs of the volunteers and focusing on their satisfaction is a crucial aspect for Kaustubh to keep a successful PMI-OC organization running. This is visible looking at the high morale of the finance volunteer team. In his words: A happy volunteer and a satisfied member is the key to the success of the chapter and its growth. Kaustubh is seeking a re-election for another term to continue as the Vice President of Finance and volunteer to continue providing satisfaction to members and volunteers alike

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Amir Khamseh, Ph.D, MBA, PfMp, PgMp, PMP

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Chapter President, PMI-OC

Program/Project Management Office Head – Edwards Life Sciences

Brief Background Experience, Qualifications

Amir has a PhD in engineering from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor and an Executive MBA from the University of California-Irvine Paul Merage School of Business. He is PMP certified, PgMP and PfMP credentialed by Project Management Institute, and CSM credentialed by Scrum Alliance.

Experience in PMI and PMI OC

Amir Khamseh has been a member of PMI-OC since 2007. He has over 20 years of experience as a project/program/portfolio manager, working in the automotive and medical device industries.

Your goals as a Governor for PMI OC

Amir previously served as the Director of Strategy for PMI-OC in 2011, and VP-Finance from 2012-2015. He currently serves as chapter President. His goals for joining PMI-OC chapter's Board of Governors are to ensure alignment of organization's mission and values with PMI, ensure alignment of organization's mission and values with customer needs, and evaluate risks vs. benefits of PMI-OC provided programs and services to promote the best opportunities the chapter can offer to our members and community at large.

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Narmela Sargis, MBA, PMP, CSM

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Volunteer Director & Marketing Director, PMI-OC

EDS Portfolio Manager, Cisco

Brief Background Experience, Qualifications

Senior Program Manager / Portfolio Manager with over 20 years experience working for Fortune 500 companies. Managed \$80M budget for Enterprises Data Services as well as large-scale Core HR system implementation at Cisco. MBA, PMP, CSM, ISO9001.

Experience in PMI and PMI OC

My experience with PMI-OC started back in 2014 when I started out as the Volunteer Coordinator supporting the volunteer team. In January of 2015 I took on the role of Director of Volunteers. In this role, I have managed to recruit volunteers, onboard them and I have been a great advocate for the chapter. In February of 2016 I took on additional responsibilities as Director of Marketing. I quickly learned how to create eblasts and support the chapter by keeping our members informed of various events.

Your goals as a Governor for PMI OC

I want our chapter to be known as one of the best chapters in PMI. I want us to be able to provide value to our members, to make a difference in our community and to take project management to the next level. We have a lot of opportunities that are available to us, but we need dedicated volunteers (existing or new) that are willing to come together, brainstorm and come up with initiatives that are easy to implement and at the same time, provide learning opportunities for our volunteers. We all have great ideas, but we need leaders at the Governor level to help implement these ideas.

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Sriram Ramadas, MBA, PMP, MCT

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Currently Appointed Director of Milestones

Director, GTKonnect Inc.

Brief Background Experience, Qualifications

I have a degree in Mechanical Engineering and an MBA in Marketing. Throughout my career, I have played roles in sales, marketing and project management and have successfully initiated new businesses, increased market shares and implemented projects for several clients and believe that my experience can be usefully channeled to the benefit of PMI-OC. I consider myself an ambivert with the ability to persuade and influence people without using authority and have been successful in building and empowering teams.

I have volunteered throughout my adult life for several causes including underprivileged and disabled children, seniors and veterans by organizing and managing fund-raiser events and I also volunteer at weekly soup kitchens. I have also volunteered to coach youth basketball and soccer.

Experience in PMI and PMI OC

I have been a member of PMI since 2002 and PMI-OC for nearly 4 years through 2006 and again since the beginning of 2016.

I have volunteered in the areas of Marketing and Communications, specifically in Outreach, Advertising and Milestones.

Your goals as a Governor for PMI OC

I would like to see PMI-OC as Chapter of the Year and standout among chapters globally in bringing value to its membership.