

# SIoux EMPIRE, SOUTH DAKOTA CHAPTER



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## 2024 Summit

AT THE DISTRICT



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**AUGUST 6, 2024**

# WELCOME.



Thank you for attending the 2024 Sioux Empire PMI Summit!



This day is a peak experience for our organization. We work tirelessly throughout the year to assemble a conference worthy of your time. Though we aim to make the event enjoyable, we take our responsibility of bringing you a first-rate learning experience very seriously. With this in mind, we have put together what we think is our most impressive affair yet. We hope you agree!

We have assembled an energetic collection of speakers with the goal of providing you with the tools and skills to excel in project management best practices so you can continue to drive and promote positive change within your respective organizations and communities. We are confident you will enjoy these outstanding speakers and

what they have to share! During today's event we encourage you to introduce yourself to new people, say hello to old friends and colleagues, in an effort to forge greater connections both personally and professionally. Project Management is a unique niche within or organizations and communities and knowing you have others that you can lean into both today and in the future is a tremendous gift.

As we step into today's event, we once again thank you for taking the time to join us. We could not be more pleased to have you here . . . so sit back, relax, learn and enjoy!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelly Anderson".

Thank you,

Kelly Anderson  
THE PRESIDENT OF THE SIOUX EMPIRE, SOUTH DAKOTA CHAPTER

# SCHEDULE

- 8:00 AM**      **Registration** • The District
- 8:25 AM**      **Welcome with Richard Lefevre**
- 8:35 AM**      **Networking Session**
- 9:00 AM**      **Break** • Vendor Networking
- 9:15 AM**      **"The Emotion of Change"**  
**Melissa Hiatt** • The District
- 10:15 AM**     **"AI for Project Managers: Supercharge Your Expertise"**  
**Scott Meyer** • The District
- 11:15 AM**     **Lunch & Networking** • The District
- 12:15 PM**     **"SELF"**  
**Vaney Hariri** • The District
- 1:15 PM**      **"5 Essential Keys to Leading Without Power"**  
**Vaney Hariri** • The District
- 2:15 PM**      **Break** • Vendor Networking
- 2:30 PM**      **Leadership Panel**  
**Terry Liggins • Marcella Prokop • Kristina Schaefer**  
**Kadyn Wittman • Moderated By Richard Lefevre**
- 3:15 PM**      **"Be Their Catalyst: Driving Strategic Change In Your Team"**  
**Alana Hill** • The District
- 4:15 PM**      **Closing Remarks** • The District
- 4:20 PM**      **Happy Hour** • Appetizers & Refreshments  
Upstairs at The District
- 5:00 PM**      **End of Event**

# **SURVEY & PDU CREDIT**

In order to receive PDU credits for the Summit, you will be required to scan QR codes at the end of each session.

These QR codes will lead you to a survey to be completed. You will also be asked to input your member ID at the end of each survey. You can find this member ID on the front of your name badge. After completion of each survey, your PDU credit will be submitted.

# NETWORKING SESSION

After check in, please look at the back of your name tag. You will see one assigned number. This number is your table assignment. The tables are numbered in the main room at The District. Please go to the number shown on your name tag for the welcome. After 15 minutes, you will be asked to transfer to another table of your choice.

## **Introduction - Name, Company, and Position**

1. Who have been some of your most influential mentors? Why?
2. How do you motivate your teams?
3. What was your first job?
4. What motivates you to perform at your best level?
5. What aspect of today's event has you the most excited?
6. What's one thing from past Summit events that you have found most useful?

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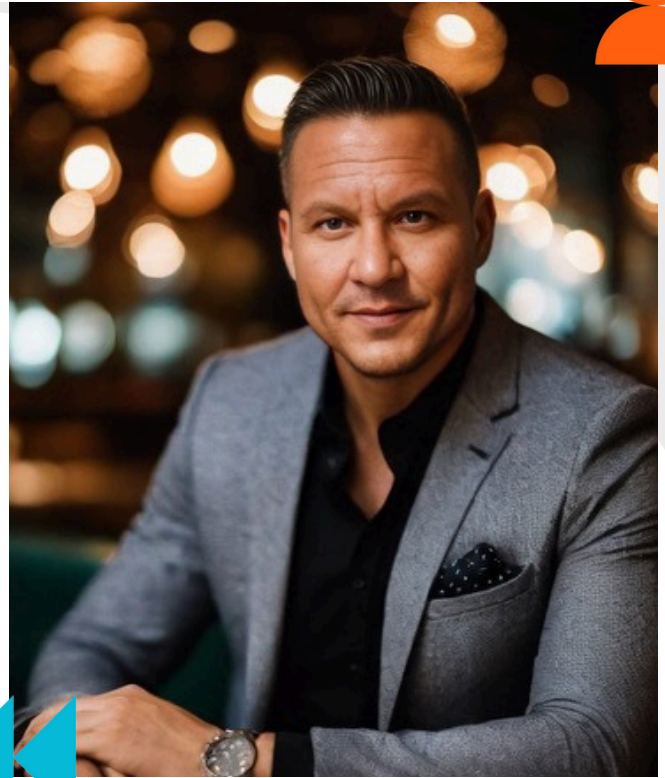
# **RICHARD LEFEVRE**

