

# 2017 AGM

## Elections of Chapter Officers for 2018

**The following positions are up for election in 2018**

1. President
2. VP Education
3. VP Programs
4. VP Membership
5. VP Professional Development
6. VP Finance

**The nomination committee has put forward the following candidates:**

Rosmary Conte for President  
Mehran Jamshidi for VP Education  
Tina Dhaliwal for VP Membership  
Jasmine Maini for VP Programs

**The position of VP Professional Development is contested. The nomination committee has put forward the following two candidates:**

Cindy Lashuck for VP Professional Development  
Natalia Boyd for VP Professional Development

**The nomination committee has not put a candidate forward for the following position:**

VP Finance

# Rosmary Conte

running for President



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## **Personal Statement**

I would like to be nominated for the Board Member, Canadian West Coast Chapter President position.

Since 2013, I have dedicated time with passion and energy to bring value to our local CWCC chapter in various positions such as Event Manager, Director of Programs and presently, VP of Programs. The Programs portfolio has delivered 41 dinner events since I began as a volunteer. I can take pride in our success as we have been selling out consistently due to our excellent speakers and providing professional development training to over 1,000+ members every year.

If I get elected as President, I would leverage our existing strategic plan to confirm our winning aspirations through our chapter vision, mission and objectives envisioned by our Chapter Board. Benefiting from our diverse talent and capabilities I would lead our board to expand our programs through our various portfolios and offer greater benefits to our members.

My level of commitment has been clear over time in succeeding to meet Chapter goals and initiatives. I would preside over the monthly board meetings, our (AGM) annual general meeting and our CWCC annual conference. I would ensure along with the VP of Finance that all chapter business is being done legally and ethically. Along with the elected CWCC Board, I would ensure the wise and ethical disbursement of our Chapter funds and serve as the primary liaison with PMI® with enthusiasm and integrity.

As part of the global community of Chapter leaders, I would serve as liaison and ambassador to bring special guests that would offer value to our members. I would continue to work with my fellow Board and Portfolio members to expand and diversify our monthly offerings and grow our yearly conference. As Board Member and President, a personal and continued goal, would be to nurture new volunteers that show promise, talent and commitment to our PMI association and mentor emerging volunteers for future Board positions

## **Biography**

Rosmary Conte is a Canadian West Coast Chapter Board Member since 2016 and VP of Programs. She began volunteering for the Chapter in 2013 and is passionate about facilitating educational and cultural events among professional communities. She organizes the monthly dinner/speaker events which align with her values for continuous learning in project management and community engagement. She oversees all aspects of event implementation and leads a ten person volunteer team.

Rosmary works at BGIS, Brookfield Global Integrated Solutions as a Project Manager on Construction and Energy Sustainability projects for the Pacific Region on Federal Government Buildings. Previously, she worked for over 10 years in broadcast media in post-production management. She also worked at BC Hydro as a Project Cost Analyst in (CIPD) Capital Infrastructure Project Delivery and was part of the team which shared in the success of BC Hydro's PMI "PMO of the Year 2016" award.

In 2017 she was accepted in the PMI Leadership Institute Master Class Program, LIMC2018 with 35 other international Chapter Leaders and wishes to continue building relationships of value and respect with other leaders, stakeholders, locally and internationally.

# Mehram Jamshidi

re-running for VP Education



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## Personal Statement

I would like to apply for the position of VP Education with the PMI CWCC. I am very much aligned with the goals and focus of CWCC and I would like to use the skills gained in my time as a board member and VP Education from 2015 till now.

VP Education is responsible for working with other team members on educational initiatives, programs and courses offered by the chapter. These include both certification and non-certification services and offerings to our membership and the wider project management community in BC.

Other initiatives me and my team have planned for 2018 include but not limited to the following:

### Education:

- 4 PMP/CAPM Preparation Courses
- 1 PMI-ACP Preparation Courses in Partnership with other REPs
- 1 PMI-PgMP Preparation Courses in Partnership with other REPs

### Performance Appraisal:

- Creating a Performance Appraisal system to evaluate volunteer s
- Developing KPI metrics e.g. timeliness of evaluation feedback submissions (i.e. 48hrs), communication (response time to emails), availability for coordination
- Improving Instructors' Evaluation System determine

### Wider Access

- Providing free workshops to the communities which are under covered. Other areas in the Mainland including Kelowna, Kamloops and Squamish/Whistler are the main targets.

Enhancing team performance and resourcefulness are some of my key strengths. I get along well with others and thrive on finding resolutions to problems. I am confident that these qualities together with my commitment to work will be an asset to PMI CWCC.

## **Biography**

Mehran is a Project Management Professional and instructor with 18+ years' experience in different areas of IT, Education, Business Transformation and Re-engineering, and Intelligent Transportation Systems.

