



# Spotlight Series

# **FEBRUARY**

## Board Member

### Jesse Middaugh

PMI® Keystone Chapter, Vice President of the Board

Hi, my name is Jesse Middaugh, Jr. I was born and raised in a small rural area. I have been married for 30 years and have two children in college. I am actively engaged in the PMI® Keystone Chapter. I was previously on the Board of Directors for over eight years; serving five years as the president. Now, I'm back as the vice-president. I am an Assistant Teaching Professor of Information Sciences and Technology at Penn State University. At Penn State, I teach Information Technology (IT) and Project Management classes for the PSU Harrisburg and World Campuses. I have been a Judge for Pennsylvania's Governor's STEM State Competition and the F1 in Schools Final International STEM challenge.

#### Why did you join the PMI® Keystone Chapter?

I joined PMI® to gain knowledge and to prepare to take the PMP® certification. I was a project manager for CSC and teaching college classes as an adjunct. I wanted to earn the PMP® certificate to manage projects and to teach project management classes. I joined the PMI® Keystone Chapter because I was a new PMP® and was looking for ways to get PDUs to maintain my certification. Joining the local chapter was an easy way to do that.

#### Why did you decide to volunteer with the PMI® Keystone Chapter?

I didn't start out volunteering for a board position. I began volunteering at monthly events and then worked my way up to volunteering at the Professional Development Days (PDDs). I started to get to know people and the processes. When a position on the board opened, I thought, "I like these people and can do this to give back."

#### What benefits have you received from your involvement with the PMI® Keystone Chapter?

I have been blessed to meet and work with so many wonderful people. I built a network of colleagues that started at that the local chapter. Our monthly meetings allowed me to interact with PMs in the local area. Then becoming a board member opened a new world of opportunities to travel and meet people like me from all over the world. I have been involved with project management training sessions from PMI® in Orlando, New Orleans, Dallas, San Diego, and Washington DC. PMI® involvement has also provided me with volunteer involvement in community outreach, like filling food bags to feed the hungry and revitalizing a school in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina.

#### What is one nugget of advice you have for our PMI® Keystone Chapter community?

Find out what you like to do, and it will not seem like work to do it. This includes volunteering. Get involved. Warning you will be changed, and you may just change others as well.

Interested in nominating someone for a PMI® Keystone Chapter Spotlight? Contact: [communications@pmi-keystone.org](mailto:communications@pmi-keystone.org)