Richard Lefevre has been engaged in project management for 17 years, predominantly within the medical industry and neurosurgery, collaborating with teams from Mexico, Brazil, Germany, Canada, Japan, and China. Some of his early project management efforts have been captured in medical publications currently used to improve surgical outcomes around the

world. He currently holds the position of Enterprise Project Management Director at Eide Bailly LLP., aligning his EPMO with his corporate team's strategies.

Mr. Lefevre was a collegiate honors athlete in the PAC-10, playing rugby for three years and serving as team captain for the final two. He applies an athletic approach to project management leadership, effectively organizing his teams to achieve goals, manage challenges, and leverage opportunities. Beyond his professional commitments, he is a dedicated health enthusiast. His passion for fitness and nutrition is integral to his professional life, with the discipline and determination honed over 25 years in this pursuit seamlessly integrated into his guidance of project management professionals. He recently served as the Vice President of Programs for PMI's Sioux Empire Chapter, where he discovered a passion for contributing to the project management profession.

Mr. Lefevre relocated to Phoenix, Arizona, in the early 1990s after spending his first 13 years in Misawa, Japan, where his father served in the United States Army. In 2017, he moved to the Midwest, where he has led projects involving mergers and acquisitions, software development, federal and local government programs, and COVID-19 related efforts. In his leisure time, Richard enjoys engaging in physical activities and frequently travels to coastal destinations worldwide for cultural enrichment, relaxation, and music.





## **SPEAKER BIO**

# **MELISSA HIATT**

As a student of people, systems, and relationships, Melissa Hiatt brings practical expertise and a professional skill set to developing the emotional health of individuals, teams, and organizations. Melissa's daily work involves giving people tangible skills to live and lead with courage. Melissa fulfills her professional calling and goals as the President of Levav Leadership Consulting, Director of Women's Leadership Programming at EmBe, and Faculty Mentor at Kairos Seminary.



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**SPEAKER SESSION | 9:15 AM**

# The EMOTION OF CHANGE

Emotional health requires understanding what one is feeling, thinking, and doing and how they are connected; it takes practice and awareness. How does change impact you? Your position on change will influence your response to this question. Suppose you are leading or embracing the change. In that case, your answer will differ from someone experiencing unwelcome or forced change. In this session, we will delve into the emotions associated with change and offer valuable tools for managing emotions (yours and others') during periods of change.



**MELISSA HIATT**



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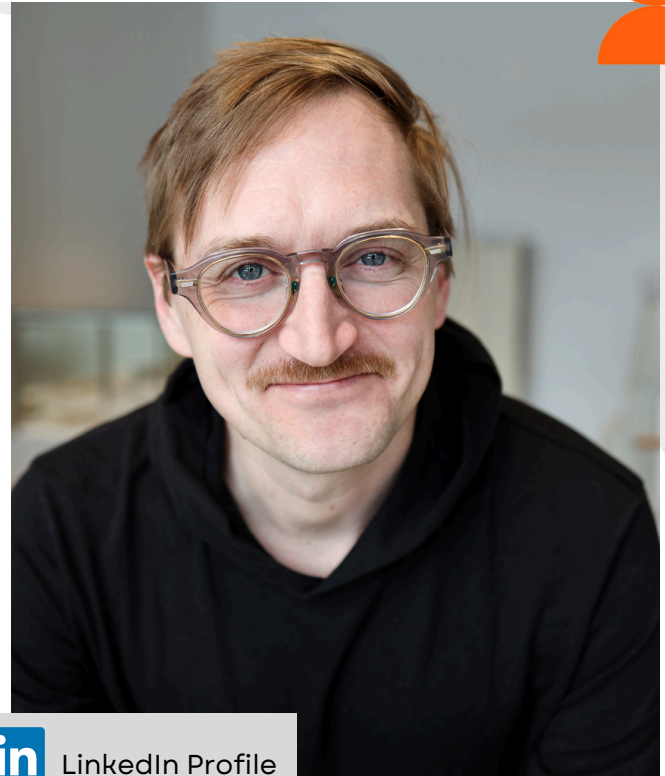


