



## Why People Volunteer

# *Why I Volunteer:* *Deborah Butler, Vice President*



I volunteer for the **challenge** of it, to **give back** to the profession, which I believe is a moral imperative, to **meet great folks**, and for the **fun** of it!

*Deborah Butler, Vice President*

# Reasons Why People Volunteer

- to feel needed
- to share a skill
- to get to know a community
- to demonstrate commitment to a cause/belief
- to gain leadership skills
- to act out a fantasy
- to do your civic duty
- because of pressure from a friend or relative
- satisfaction from accomplishment
- to keep busy
- for recognition
- to repay a debt
- to donate your professional skills
- because there is no one else to do it
- to have an impact
- to learn something new
- for freedom of schedule
- to help a friend or relative
- for escape
- to become an "insider"
- guilt
- to be a watchdog
- to feel proud
- to be challenged
- to make new friends
- to explore a career
- to help someone
- as therapy
- for fun!
- for religious reasons
- to earn academic credit
- to do something different from your job
- to keep skills alive
- because an agency is geographically close
- to have an excuse to do what you love
- to be able to criticize
- to assure progress
- to feel good
- to be part of a team
- to gain status
- because you were asked
- to test yourself
- to build your resume
- to be an agent of change
- because of personal experience with the problem, illness, or cause
- to stand up and be counted

# *Why I Volunteer:*

## *Denise Davies, Treasurer*



The top reason why I volunteer is to **pay it forward**. I was fortunate enough in my career to have two great mentors that encouraged and fostered me into reaching my potential. By volunteering I can encourage others along just as I was.

Another reason why I volunteer is for **career growth**. By being involved I am **developing and enhancing my skills** and **keeping up-to-date on changes** in the profession. At the office the focus is on keeping up with the increasing work load not necessarily with skill development. By being involved I am receiving the training that I would not receive at the office.

Early on in my career I had a manager tell me that there is only one person who is in charge of your career and that is you. So I placed myself in the driver seat for my career and seek out opportunities where I can stretch and learn new skills.

*Denise Davies, Treasurer*

# Why do people volunteer?

recognition, gain status,  
build your resume



share a skill, be part of a  
team





# *Why I Volunteer:*

## *Robert Okemo, Director of IT*



The main reason I volunteer is "**be a part of the solution**".

In life we have opportunities where we can **positively change a situation, environment or people**. We make choices on whether we ARE a solution or part of the problem. I strive to find ways to be a part of the solution.

I also fully embrace the notion that **seeking ways to "stretch" yourself** is a great way to learn and grow. Find the opportunities and get involved. You won't know until you try it! I have grown both career-wise and as a person through these opportunities.

An added bonus is you get to **meet great people** from all walks of life with the potential of **forming life long friendships!**

*Robert Okemo, Director of IT*

# Why do people volunteer?

explore a career



keep skills current,  
develop new skills



# *Why I Volunteer:*

## *Rebecca Luneau, Director of Professional Development*



Being a volunteer allows me **to do something I enjoy**. Yes, I realize this is a general statement, but think about all the things you "have" to do today... How many of those things do you "enjoy"?

Project Management Leadership has been **my passion** for over 16 years, and when I saw the opportunity to volunteer for the PMI CMass Chapter, I didn't think twice about it. I wanted to **meet new people, build my personal and professional network**, help give the chapter a **fresh set of eyes** with new ideas and most of all - **help evolve the chapter**.

Although, what I enjoy most about being a volunteer is **helping others succeed**. It is very important to me that our chapter community has the professional development opportunities available so they can take their careers to the next level. That's why I volunteer!

*Rebecca Luneau, Director of Professional Development*

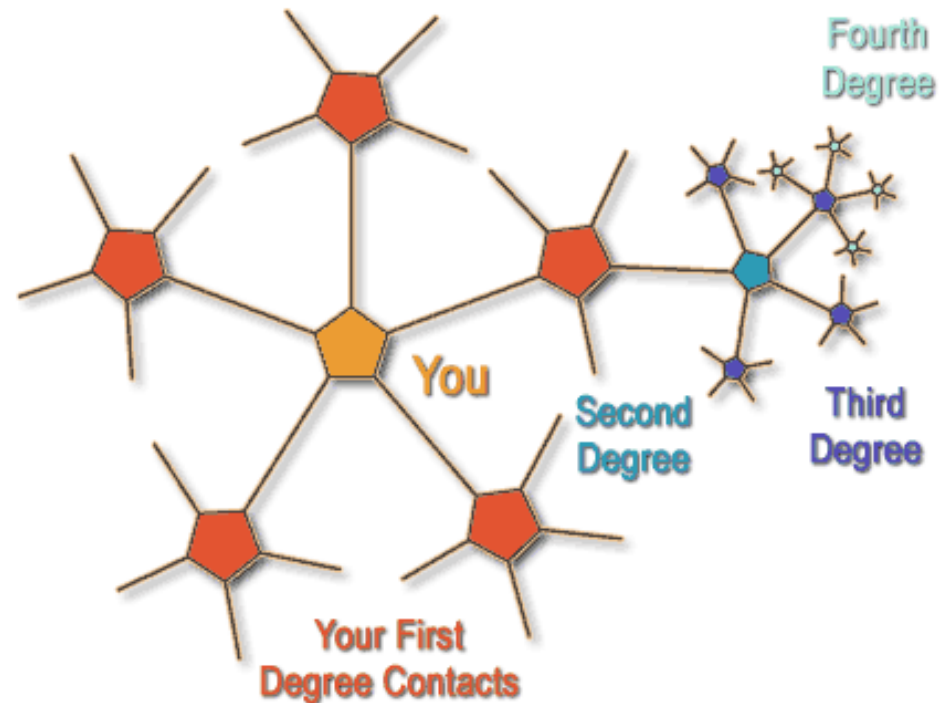


# Why do people volunteer?

gain leadership skills



expand your professional network



## *Why I Volunteer:*

### *Anne Stone, Director of Marketing & Communications*



I enjoy working in small teams to **improve results** and **help people succeed**. I value the teamwork and supportive environment of the board to lead and grow. It is personally rewarding to **use my expertise** in marketing **to make a difference** for the organization.

I also **value creativity**, especially as part of problem-solving. Part of being creative is 'associational thinking' - taking ideas from other domains and applying them in a different context.

The opportunity to bring ideas and approaches from the project management profession and the leadership role in a non-profit member association to my work **helps me stretch myself**. I've learned things that help me **connect with more people** and **share ideas with others**.

*Anne "almost too big for the slide, but still having fun" Stone  
Director of Marketing & Communications*

# *Why I Volunteer:* *Ed Yee, Director of Sponsorship*



The reason I volunteer is that I **believe in the mission of PMI and the Chapter** and work to further its goals and objectives.

I also have the opportunity to **utilize my experience** as well as **learn new ideas** and **meet new people**.

*Ed Yee, Director of Sponsorship*

# *Why I Volunteer:*

## *Laura Startzenbach, Assistant Director of Marketing*



I love learning and exploring. So I jump at any opportunity to **learn something new** or **share something I know** with others.

I also love being able to **develop new skills** that I might not be able to in a corporate setting.

Finally, I volunteer to **test myself**. As an introvert, I can find a million excuses to avoid people. But being involved with the chapter lets me **practice my networking skills** and **make new friends**.

*Laura Startzenbach, Assistant Director of Marketing*



# What about You?

