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## President's message Spring 2016

### It's been a great year!

It's been a busy term and it went fast....too fast. I was privileged to lead the Chapter during a year of exciting accomplishments, including hosting the **PMI Region 1 Conference**, celebrating the **Chapter's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**, and being part of the City of Victoria "**Project Management Day**" proclamation in April. These, along with the PMI-VI portfolio activities highlighted below, could not have been possible without the dedication and energy of the 2015-2016 Executive and Board of Directors, and all of our other volunteers who stepped in to help. July 2016 will see the introduction of a new President (Adrienne Forest), and several new PMI-VI Board members. In keeping with the PMI-VI culture and strategic direction, I know the passion for serving our Chapter members, as well as activities and events to broaden understanding of PMI, PMI-VI, and the profession within various academic institutions, organizations, and communities on Vancouver Island, will continue into the 2016-2017 term.

### Not to be forgotten

We are grateful for the efforts and dedication of those whose tenures are ending on June 30, namely:

- **JP Stoldt** who, as the Professional Development Director for the 2014 – 2016 term, was responsible for
  - the memorable PD Conference at the Oak Bay Hotel in 2015
  - bringing in John Stenbeck for the Workshops in 2016
  - continuing the annual PMI-VI Mentorship Program.

#### Thanks for providing member value with PDU opportunities JP!

- **Yenny Mosquera** who, as the Outreach Director, tirelessly managed initiatives within the outreach program where she;
  - supported universities by providing project management training for students working in community projects as part of their academic requirements.
  - supported students by participating in interview clinics, project simulations, internships, and mentorship opportunities.
  - promoted the Chapter Guest Pass program, and as a result, the PMI-VI Chapter achieved the 500 Club Membership in 2015!
  - managed the self-sustaining PMI-VI scholarship program which supports the cost of education for professional, national and international students residing on Vancouver Island who are interested on pursuing project management training.
  - in keeping with our 2015 strategic planning session priorities, developed a 3 year Outreach Plan for the Chapter

#### Thanks for your energy and passion Yenny!

- **Manji Sekhon** who, as Volunteers Director coordinated volunteers for all our events and activities;
  - registration and photographer volunteers for Dinner Meetings and Meet Ups
  - registration and photographer volunteers for the PD Conference in May 2015, and the PMI Region 1 Conference, and the PMI-VI 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala in April 2016
  - volunteers for various other initiatives
  - initiated a more streamlined PMI-VI volunteer recruitment process using VRMS (facilitated through myPMI at pmi.org)

Manji was also key in coordinating the 2015 (Viking Air) and upcoming 2016 (Hertzberg Institute of Astrophysics) Volunteer Recognition Events to show our appreciation for all the work that our volunteers do.

#### Thanks for adding the "Human Touch" Manji!

- **Kylie Sandham** who, as Programs Director arranged our networking events;

- 2015 Dinner Meetings which included guest speakers leading “Big Projects” and 2016 with such high profile guest speakers as Lisa Helps (Mayor of Victoria), and Carol Bellringer (Auditor General of BC)
- Meet Up – Project Managers gone Wild!, was introduced by Kylie in 2015 and has proven to be a popular, more casual way to network, including many non-members who find it’s a comfortable environment to find out what Project Management is about.

**Thanks for thinking “outside the box” Kylie!**

- **Ivan Rincon** who, as Past President, ends his 3 year commitment to the PMI-VI Presidential tenure (President Elect – President – Past President). His commitment to PMI and the Chapter will not end however, as he continues his Leadership learning experience as part of the current PMI Master’s Class, and his continued role as the Chapter liaison for the non-profit PMI Educational Foundation (PMIEF). Passionate about Academic Outreach, Ivan was the driver behind the successful Western Academic Outreach Workshop in 2015 which brought together representatives from British Columbia and Alberta universities and colleges (4 from Vancouver Island) to Calgary to map out the future of PM education in western Canada. This was the first such workshop in North America.

**Thanks for your leadership, passion, and commitment Ivan!**

## Others we couldn’t have done without

We are also grateful to those that contributed during the 2015 – 2016 term

**David Sandor** who, as Communications Director, keeps us informed through e-mails, news releases, and website postings

**Amber McMillan**, who stepped into the Certifications Director role with energy and enthusiasm. Not only did she lead an offering of the Certifications Exam Preparation Seminar (CEPS) in Spring 2016, but she successfully facilitated an evaluation of CEPS as per the strategic priorities identified at the Board’s July 2015 PMI-VI Strategic Planning session.

**Liam McKeracher**, who stepped into the Membership Director position in January. He has since developed a PMI-VI membership portfolio plan to recognize new certifications and member milestones.

**Nancy Kwong**, who has been invaluable as the PMI-VI Secretary for several years. She is the unsung hero of the Chapter who keeps us all on track.

**Adrienne Forest**, our current President Elect, also temporarily stepped into the Treasurer position when it became vacant. This was no easy feat with all the financial activities required for the high profile Region 1 Conference and PMI-VI’s 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala in April. Thanks for doing double duty Adrienne!

**John Gunn**, our Up Island Director could not continue his second term as he is now working in Victoria. Thanks to John for representing our members north of the Malahat.

## In closing

It has been a great learning experience, and a privilege serving as the President of the PMI-VI Chapter. We’re not done yet though as there are still a few activities planned before I hand the reins over to Adrienne:

**June 10<sup>th</sup>**: Volunteer Recognition Event

**June 15<sup>th</sup>**: North of the Malahat Dinner Meeting featuring Tom Sparrow with an update on the North Island Hospitals Project

We have achieved much recently, in fact we have **pre-qualified for Chapter of the Year** in our category (results to be announced in August)! We still have more to do however to make project management a well known profession on Vancouver Island, and PMI’s certifications as qualifications that employers seek to add value to their organization in achieving strategic goals. I encourage you to volunteer your talents, skills, and dedication to help make this a vibrant and engaging Chapter. Whether it’s for events, or joining the Chapter Board of Directors, we welcome your contribution!

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This is your Chapter; if you have any comments or questions regarding PMI-Vancouver Island, feel free to contact any of your PMI-VI Executive or Board of Directors, or stop to chat with us at the various events planned for 2016-2017!

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