

Presidents Report
July 2023

As we gather for our Annual General Meeting, It's indeed my pleasure to acknowledge the significant strides and achievements the Chapter has made over the past year. Each year undoubtedly presents its own unique challenges and opportunities, and this past year was no different. However I'm proud to say that we've risen to the occasion, embraced these challenges and opportunities and we now have quite a few accomplishments that we can be proud of as we reflect here today.

Professional Development Initiatives:

Over the past year, we've successfully organized a series of engaging webinars that provided valuable learning opportunities to our members as they earn their PDUs. Sessions included Wicked Problem Solving, Citizen Developer, Mental health education, Effective CyberSecurity for Project Success, Using the Art of Project Management to Navigate the Road to Recovery, Emotional Intelligence, Supercharging Project Management Skills with Chat GPT and Benefits Realization Management. These along with other conferences, courses and workshops, hosted by our strategic partners have provided our members with an array of opportunities to grow professionally and stay ahead of the curve.

Networking and Social Events:

Last year, during world cup season, we tried something new and different. With the help of our Strategic Partner the FUTSAL Association of Trinidad and Tobago, we were able to host an exciting Futsal Tournament for our members , potential members, volunteers, family and friends. We welcomed 10 teams , with approx 100 persons participating and spectating. This event was a first of its kind for us but turned out to be quite successful allowing us to broaden our reach as we met new persons, built new relationships and worked collaboratively with one another, all while enjoying some healthy exercise and friendly competition.

In addition to the Futsal Tournament, we also hosted our traditional end of year technical session and mixer, at the Marriott Hotel. This was well attended and provided another fantastic opportunity for members, volunteers, and strategic partners to connect, network and build meaningful relationships in a fun and relaxing setting.

Giveaways and Discounts:

Throughout the year we were able to offer valuable discounts and free passes to our members and volunteers, for various courses, conferences and learning opportunities. This included Wicked Problem Solving , Citizen Developer, Certified Scrum Master Training, IIL's Conferences - International Project Management Day , Leadership and Innovation and Agile and Scrum. We were also able to offer discounts to our members for affiliate sessions / workshops through our strategic partners such as , the Caribbean Corporate Governance Institute.

Strategic Partnerships:

Over the year we would have continued the great work we've done with our existing partners but we also started building new relationships and seeking out new partnerships that would help scale our impact. Some noteworthy ones, include the Ministry of Digital Transformation of Trinidad & Tobago in collaboration with PMI Global, IEE Youth

Professional Group, Association of Renewable Energy Engineers , Trinidad, and most recently the Rotaract Club Port of Spain

Volunteer Programme:

Our Volunteer Programme continues to be our shining star, providing members and even non members the opportunity to give back to the profession, gain invaluable project experience , network with like minded persons and develop professionally. Our theme for this cycle, "The Future of Volunteerism at PMI SCC," has resonated strongly with our one hundred and six (106) volunteers that are actively contributing to our projects. Some of these projects include Schools Project, FUTSAL Association of Trinidad and Tobago, the CSO/GO Online Shared Services HUB operated by The Cropper Foundation and setting up of the a Volunteer Office to guide and support our Volunteer Programme.

Looking Forward -Rest of 2023 to 2024:

As we embark on the coming year, we are excited about the possibilities that lie ahead. Our vision includes attracting new members to the community, increasing the engagement with our existing members and volunteers, attracting more volunteers to contribute their skills and expertise, and deepening our societal impact. We are aiming to strengthen our strategic partnerships, expand networking opportunities, provide a wider variety of opportunities to earn PDUs and of course we are eagerly looking forward to one of our flagship events later this year - Our 12th Biennial International Conference.

To conclude, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt appreciation to our membership , volunteers, secretariat , corporate secretary, and chapter leaders, for their exceptional contributions to our chapter's success over the past year. You continue to play an instrumental role in shaping the future of PMI SCC and I am truly inspired by the passion and commitment that you all bring to the table.

Thank you for being part of our amazing journey and I look forward to the continued collaboration and shared achievements in the coming year.

Regards,

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