Currently working as a Senior Project Manager at TELUS, Mehran is working on Learning Solutions to help provide training services to TELUS technicians.

Mehran's passion for learning keeps him very active in the community as he volunteers as the VP of Education for the PMI Canadian West Coast Chapter. He is also an instructor at BCIT, teaching Project Management courses, and at New York Institute of Technology, teaching MBA courses.

Mehran is PMP®, PMI-ACP®, PMI-RMP®, CSM®, and ITIL® certified, and is a huge advocate of new leadership studies, agile project management, coaching and teaching.

He graduated with a Master's degree in System Management and Productivity (Industrial Engineering) after he had earned a Bachelor's in Computer Software Engineering.

Mehran's experience as a Project Manager and Operations Manager, as well as having a successful background in teaching and instructing in academic environments during the last 18 years, has made him a powerful leader and coach.

# Jasmine Maini

running for VP Programs



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## Personal Statement

I would be honored to be considered for the role of VP, Programs. I have had the pleasure to serve the Chapter in the Programs Portfolio for over 18 months, acting as the voice and face of PMI CWCC and creating an ecosystem where world class speakers, members and the chapter execs engage and share their future dreams, present challenges and successes from the past. PMI has an incredible legacy and I want to contribute to its growth from the frontlines by encouraging innovativeness and more synergies. As a start, I hope to initiate cross-chapter collaboration across North America as we move forward into the New Year and inviting leaders across the border to speak at our events. Personally, I feel fortunate to be surrounded by such great thinkers, doers and committed board members who along with being exemplaries in their respective field also serve as mentors and teachers providing direction and guidance whenever beckoned.

## Biography

Jasmine trained as a specialized engineer and started her career in aircraft manufacturing right out of university. Quickly realizing that the feat of engineering had already taken place - a heavier than air vessel had been cruising the skies effortlessly for years she yearned for a different path. After spending 4 years in Aviation, she ventured into management consulting which allowed her to work in diverse industries, engage with various clients and kept perennially challenging her limits. Today, she works as an internal consultant with Telus and as a global citizen attempts to do her share to initiate progress by volunteering with a few organizations that are close to her heart. With over 10 years of experience in both corporate and start-up environments, her work has spanned multiple geographies and functions while working alongside cross-functional teams.

Being an Indian, having grown up in the Middle East and spent a substantial time in Canada, Jasmine believes she truly understands multiculturalism and am a part of a globalized world. The infusion of cultures in her life has enabled her to quickly adapt to any surroundings, and prepared her to deal with a variety of personalities and facilitate development of diverse business partnerships. Her global experience helped her realize that there is no other country in the world except Canada that offers such an eclectic mix of diverse cultures and economic growth opportunities whilst reminding us of our humanitarian responsibilities.

Jasmine is an avid runner, enjoys yoga and finds joy in learning from various traditions by wayfaring across the world with over 35 countries under her belt and counting.

She joined PMI's CWCC in early 2016 and shortly after joining the Chapter she started volunteering for both the Programs and Membership portfolios.

# Tina Dhaliwal

running for VP Membership

## **Personal Statement**

Working with Qaid, our current VP Membership, closely over the past 2 years has given me insight to what necessary skills are needed to successfully fill the VP of Membership position. I strongly feel I have developed these skills through my work, educational and volunteer experience in Project Management. My positive outlook allows me to turn less than ideal outcomes into lessons learned for myself and the team. Over my 2 years of volunteering, I have never missed a team outing or meeting that I was asked to attend. I ensure my quarterly networking events are managed to the best of my ability and continuously solicit feedback to improve where I can. By continuing to support the new initiatives and partnerships that have been created over Qaid's 2-year term coupled with data collection I believe we can continue to see a positive trend in membership and have data to back it up.

## **Biography**

Currently working as a Project Manager for Electronic Arts I have had the privilege of working on and managing 3 triple-A titles, FIFA, NHL & UFC. I have been able to sharpen my project management skills managing stakeholder requests, developing a strong team and fostering long lasting and deep relationships with team members on site and around the world. Prior to my work at EA I have also worked either as a Project Manager or supported short-term efficiency projects in industrial manufacturing, hospitality, and an environmental lab.

Continuous learning is a personal goal which I pursue every year. My formal education is in Business specialized in human resources, and project management. I have been PMP certified and volunteering with the Project Management Institute CWCC since early 2016. Teaching and supporting others has always been very important to me which is why I have transitioned into a new role as a BCIT night school instructor for a Project Management course (PMI certified course).

Living a balanced healthy lifestyle can be somewhat of a challenge, however, I meditate daily, go to the gym a minimum of 4 times a week and try to cook when I can. I dedicate up to 2hrs every day watching or reading world current events as I find it fascinating and very relevant to the project management field. Another (new found) interest of mine has been going to different networking events ranging from events at the Vancouver Art Gallery to The Digital Project Managers Meetup at Mobify.

