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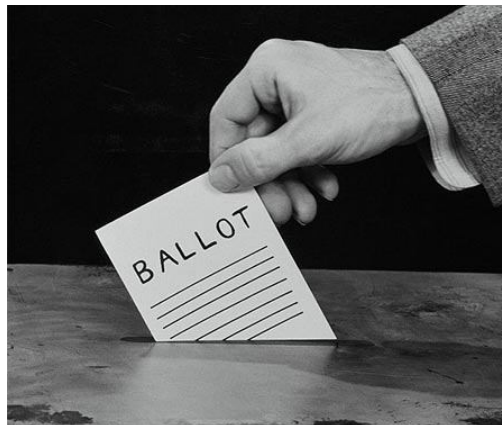
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Board of Director Elections

At the Project Management Institute – Houston Chapter, Inc.

The elections for PMI Houston Board members opened on June 15 for one week, closing at midnight on June 21. All PMI Houston members in good standing could have voted for the candidates. An email was sent to notify the members that elections are open, with the online location of candidate information and with specific instructions for voting.

Election results will be announced in July 2009, with the new officers in position to "shadow" the existing officers through the end of the year. The new officers will officially take their positions as voting Board members on January 1, 2010.

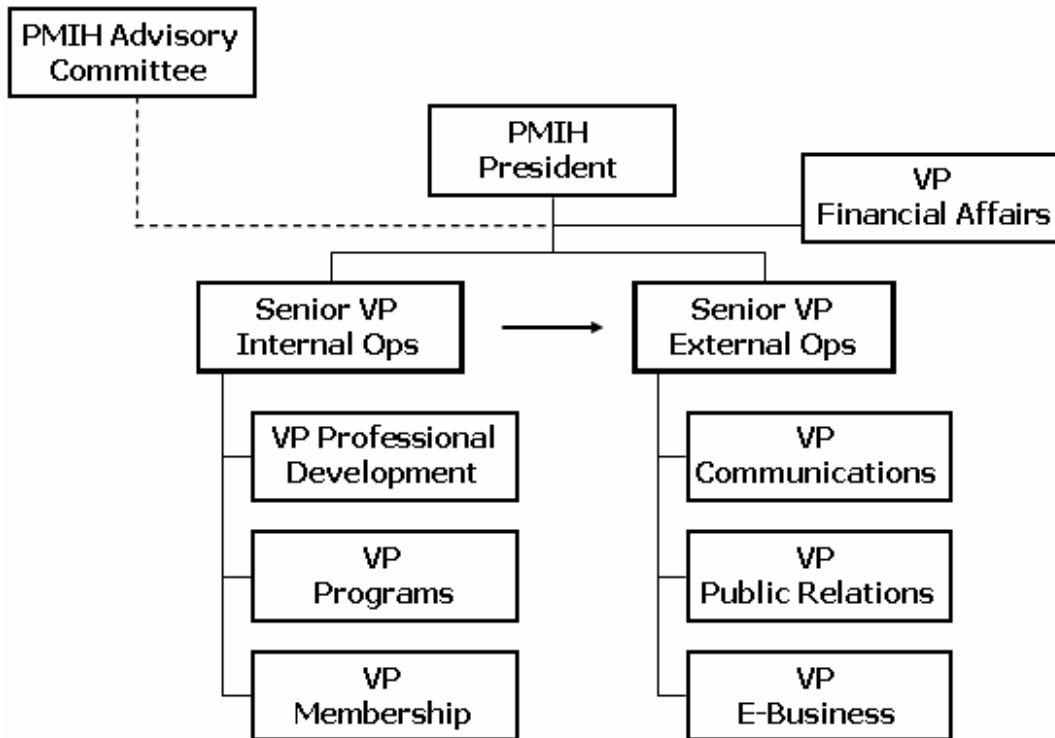


Below are the positions opened for elections:

- **Senior VP Internal Operations** – This officer coordinates the committees that are primarily internally focused: Professional Development, Programs, and Membership. You must have already served for two years as a PMI Board member before running for this position. Senior VP Internal Operations is a one-year role but running for this position implies a four-year commitment, as it leads to successive roles as Senior VP External Operation, President, and Past President.
- **VP Communications** – This officer's committee publishes the newsletter and manages other communications for the chapter such as specialized email blasts. Indulge your creative side with our award-winning newsletter with your team of writers, editors, and photographers. VP Communications is a two-year commitment (2010-2011).
- **VP Financial Affairs** – This officer's committee prepares a budget each year for the chapter and reports to the board regarding budget compliance and financial matters. Use your special interest in financial reporting and accounting systems to succeed in this role. VP Financial Affairs is a two-year commitment (2010-2011).
- **VP Professional Development** – This officer's committee oversees the monthly educational seminars and the PMP Review classes. Maximize your desire for training excellence to secure great instructors and seminar presenters. VP Professional Development is a two-year commitment (2010-2011).
- **VP Programs** – This officer's committee locates the presenters and schedules the presentations at our several chapter meetings each month. Put your networking skills to work to bring interesting, informative, and relevant programs to the meetings. VP Programs is a two-year commitment (2010-2011).

Succession Planning and Experienced Board of Directors:

Once an elected leader is on the PMIH Board, he / she will commit to his / her role for 2 years, at the end of his / her terms and if the majority of the Board votes in his / her favor for a more experienced leadership role, he / she will have another 4 years on the Board respectively as Senior VP of Internal Operations, Senior VP of External Operations, President and Past President. In any case, the elected leader can also decide to continue as a Board of Director in another area or the same.



Finally, the PMIH Advisory Committee consists of members who have previously been PMIH President (as of 2009, Ms. Caroline Gormley – 2008 President, Mr. Donald Grosskreut – 2006 President, Mr. Stephen Schuster – 2005 President and Robert Mills – 2002 President).

PMI® Houston, hereby known as “CHAPTER”, was founded in 1974, and was the first Chapter to receive a charter from PMI® Global, the parent organization. PMI® Houston Chapter is one of the best professional organizations for established project managers and those beginning their journey into the project management industry. The Houston CHAPTER is a member of the PMI® Region 6. True to the Texas spirit, the Houston CHAPTER strives to be the biggest and best of its kind in the country, and has a rich tradition of service and leadership:

- Two-time National Meeting and Seminar/ Symposium host, each time setting attendance records
- Two of the five PMI® Founders were Chapter members
- Five Chapter members have served as PMI® Board President/Chairman
- Consistently ranked as one of PMI's® largest Chapters

The Houston CHAPTER is one of the largest in the country, boasting more than 3000 members. Members come from all sectors where Project Management plays a crucial role, including Engineering and Construction, Industrial, Information Systems, Oil and Gas, Healthcare, Education, Telecommunications, Government, Marketing and Advertising, and Service/Support sectors. The Chapter holds meetings at various locations in the Houston metropolitan area; check our Programs page for details. We invite you to learn more on how to become involved in this dynamic organization, or consider becoming a member.



If you would like to contact one of the PMIH Board of Directors, please go to <http://www.pmihouston.org/index.php?mo=cm&op=ld&&fid=10>.

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