

PMI SUN CITY CHAPTER MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

May 2022 Sun City Annual Meeting and Social

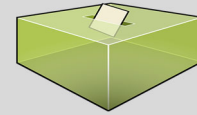
The PMI® Sun City chapter Annual Meeting and Social took place on May 12th. The social and the meeting were held at Old Sheepdog Brewery. There was one first time attendee and one newly credentialed PMP.



ANNOUNCEMENTS & IMPORTANT LINKS

PMI SUN CITY WEBSITE:

<https://pmielpaso.org>



The meeting was held from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. There were no PDU's issued for this meeting. The annual meeting started at 7:00 P.M. which allowed all Chapter members to engage in discussion. One of the questions that arose, came from a doctoral candidate in project management. The question posed was: **Do soft-skills play an important part to being a Project Manager?**



UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

MAY 26, 2022 CHAPTER MEETING –

6:15 PM TO 7:30 PM

EVENT:

PMI Sun City Virtual Chapter Meeting

2022 CHAPTER BOARD ELECTIONS

Accepting nominations now thru July

4, 2022

ANNUAL MEETING –

The Chapter President updated Chapter members on the state of the Chapter. The Agenda was as follows:

1. Membership
2. Finances
3. Professional Development Calendars
4. Quarterly Socials
5. Outreach & Volunteerism
6. Updates to Bylaws
7. Elections

Over the last two years, Chapter membership has dropped. Chapter membership stood at one time over 200 members and has taken a fraction of a drop, most likely due to COVID and changes in the economy. We continue to find new methods of engaging our members into worthwhile opportunities and will continue into the coming years as we shift over to new Chapter Leaders.

Chapter finances stand at over \$21,000. To keep up with changes, the chapter has invested in technology hardware that will help the Chapter better conduct virtual meetings. In addition, PMI HQ reimbursed the Chapter up to \$5,000 in operational costs, in addition to the newly procured hardware. The Chapter's goal is to use these funds to continue to engage our members and support professional development programs.

The Chapter is planning a July/August Professional Development Day and you will be receiving information regarding that. Keep an eye out for upcoming Social; the next one planned for August. This event will be a hybrid or live/online format. More information will be sent to Chapter members once a date has been finalized.


The Chapter will continue to focus on outreach to the military, to colleges and to high schools. The Chapter typically partners with Ft. Bliss' Onward to Opportunity professional development program and has recently done outreach to high school and is alignment with PMI's new strategy to reach out to high school and college aged students and the development mentoring programs.

The Chapter also proposed changes to the Bylaws this year. The goal is to create an office of Chapter Mentor. This elected board member will need to have been a past president or have served as two or three of the Chapter Board Member roles or as a director/manager, respectively.


Sun City Chapter Board elections are right around the corner. Present Chapter Board Members were introduced and all of the following officers will be up for re-election or stepping down after this term. During the meeting, it was asked how can one run for office? All one has to do to be considered a candidate is submit a mini-bio about you experience in Project Management and how you feel your skills can benefit the Chapter.

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The following officers are stepping down or running for re-election:

- Chapter President – Kyle Ibarra (stepping down; end of term limit)
- Chapter V.P. of Governance – Saul Trejo (stepping up to President; open)
- Chapter V.P. of Finance – Terry Vicuna (up for re-election; open)
- Chapter V.P. of Marketing – Gerardo Castillo (stepping down; open)
- Chapter V.P. of Membership – Gustavo Chaverry (up for re-election; open)
- Chapter V..P. of Professional Development – Rajan Robinson (up for re- election; open)
- Chapter V.P. of Technology – Fernando Medina (up for re- election; open)

We encourage members to seek volunteer and board positions.

May 2022 Outreach & Community Service

The chapter received an opportunity to participate in the first student career day at the Coronado Baptist Church on April 25, 2022. Saul and Rajan set up a chapter booth that included a visual display, PMI knowledge products, technologies such as drones and VR, and brochures to answer any other missed questions. The project manager Mrs. Lizzy Gonzalez was extremely welcoming and accommodating to our booth needs with power and location for our set-up. Saul and Rajan interviewed one of the attendees about project management. Also, we spoke with a variety of students from ages 7-to 17. We enjoyed the questions each group of students provided. There was a tremendous interest in the project management profession and our chapter. We were delighted that some attendees knew about our chapter and wanted more information to share with individuals who could not be at the event. We believe more of these types of engagement events with the chapter will increase the interest, awareness and growth of the chapter's future talent.



May 26, 2022 Chapter Meeting

The upcoming Chapter meeting will feature Kyle Ibarra, Chapter President and topic:

“Implementing Policy: A Program Management Approach”

Kyle Ibarra is a program manager for the City of El Paso managing the City's Complete Streets Program. In the past, he has helped to successfully implement the El Paso Brio bus rapid transit system. He thrives on getting involved and has a passion for giving back. Kyle enjoys mentoring and inspiring young individuals. The presentation will focus on key points at this phase of program definition.