Overall, connecting with people and broadening my perspective is where I focus my attention. I then look for ways to tie this into how I perform as a Project Manager.

# Cindy Laschuk

running for VP Professional Development (contested)



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## Personal Statement

It is with great enthusiasm that I put myself forward as a potential nominee for the position of VP Professional Development. I hope to bring to our community an annual conference full of interesting and enlightening topics. I believe that navigating people, processes, and technology during an age of digital transformation is challenging, yet, exciting. Bringing hot topics, like this and more, will be my focus in the 2018 Annual Conference.

What I would do immediately in the position is:

- Review past conference speakers, past dinner event speakers, and survey data for popular past speakers,
- Attend other conferences locally or do research online to seek out top speakers in our industry that touch on trends in our field, such as Digital Transformation project management, Agile, and Servant Leadership,
- Identify and work on how to attract and satisfy members to register early,
- Provide an affordable event for members, without compromising quality,
- Start advertising early and build up excitement leading up to the conference,
- Assemble a volunteer team with event management experience to brainstorm on creative enhancements, such as adding more networking opportunities and ice breakers.

## Biography

As the former Chief Operating Officer of an award-winning, family-owned manufacturing business, Cindy led all aspects of operations, including customer service and sales, IT

business systems, business process improvements, human resource management, and quality assurance.

A mother of 3, Cindy finds joy in volunteering and giving back to the community. She is a dedicated, strong advocate for higher learning and professional development. She sits on the Board of Governors at a university preparatory school, Southpointe Academy in South Delta. As a board member, she has experience in strategic governance that oversees school management, teacher retention, budgets, capital investments, fundraising initiatives, community engagement, and setting policies for the short and long term vision of the school. Prior to being on the board, Cindy managed, branded, marketed, and coordinated several high earning annual events, such as golf tournaments and galas.

She has been with the Canadian West Coast Chapter since 2016, making significant improvements while in the roles of Eblast Director and Website Director. She has also assisted in promoting the education classes through digital marketing efforts that saw an increase in registration by over 50%. Her professional memberships include the Project Management Institute (PMI), International Business Analysis Institute (IIBA), and the American Society for Quality (ASQ).

Now, founder and principal consultant for [Click Designs Inc.](#), she provides operational and marketing guidance for companies during their transitional growth periods.

# Natalia Boyd

running for VP Professional Development (contested)



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## **Personal Statement**

My choice for the CWCC Board position laid with one of the most challenging positions in my opinion - VP of Professional Development.

This role entails planning and executing CWCC Chapter's Annual Conference and Industry Showcase which is exciting and challenging at the same time. Due to my extensive experience in Speakers management during my time in Director of Speakers role in Programs Portfolio I am confident that I am a strong candidate for this role. Being Director of Speakers meant that I had to be involved in all steps of Speakers recruitment starting from research, selection and contracting of Speakers till processing reimbursements and seeking feedback. I was able to recruit high quality Speakers and still stay within a limited budget.

I also gained a valuable experience in Event management while organizing regular Dinner Events for the Programs Portfolio by liaising with the Venues, doing registration and serving as a Master of Ceremonies for the Events.

## **Biography**

Natalia Boyd is PMP certified Project Coordinator with 9 years of experience in Project Support roles. Her work experience extends across such industries as IT, Transmission & Distribution, Oil&Gas and Construction. Natalia's strong qualities include exceptional problem-solving and communication skills, positive attitude and self-discipline as well as leadership & drive in achieving set objectives.

Natalia came to Canada in 2010 from Sakhalin Island, located in the Far East of Russia. She has a Bachelor Degree in Asian Studies and Diploma in Business Management from two

Sakhalin State Universities. Upon arrival to Canada she started Business Operations management program at BCIT. After her graduation in 2012, Natalia joined Canadian West Coast Chapter. For 5 Years Natalia has been volunteering with Programs Portfolio in various roles and has taken over Director of Speakers role shortly after joining. Natalia brought on lots of great speakers for Program's Dinner Events during her tenure. She regularly participated in organizing and managing Dinner Events in the roles of a Greater, Event Manager, MC and assisted with Registration.

Currently Natalia oversees Apprenticeship program targeted at PM-focused students to help them fast track their careers in Project Management. Natalia and her team has successfully completed 2016-2017 intake with 6 students in the program. Throughout the program PMAP students were mentored by PMI mentors, volunteered with Chapter Portfolios and had a chance to take CAPM examination. Currently her team is working on improving the program for 2017-2018 intake. Natalia has a great passion for Project Management shown and has shown great commitment to CWCC values and objectives through her continuous contribution to the Chapter.

Besides concentrating on her career in Project Management Natalia's interests include dragon boating, squash and painting. She also has a little girl of 3 years old who is her main inspiration and motivation.