



<p>Central Arkansas Chapter of PMI, Inc. July '07 Chapter Meeting</p>	<p>Date 07/12/2007 Time 11:30 – 1:00 p.m. Minutes Recorded By: Robbin Kersey</p>
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Invitees: PMI Distribution List

Member Attendees: David Baker, Christine Bettis, William Craddock, Connie Curtis, Michael Davis, Danna Erwin, Ann Fears, Nan Harrell, Harold Harvey, Ken Haycock, Bob Hays, Karen Herbert, Judy Hollowell, Mary Jennings, Robbin Kersey, Bea Nelson, Ray Newell, Steve Pierce, Gwen Rowell, Cliff Stephenson, Evelyn Stevenson, Romany Tougaw, James Venditte, Max Webster, Judy Whitaker, Deann White

Guests: Cherry Peacock

Facilitator: Bea Nelson, VP of Professional Development

Guest Speaker: Janet B. Carson, Master Gardener and Organizer of the International Master Gardener Conference (IMGC).
Extension Horticulture Specialist
E-mail: jcarson@uaex.edu

Ms. Carson received her B.S. Degree in Urban Horticulture and Landscape Design, from the University of Arkansas, at Fayetteville, in May of 1980. She later completed her M.S. Degree in General Agriculture with a minor in Horticulture from the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, August 1992.

Her experience includes:

12/1992 - Present: Extension Horticulture Specialist: State office of the Cooperative Extension Service. Where she serves as the Master Gardener Statewide Coordinator, and gives state leadership to the program of consumer horticulture. She is responsible for providing information to the 75 counties for all areas of horticulture related to home gardening, with an emphasis on ornamentals.

She has also had experience with media work, which includes a weekly call in radio show on KARN and the Arkansas Radio Network from 10:00 am - 11:00 am on Saturday mornings, weekly gardening columns in the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, and monthly columns in Arkansas Gardener magazine. New television spots are airing on KARK taped at Garvan Woodland Gardens. She is also the 2003 Recipient of the John White Award for Excellence in Extension Education.

From July of 1980 to November of 1992, she was the County Extension Agent- Agriculture for the Pulaski County office of the Cooperative Extension Service. Her primary area of responsibility in horticulture program was both consumer and commercial. She started the Master Gardener volunteer program in 1988.

Personal: Married, with two children.

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General Minutes

The Chapter Update is:

- General Announcements: Erica Brooks – no in attendance
- Financial Report: Tracy Sykes, VP of Finance – not in attendance

Start Balance – 06/01/2007	\$8913.33
Deposits	\$350.00
Expenses	\$35.00
Month End – 06/30/2007	\$9228.33

- Professional Development Update: Bea Nelson, VP of Professional Development
 - **Spring Prep Training** – 1st of 3 classes was held this past weekend. Saturday, April 7th.
 - **Fall PDD** – has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 25th. Harold Kerzner will be here to speak about "Achieving Project Mgmt Excellence". Receive 7 PDUs
Cost is \$245 for non-members and \$225 for members.
 - **Fall Prep Training** – starting to plan. Elizabeth Pfifer will be coordinating. Will be forming committees to assist. If you interested, please let use know.
 - **Volunteer Opportunities** – we have Volunteer Profile Forms available for those who wish to volunteer. For a soft copy, email Bea.
- Programs Update: Nan Harrell, VP of Programs.
 - If you have ideas for upcoming speakers or if you would like to speak on a subject, please let me know.

- Membership Update: Robbin Kersey, VP of Membership

Chapter membership count	241
New members	3
New PMPs	2

Welcome New Members:

Jun 1 Sally Raley, Alltel

Jun 15 Jerri Puska, PBSI

Jun 28 Joe Gossett, Windstream Communications

Congratulations to new PMPs

Jun 04 Sneha Odom

Jun 21 Sally Raley

- Publicity Update, Michael Davis, VP of Publicity:
 - **Marketing Materials** – received materials and will be working with the local Chambers to help distribute. Looking for volunteers to help distribute.
 - **Website** – has been updated with the programs through the rest of this year.

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Next Chapter Activities:

Chapter meeting Aug 9, 2007 from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm at St. Vincent Infirmary Center, LaHarpe Room

Speaker: *Bob Byers from Hot Springs' Garvan Woodland Gardens
University of Arkansas' Botanical Garden
Developing a new botanical garden.*