**SPEAKER BIO**

**SCOTT MEYER**

Scott Meyer co-founded Chipp with the goal of making AI accessible for all. Chipp makes it easy for businesses to build, share, and sell custom ChatGPTs. His energetic, accessible, and action-oriented courses and tutorials on [YouTube](#) and his blog [FiveMin.AI](#) move AI from a cool toy to an essential tool.

Previously, Meyer co-founded and exited the digital marketing firm 9 Clouds, launched the entrepreneurship center at North Dakota State University, and was the VP of Learning at [Metacrafters](#), teaching developers web3 and AI. He served as a city councilor, received a Master’s Degree in Peace Studies above the Arctic Circle, observed elections in Latvia for OSCE, wrote a travel guide to Norway, and taught 3 year olds English in Northern Spain. When not working online, he is helping his wife Taylor build a stunning [jewelry store](#) in [downtown Fargo](#).



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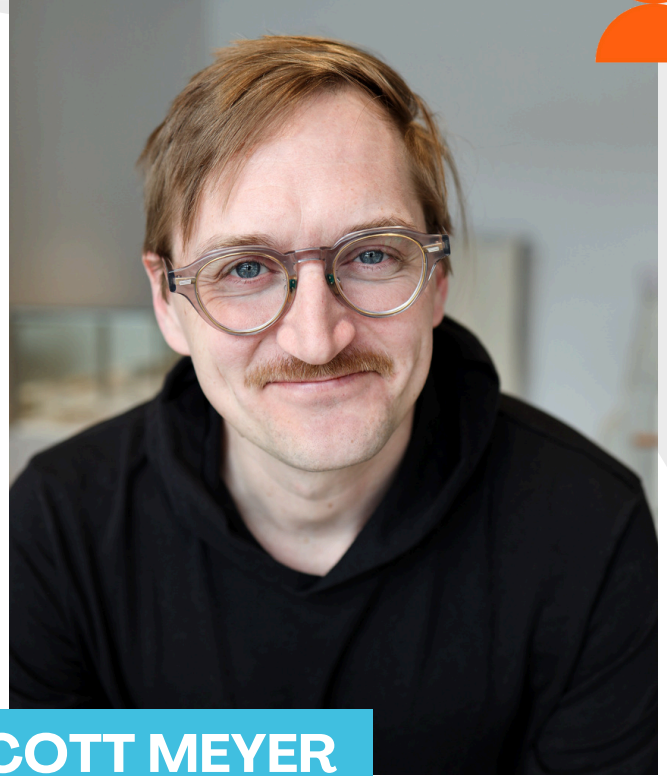
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**SPEAKER SESSION | 10:15 AM**

# AI FOR PROJECT MANAGERS: SUPER- CHARGE YOUR EXPERTISE



**SCOTT MEYER**

AI for Project Managers: Supercharge Your Expertise In the rapidly evolving tech and AI landscape, project managers have a unique opportunity to harness artificial intelligence to elevate their expertise and drive project success. This presentation aims to demystify AI, providing attendees with a clear understanding of its current trends, applications, and immense potential. Key points include:

