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PMI Region 6 Leadership Conference 2008:  
A Shared Vision of the Future

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*“Norming & Performing after the Storming”*

The PMI's Region 6 Leadership Conference was held in New Orleans, Louisiana between 14 March 2008 and 16 March 2008 at the International House Hotel closed to the French Quarter during the Saint Patrick's event.



PMI's Region 6 is a geographic grouping of PMI Chapters encompassing Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas. The Chapters in Region 6 are diverse, with memberships ranging from fewer than 100 to hundreds or several thousand members. Some Region 6 Chapters are located in some of the largest cities in the United States of America, such as Houston.

The conference schedule began with a Friday night at the International House Hotel located from few minute-walk of the French Quarter where Bourbon Street is very well known for its sleepless area of fun and drinking (for more information, see [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New\\_Orleans,\\_Louisiana](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Orleans,_Louisiana)).

Saturday's schedule included presentations throughout the day, each Chapter presented statistics on its founding, membership organizational structure, and key accomplishments and the theme of this year was *"The Good, The Bad and The Ugly"*. One key take-home from this conference was an idea for Newsletter collaboration within PMI's Region 6 and beyond in order to reduce the work load of the PMI Communications and Marketing Chapter Leaders... This conference offers great learning opportunities on how other chapters are running their business; there is also a great opportunity to meet other PMI fellow leaders and learn from peers.

Region 6 PMI leaders weren't the only PMI representatives at the conference. PMI Global Operations Center (GOC) staff member, Nancy Berger, presented one of the sessions.

John C. Bailey, PMI Region 6 Component Mentor, opened the conference with a welcome speech and Mark Langley, (speaking in photo at right Chief Operating Officer at the Project Management Institute (PMI) was a keynote speaker talking about PMI Strategic Initiatives. The following session was dedicated to the PMI Chapter Presidents who provided an annual report of their local chapter activities with success and failure summaries.



PMI GOC has been talking about a Community Transformation Project (CTP) for several years. The first phase ended without much controversy...There is a new Chapter With Branches model and there is a new Performance Management Framework. But the second phase started with a surprise announcement from PMI. PMI announced that Specific Interest Groups (SIGs) and Colleges will soon be dissolved! That means they will no longer have their own boards of directors and independent incorporation. Instead of being owned by elected volunteers, these virtual communities will be owned by PMI, and run by paid staff. This was quite a shock, and it wasn't communicated very well...



One of the Sunday's sessions ended with an update of the "Project Landscape", a project initiated to facilitate the collaboration between the PMI's Region 6 Chapters in delivering monthly publications with high quality contents and graphics.

Current participating chapters are Oklahoma, Tulsa, Houston and Austin and other chapters in Region 6 had shown interests in joining this project in the coming months.

Stay tuned !!! You will hear more and more about "Project Landscape"...

For more information about the Performance Management Framework, you may review the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) at <http://www.pmi.org/PDF/Performance%20Management%20Framework.pdf>.



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Agenda:

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2008:

*Social Gathering & Vendor Showcase*  
*Registration Check-In*

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2008:

*Registration Check-In*  
*Region 6 Conference Welcome (John C. Baley – PMI Region 6 Component Mentor)*  
*Keynote about PMI Strategic Initiatives (Mark Langley – PMI Chief Operating Officer)*  
*Chapter Introductions (Chapter Presidents)*  
*Breakouts by Chapter Position*  
*Breakouts Team Reports*

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2008:

*What makes us different? Volunteers and commitment (John Mahoney)*  
*Collaboration Update: "Project Landscape" (Dottie Patton)*  
*Project Management Framework Overview (Chuck Sammon)*  
*PMI Global Operations Center Updates (Nancy Berger & John C. Baley)*



*Managers are people who do things right, while leaders are people who do the right thing. ---  
Warren Bennis, Ph.D. "On Becoming a Leader"*

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