



Central Arkansas Chapter of PMI, Inc. October '07 Chapter Meeting	Date 10/11/2007 Time 11:30 – 1:00 p.m. Minutes
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Invitees: PMI Distribution List

Member Attendees: Lynda Anderson, Stephen Benson, Okey Bess, James Brockway, Erica Brooks, Mark Byington, William Craddock, Michael Davis, Ken Haycock, Bob Hays, Karen Herbert, Brian Keltch, Bob McGahee, Bea Nelson, Paul Niehaus, Jacob Stewart, Romany Tougaw, Raghavan Veetil, Paul Waits, Max Webster, Judy Whitaker, Deann White

Guests: Brian Henry, Cherry Peacock, Denise Janssen, Clint Ball

Facilitator: Bea Nelson, VP of Professional Development

**Guest Speaker: Don Benton, Director of Technology, Hot Springs School District and Director of Hot Springs Educational Technology (HSTI).
The HSTI motto is: "The conference built by educator for educators."**

Don has been with Hot Springs School District since the Spring of 1994. In 1994, he began work as a classroom teacher in grades 6-12 teaching classes in Computer Applications, Keyboarding, Microcomputer Systems and Networking, Smart Lab and Business Law. After his second year of teaching he was appointed the High School Technology Facilitator, Professional Development Trainer and then promoted to District Technology Coordinator in 1998. He also became the Director of HSTI that same year.

For the past 10 years as Director of Tech and HSTI Don has been responsible for a 2500 node network at 10 locations as well as hosting and coordinating HSTI which now has over 1500 educators in attendance each year from all over the state and some surrounding states.

Since taking over these two positions Don has generated gross revenues for Hot Springs School District in excess of 3.5 million dollars in ten years via HSTI and Erate. Hot Springs Technology Institute generates enough revenue to sustain the conference year after year from attendance fees, grants, and exhibitor sponsorship. HSTI provides over 150 breakout sessions, 80+ vendor exhibits, keynotes from all over the country, and over 30 hands-on workshops.

Don has a Bachelor's of Science in Education for Vocational Business Education and the German Language. He also has a Master of Science in Educational Leadership and is currently working toward his Educational Specialist Degree with a Superintendents Licensure through Henderson University.

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General Minutes

The Chapter Update is:

- General Announcements: Erica Brooks –

- Financial Report: Tracy Sykes, VP of Finance

Start Balance – 08/01/2007	\$9,163.65
Deposits	\$725.16
Expenses	\$463.00
Month End – 09/30/2007	\$9,425.81

- Professional Development Update: Bea Nelson, VP of Professional Development

- Tues, Sept 25 **Professional Development Day** was a resounding success. The event was well attended, with 119 participants including three from Seattle, Washington. Dr. Harold Kerzner was our keynote speaker on the topic of Project Management Best Practices.
- The **Fall 2007 PMP Prep Course** will begin next Saturday, October 20 on the UALR Campus. Registration ends this Friday. Course fees are \$250 for PMI members, \$350 for non-PMI members. The Prep Course Project Manager is Elizabeth Phifer.
- A position description will be posted on the chapter website for our Spring 2008 PMP Prep Course Project Manager.

- 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	233
New members	3
New PMPs	1

Welcome New Members:

Sept 7 Jason King
Sept 10 Lisa Triplett, AASIS
Oct 8 Arturo Madrid

Congratulations to new PMPs

Sept 20 Paul Niehaus

- Publicity Update, Michael Davis, VP of Publicity:

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Next Chapter Activities:

Chapter meeting November 8, 2007 from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm at St. Vincent Infirmary Center, LaHarpe Room

Speaker: *Ken Haycook, CEO of Kendel Group*
Topic: *“Leadership and Project Management*