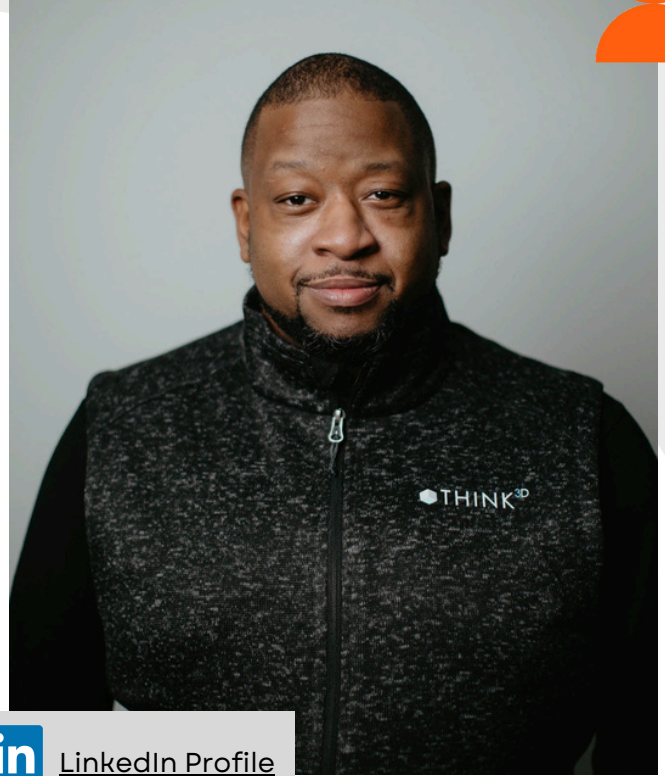
- The Importance of AI: Insight into why AI is a critical tool for the future and its direction within the tech industry.
- Real-World Applications: Presenting compelling cases of project managers who are leveraging AI to achieve remarkable outcomes.
- Practical Implementation: A step-by-step guide and a live workshop designed to kickstart your journey in integrating AI tools into your project management practices.
- Looking Ahead: An exploration of the future landscape of AI in project management, preparing attendees for upcoming trends and how to stay ahead.

This presentation promises to equip project managers with the knowledge and tools necessary to innovate, streamline processes, and ultimately achieve superior results through the application of AI technologies.

**SPEAKER BIO**

# VANEY HARIRI

Vaney Hariri has been helping people develop intentional cultures for over 15 years in many different levels of his community. As a leader, board member, mentor and community advocate – his biggest mission is to help people love better, starting with themselves.



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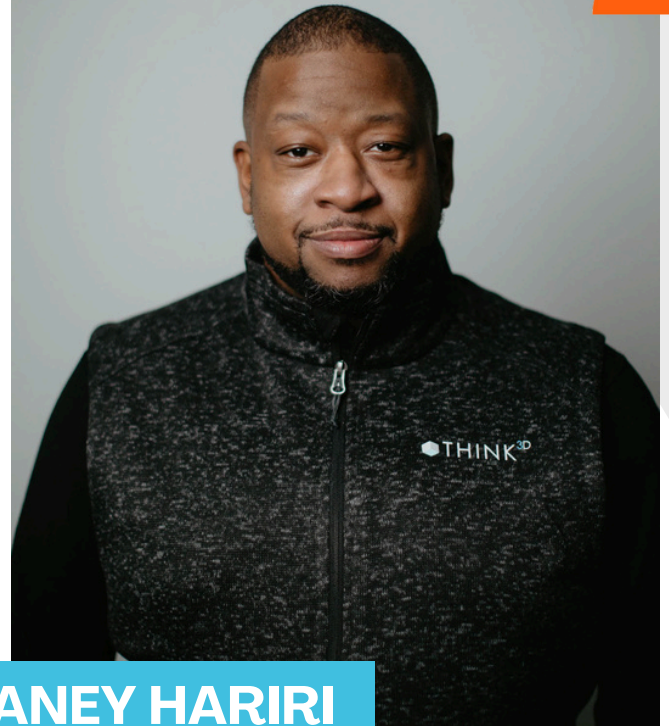
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SPEAKER SESSION | 12:15 PM

# SELF

**SELF:** Leading others, starts with leading ourselves. Personal growth, confidence, skills and relationships are key to being successful leaders.



VANEY HARIRI

SPEAKER SESSION | 1:15 PM

# 5 ESSENTIAL KEYS TO LEADING WITHOUT POWER

**5 Essential Keys to Leading Without Power:** In many cases we are asked to lead in areas where we have no authority. But through true leadership, authority is not required. Learn ways to lead effectively with no job title required.

**SPEAKER SESSION | 2:30 PM**

# MEET THE PANELISTS



**TERRY LIGGINS**

Terry Liggins has been a practitioner of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice (DEIJ) principles and a developer of DEIJ programs since 2005. Terry's cross-cultural immersion experience began as a first-generation college student-athlete enrolled in predominately white institution in rural Vermillion, South Dakota. Born in North Omaha, Nebraska, he was raised by a single mom of six where his childhood was saturated with adversity and chaos, drugs and violence, and gangs and trauma. Terry is recognized for partnering with startup nonprofits, corporations, charitable groups, and advocacy efforts that help to advance a healing-informed society that is inclusive and equitable in all its practices. Liggins is proud to be the Founder and CEO at TLC Services and Hurdle Life Coach Foundation.



