

Dear PMIHR Members and Board of Directors,

I am honored and deeply grateful to share that I will be serving as your PMI Hampton Roads President effective January 1, 2026. Many of you may remember me from my previous service as part of the “3Ps” cycle—President Elect in 2018, President in 2019, and Past President in 2020. I had not planned on stepping back into this role; however, when our current President Elect, Tim Wharton, received a dream job opportunity with NASA, the chapter asked me to complete his term. I am blessed to support this transition and grateful for the trust placed in me once again.

Returning to serve our chapter feels both familiar and inspiring. Over the past several years, this chapter has grown significantly—thanks to the commitment, professionalism, and passion of our Board of Directors, volunteer leaders, and, most importantly, our membership. The leadership team has been focused and effective in elevating PMI Hampton Roads not only in delivering member value but also in strengthening our visibility and alignment at the PMI global level. I am proud to build on the strong foundation they have created.

As we enter 2026, our theme *Elevating the Future Together* will guide our work. My goal is to continue advancing this chapter with a renewed focus on engagement, value, and relevance for every member. Your experience matters, and we are committed to creating opportunities that support your growth as project professionals and leaders.

In 2026, we will:

- **Elevate Member Engagement** through new networking formats, regional meetups, small-group collaboration, and a refreshed New Member experience.
- **Elevate Membership Value** by expanding mentorship pathways, strengthening communication, and increasing access to exclusive programs that deliver real professional benefit.
- **Elevate Professional Expertise** by offering meetings, webinars, and expert-led sessions focused on today’s leading business topics, including AI, automation, digital transformation, cybersecurity, and leadership skills that drive organizational success.
- **Elevate Community & Future Talent** by continuing our support of the Ranzy Gammal Scholarship and increasing outreach to high-school and college-aged project professionals.
- **Elevate Operational Excellence** through strong governance, volunteer leadership development, and streamlined processes that ensure we serve you with integrity and consistency.

Together, these initiatives reflect our commitment to elevating not only our chapter, but the project management profession across Hampton Roads.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to lead this chapter once more. It is an honor, and I am committed to continuing the work of our exceptional leadership team while ensuring that PMI Hampton Roads remains a thriving, engaged, and forward-thinking community.

Please know that my door is always open. I welcome your questions, ideas, and suggestions for improvement—this chapter exists to serve you, and your voice matters. I look forward to meeting many of you at our chapter meetings, events, and networking opportunities throughout the year.

Here’s to a meaningful, collaborative, and inspiring 2026. Together, we are truly Elevating the Future.

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