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Our Mission

Provide an active forum for promoting Professional Project Management knowledge and standards in Southern Nevada.

July 2006 President's Message

The future depends upon what we do in the present. – Mahatma Gandhi

Just a reminder that we will not be holding our Thursday dinner program this month. It has been replaced with the Mandalay Bay program event on July 15th, which has had an excellent response and is full to capacity.

We have a few open months for speakers or other program ideas. Please send any suggestions to the board so that we can fill up the calendar for the rest of the year.

Special events that will need volunteer help soon are the Angel Park outing, two Habitat for Humanity house building weekends, and the holiday party. Please let our volunteer coordinator or any board member know if you are interested in helping with these events.

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2006 Programs At A Glance

Saturday, July 15	Mandalay Bay Shark Reef
Thursday, August 10	Program Meeting
Thursday, September 21	Program Meeting
Thursday, October 19	Program Meeting
Thursday, November 9	Program Meeting
Friday, December 8	Holiday Party joint party with AITP

All programs are held at:
Palace Station Hotel & Casino
2411 W. Sahara Avenue,
Las Vegas, NV 89102

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July Program

Mandalay Bay Shark Reef

Saturday, July 15th - 10:00a-1:00p

Jack Jewell

Planning the Shark Reef Facility

Where do you get 1.6 million gallons of seawater in the desert? How do you transport a six-foot hammerhead shark over two thousand miles? And how do you ensure that the exhibits created 7 years ago stay fresh for repeat visitors? Careful planning! We've asked Jack Jewell, the curator for the Shark Reef, to give us a presentation on the planning that went into the design, construction and operations of the facility. In addition to the presentation, Jack has arranged for a special tour for our members and their families. Obviously this special presentation will take place on-site at the Mandalay Bay Shark Reef.

Normally, admission to the Shark Reef is \$10-16. The Mandalay Bay Shark reef is offering this education presentation to PMI members and their families at no cost. Due to space constraints - we are limited to a total of 60 members and family - so this presentation will fill up quickly. Be a hero - sign up your family for the tour of a lifetime of one of Las Vegas' most entertaining attractions.

- Peter Fiala, VP of Programs, PMI-SNC

Quarterly Update from the Region

Region 7 Summit Meeting It Doesn't Stay in Vegas!

The Region 7 Summit Meeting (May 19-21) had phenomenal attendance – 15 of 17 Chapters with an average of 5 Board members per Chapter! “Rookies” and “Veterans” spent the weekend in “Back to Basics Boot Camp”, networking and sharing best practices. A complete recap of the meeting is available at :

[http://www.pmi-region7.org/presentations/PMI Region 7 Leadership Meeting Summary.doc](http://www.pmi-region7.org/presentations/PMI%20Region%207%20Leadership%20Meeting%20Summary.doc).

Strategic Planning Meeting Scheduled for PMI-CIE

On July 8th I'll be headed to Riverside to facilitate strategic planning for the California Inland Empire Chapter. One of the newer components in the Region, PMI-CIE is located in one of the most rapidly growing areas of California. Keep in mind that as your Component Mentor, I am available to assist with facilitation and planning of strategic meetings.

Professional Development Opportunities Increasing

It's great to see the increase in professional development offerings from around the region!

- During the first half of 2006, PMI Phoenix has offered their members 102 potential PDUs (and their membership was up 7.7% in just the first three months).
- PMI-LA is planning a July 27 Kerzner conference in conjunction with the USC Marshall School of Business.
- PMI San Francisco Bay is going to host next year's Northern California conference with 5 components participating.

-Ray W. Frohnhoefer, MBA, PMP, CCP

-Component Mentor, Southwest US Region

New PMI Credential Coming Soon!



PMI is proud to announce that a new credential for individuals managing programs is coming in 2006. With project management's growing implementation around the world and across industries, PMI continues its leadership in certifications by creating a new credential for the community of program managers.

As generally defined by PMI's recently performed global role delineation study, program managers are responsible for determining and coordinating the sharing of resources among constituent projects to the overall benefit of the program. The credential for individuals managing programs will become a market-recognized professional credential from the world's largest project management organization through which candidates can demonstrate their competence as a program manager.

Candidates' competence will be evaluated through a sequence of assessments:

* The initial assessment of competence occurs through the application process. Prior to a candidate becoming eligible to pursue this credential they will be evaluated through an extensive application process including reviews of education and a review of their professional work experience by a panel of program managers.

* The second level of competence assessment occurs with the multiple-choice exam in which candidates will be called upon to demonstrate their ability to apply their knowledge to a variety of situational or scenario-based questions.

* The third competence assessment occurs through a multi-rater assessment (similar to a 360 degree process) in which a team of raters that the candidate selects will be evaluating their competence in a work environment to perform germane tasks of a program manager as defined through the examination specification.

A Project Management Professional (PMP(r)) credential is not required to apply for this new credential.

PMI's vast network of Registered Education Providers (R.E.P.s) and Components will have the opportunity to offer candidates of this new credential comprehensive examination preparation courses around the globe. To maintain an active credential, individuals will be asked to show their commitment to project management as well as to their organization by expanding their professional knowledge through a Continuing Certification Program (CCR) similar to the PMP CCR Program.

Classes for those with this new credential in which a credential holder can earn PDUs may also be offered by many of the same R.E.P.s who offer examination preparation for the new credential.

PMI is excited about the possibilities of credentialed project team members, project managers and program managers working together utilizing knowledge and techniques from the project management body of knowledge to achieve organizational success. More information will be available in the coming months including specific eligibility requirements, application process and information to assist trainers in the development of their exam preparatory courses. Please contact customercare@pmi.org with questions or inquiries.

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Want to be "in the know" about current project management and business trends but find it difficult to devote the hours needed to read the latest books? PMI has teamed-up with Soundview to help project managers tap into cutting-edge ideas in a matter of minutes with Soundview Executive Book Summaries

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The summaries are eight-page versions of the best project management and business books of the year available as an exclusive subscription to PMI members. Receive four project management and 30 business book summaries at 25 percent off the subscription rate.

The summaries give you the author's key points and a working knowledge of the book's contents. They read and hold your interest like a magazine article.

Membership Update

The June Membership Report shows a total of 325 members for our Southern Nevada PMI Chapter.



Welcome new members: Christopher Gebelin, Donald Voyles, Elliott Robertson II, Guan Tick Chiew, PMP, Raymond Campbell Jr., Vincent Lorii, PMP, William Coleman, Kimberly Williams, Lonna Clarke, Mary Meckley, Rochelle Henry, and Stanley C Belport.

Welcome back: John Barber, Mary Capra, Bonnie Cook, Marianne Daley, Terry Davis, Martin Droney, Rosalind Edmonds, John Gillen, Sylvia Hooker, Katrina Jonah, Dion McGrail, Eileen Mitton, Steve Moraca, Neil Opfer, Ed Pool, and Sheryl Richard.

And so very sorry to see you go: Louis Anderson, Laurie Bosley, Patrick Heberlein, Joshua Hoffert, Michael Miller, Lajos Mottel, Steven Raymond, Donald Ritchie, Jamie Typovsky.



- Swadha Rath, VP Membership

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Last Word

- **Remember!
No dinner meeting this month!**
- **See you at the Mandalay Bay
Shark Reef!**