**MARCELLA PROKOP**

Marcella Prokop is an award-winning writer and educator who is passionate about helping people find their voice and tell their stories. She has facilitated discussions about linguistic diversity in higher education, the power of mentorship in digital spaces, and what it means to re-shape one's narrative. Marcella serves students regionally as the Director of Access and Workforce Opportunity at Southeast Technical College, where she helps guide inclusion initiatives and offers a mentorship program for first-generation college students. Along with her partner Sean, she owns and operates Blackshire Farms and Cider just outside of Sioux Falls.

**SPEAKER SESSION | 2:30 PM**

# MEET THE PANELISTS



**KRISTINA SCHAEFER**

Kristina Schaefer serves as General Counsel, Chief Risk Officer and Chief Administrative Officer for First Bank & Trust. In her role, Kristina serves as the primary legal resource for the organization and oversees the risk management and human resources functions. Schaefer currently is a member of the ABA's Government Relations Council, BankPAC Committee, and DEI Advisory Council. Schaefer regularly coaches Girls on the Run, serves on several nonprofit Board of Directors, and volunteers as a mentor for several local programs. Kristina subsequently achieved the professional designations of Certified Regulatory Compliance Manager (CRCM) and Certified Enterprise Risk Professional (CERP).



**KADYN WITTMAN**

With over a decade of dedicated service in South Dakota's non-profit sector, Kady has honed a diverse skill set and gained extensive experience in community advocacy and service provision. From leading statewide initiatives for the LGBTQ+ community to providing tailored support for Sioux Falls' homeless population, she has consistently shown her commitment to marginalized groups. As a current State Legislator, Kady also brings valuable legislative experience, enhancing our state's capacity to drive positive change and advocate for underserved communities.

## **SPEAKER BIO**

# **ALANA HILL**

Alana M. Hill, PMP is an international change leadership expert, inspiring professionals to lead change in themselves and others to create inclusive, resilient, and competitive organizations. She is a passionate energy industry veteran who has paved the way for women leaders, with a focus on women of color. Her experience as an engineer and project manager in talent development provides real-world insight into how people and teams can excel, even in the face of adversity. Throughout her career, Alana has led diverse teams and delivered high-impact workshops all over the world!



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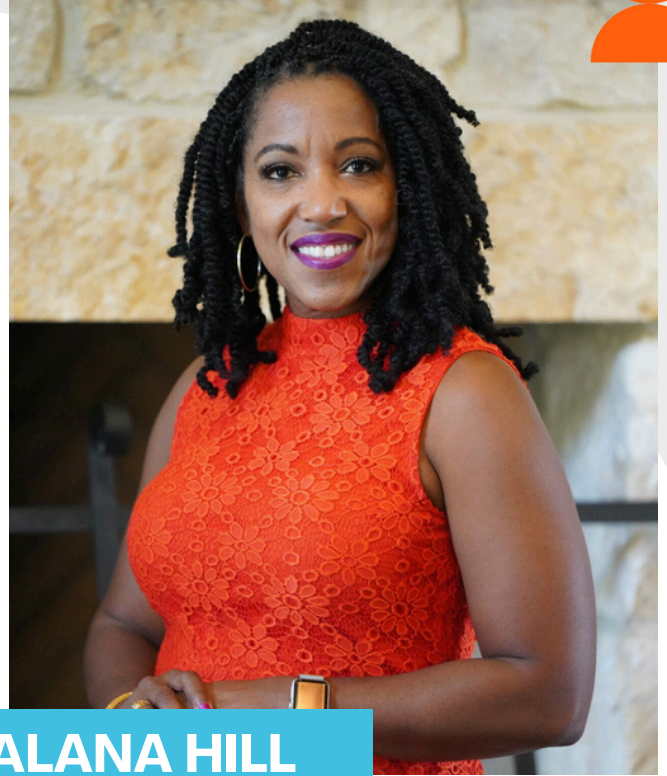
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# ATLAS



**SPEAKER SESSION | 3:15 PM**

# **BE THEIR CATALYST: DRIVING STRATEGIC CHANGE IN YOUR TEAM**



**ALANA HILL**

Do the talented individuals you lead need to be more effective? Does your team need to perform better and achieve their goals? We learned in science that change needs a catalyst, but what about in your team? In this inspiring program about team leadership, Alana demonstrates how purpose and passion can re-energize you and your team. Through engaging activities, she will take you on a journey to define your team's mission and strategic imperatives. You will learn strategies to help you connect with and impact each person you lead. This interactive program will leave you with strategies to grow you into a resilient change leader who influences their team and their organization. Leading change...the Ms. Engineer Way®.



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