Gregory Balestrero



Gregory Balestrero brings more than 20 years in executive-level association experience to Project Management Institute (PMI). An industrial engineer by training, Balestrero has a proven track record in overseeing administrative, financial and internal affairs for professional associations. From 1994 – 2002, he served as executive director of the Construction Specifications Institute (CSI), an organization for construction professionals in non-residential building construction, based in Alexandria, Virginia USA. He previously held the position of executive director at the Institute of Industrial Engineers (IIE).

As CEO of PMI, Balestrero provides leadership and expertise in strategic management for the organization and carries out two primary goals for PMI: building a superior project management practice and gaining global acceptance for the profession. During his tenure, PMI has grown from 93,000 to over 225,000 members in over 150 countries worldwide.

Balestrero served as the 2003-2004 Board Chairman of the Greater Washington Society of Association Executives (GWSAE) and an active member and former president of the Council of Engineering and Scientific Society Executives (CESSE). Balestrero also is a member of the Committee of 100, of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. He is a current member of the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE), where he serves on the Board of Directors for ASAE's Center for Association Leadership (CAL); the Institute of Industrial Engineers (IIE); and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME). He is also a member of The Thought Leadership Advisory Council for the CAL. He was honored with a fellowship in the World Academy of Productivity Scientists and is an honorary member of Alpha Pi Mu, an industrial engineering honor society. He earned a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology and is a U.S. Army veteran.