



PMI Mass Bay Candidate Election Statement

Candidate's Name	DJ Khanmamedov	
Role Running For	VP of Volunteers	

Statement of Purpose

I am excited about the opportunity to serve as the Vice President of Volunteers on the Board of Directors of the PMI Mass Chapter. I am passionate about project management as a discipline since I believe it is critical to the success of any team and will become even more crucial in the future. In my 20+ years of experience in the industry I served as a PM evangelist highlighting the enormous benefits PM skills unlock on various organizational layers. I look forward to sharing my experience, providing mentoring and coaching to shape this field and grow the next generation of PMs. I believe PMI needs to continue focusing on customer centricity and organizational agility. I will provide servant leadership to work closely with the Board to carefully translate and liaise with PMI teams to align global strategic objectives with the Chapter plans.

Previously, I was part of PMI chapters in Dallas, TX and Atlanta, GA, where I volunteered to help the local community of PMs to run conferences and educational events. In Atlanta, I helped to start a new PMI Atlanta Automotive & Transportation Forum. Prior to that, I volunteered on PMI taskforce for PMI Consulting CoP (international, remote).

Project Management role is too often relegated to the sidelines and project managers are treated as admins/coordinators. While it's certainly critical to provide the tracking/reporting function, we need to educate business stakeholders of many others strategically valuable areas unlocked by project

management. For example, cross-functional integration, organizational design and alignment, disciplined and systematic change management execution, and many others.

Enterprises are moving closer to Lean, project-based execution, where objectives are distilled to manageable tasks. Rapid advancement and adoption of technology offers unprecedented opportunities for teams to deliver customer value faster, cheaper and while being geographically dispersed. Cross-cultural communication is becoming more of a challenge in large organizations and project managers are “the tip of the spear” to address the issues and mitigate the inherent risks.

The pace of changes happening all around us is historically unprecedented - massive digital transformation, Industry 4.0, cognitive automation and artificial intelligence, scientific breakthroughs in materials and biological sciences, geo-political and demographic/cultural shifts, climate change are just some of the upcoming challenges humanity must manage - and teams are looking for versatile, empathetic, courageous leaders. There isn't an organization that is in a better position to manage these opportunities than PMI.

PMI Mass Bay is in a unique geographical position being the neighbor to world-class Internet, bio-medical, educational, government and health organizations.

Let's roll-up our sleeves and get to work to help to make this world a better place!

Biographical Information

DJ Khanmamedov is currently leading Google Cloud Networking product portfolio development by driving the best industry practices adoption in the Technical Product, Process and Program Management. DJ is based in Cambridge, MA, managing global cross-functional teams in the US, Poland, UK and Asia. DJ is the single end-to-end owner of the portfolio of Cloud products delivery - overseeing the full value chain from product ideation to software SDLC, go-to-market strategizing, marketing, sales, billing and support/maintenance.

DJ has 20+ years of proven successful track record in the software industry delivering outstanding value to customers and stakeholders. Prior to joining Google, DJ served as the Director of Program and Professional Services at Cisco.

DJ gained his impressive technical and management skills by contributing to the success of several multinational corporations across the world (North and South America, Europe, APAC) - Ericsson (Sweden), Nokia Mobile Phone (Finland), Samsung (Korea) and Lucent Technologies (US).

DJ holds an MBA from Southern Methodist University and a BSc in Chemistry/Computer Science from the University of Texas at Dallas.

DJ is a proud PMI PMP certified PM professional since 2006 (active) and is a strong proponent of Project/Program/Portfolio management discipline.

DJ is married, with two active teenagers. He enjoys outdoor team sports, traveling and music.

