PRMA Technology Committee

Mission Objective:

Through this committee, PRMA seeks to support member companies in efficiently adopting new technologies that will enhance productivity. The Technology Committee has identified a work-plan that will first collect information from member companies on the specific 'pain points' related to their operational efficiency, and then aggregate customized and easily searchable libraries of educational materials on appropriate potential technology solutions for those challenges. Additionally, the committee will work to elevate public perceptions that are not consistent with the highest-level of technological capabilities currently within the membership. Finally, the committee will seek opportunities for grants that will provide enhanced services and support technologies to serve the entirety of the membership.

Committee Members:

Alex Diaz (ARCO)
Edgar Cruz (Evolving Space)
Sri Shenoy (Matter Protocol), Pedro Cruz (PRBTA),
Gretchen Molina (e3 Consulting),
Jay Sheehan (7 Eagle Cybersecurity),
Ricardo Burgos (Science Trust),
Norberto Cruz (Internet Society of Puerto Rico),
Cristian Melendez (Evolving Space/IEEE-Blockchain),
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Archer Lebron (Tranxcend), Jascha Stein (PRPI),
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Keishla Tirado (SBDC Center for Technology and Innovation)
Carlos Colon (Vanguard)
Gail Nolan-**Chairwoman** (Puerto Rico 5G Zone + Blockchain Ignition Lab)

Work-plan

1. Establish a monthly 'Roadshow' to provide two-way dialog with members to a) understand the technology challenges, questions, and needs they have, and b) provide information on resources for solutions. c) Technology demos when available.
2. Work with members and the research team from the University of Michigan to identify key elements of the AI/ML managed technology resource library to be customized to the specific needs of the Puerto Rico Industry.
3. Create an awareness campaign to overcome the perception that Puerto Rico does not have the capabilities to manage federal regulation requirements. This would be done by interviewing entities currently running high-technology federal projects on the Island.
4. Track technology-related funding opportunities (federal grants, etc.), for example, to expand cyberinfrastructure and accelerate/incentivize innovation in this sector.