

The [PMI® North America Leadership Institute Meeting \(NA LIM\)](#) for 2023 was held in San Diego, California. A few of our Keystone Chapter Board Members attended and here's what they had to say!

## What is the PMI® Leadership Institute Meeting (LIM)?

“The NA LIM is where the chapter volunteers of North America come together to share lessons learned and learn new ways to provide our members better experiences...It is a great place to renew your enthusiasm to serve the members of the Project Management community in your own chapter and community.” - *Gordon Vanauken – Past President*

## How did you like the conference?

“The PMI® 2023 NA LIM was awesome. I've been a chapter leader since 2018 and it was my first NA LIM. I encourage all chapter leaders to attend at least one. The enthusiasm of all was contagious. There were inspirational speakers, presentations, social events, and networking opportunities that were very rewarding and insightful.” – *Debra Hanzlik – Programs Director*

## What were some of the session topics?

“The breakout sessions of great value to me to help our programs and area managers included - The Chapter Technology Update: Volunteer Engagement Platform, Data Driven Engagement: Using Surveys to Fuel your Chapter's Success, and Gumbo – The Strategic Recipe for Spicing up Your PMI® Speaker Series.” – *Debra Hanzlik – Programs Director*

“The participants took part in a project to put together hygiene packages for local organizations that help people in their communities. These organizations gave presentations on the good they do for the local community.” - *Gordon Vanauken – Past President*

## What was something new you learned from attending the conference?

“I was surprised to learn that less than 35% of all the Chapter's use the volunteer tools to manage their volunteer engagements. Many issues were identified, and PMI® hopes will be resolved in part with the migration of the system tool from VRMS (Volunteer Resource Management System) to VEP (Volunteer Engagement Platform)”. – *Debra Hanzlik – Programs Director*

## Did you meet any new people while you were there?

Absolutely, and the connections I made were valuable. I enjoyed meeting leaders from other chapters and exchanging success stories and ideas to try in our chapter and vice versa. – *Debra Hanzlik – Programs Director*

## Is there anything else you'd like to share with our Chapter Community?

“San Deigo is a great place for a conference with the water across the street from the venue”. - *Gordon Vanauken – Past President*

The NA LIMs are worthwhile, enjoyable, and action-packed events. They leave you charged with new ideas and excited with continued conversations with connections made. The San Diego location was awesome. – *Debra Hanzlik – Programs Director*

