

**Linda Vella, PMP®**

Director

**Linda Vella** from Toronto, Canada, was chair of the PMI Board of Directors in 2007 and vice chair in 2006. During her service as a member of the board, Ms. Vella worked on the Strategic Planning & Program Alignment (SPPA) committee, first as a team member and then as committee chair, leading an investigation and obtaining approval to implement scenario planning as a basis for future strategic dialogues. Ms. Vella is Vice President of the Project Management Office at Aon Reed Stenhouse Inc., a leading global provider of risk management services, insurance and reinsurance brokerage, and human capital consulting, where she is building competencies in project management processes and knowledge.

Prior to joining Aon, Ms. Vella was an independent consultant specializing in project and portfolio management processes and strategic planning and she was an integral member of the management teams at TD Bank Financial Group, Household Financial and Merrill Lynch Canada, where she was vice president.

At TD Bank, she was accountable for the corporation's project management methodology, executive reporting on projects/programs/portfolios, assessing PM competencies and coaching project managers. At Merrill Lynch, she created the project management office and educated key executives on the concept of project management and its value in delivering business objectives more effectively and efficiently.

Ms. Vella was an active member of the Southern Ontario Chapter in Toronto, Canada, one of PMI's largest chapters with approximately 4,400 members, where, during her terms as president, she moved the chapter from being operational to strategically focused.

Ms. Vella has been invited to speak internationally on project management and PMI and has covered diverse topics such as The State of Project Management; The Value of Project Management; Implementing a Project Management Office.

She has also been interviewed and quoted in the National Post and IT World in Canada, *International Business Daily* in China and *Information Technology Magazine* in Argentina about the growth and acceptance of project management worldwide. On radio in Singapore, she has been interviewed on how project management can help with quality control and supply chains. Ms. Vella holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Toronto, Canada and obtained her Project Management Professional (PMP)® credential in 1995.

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