Central Arkansas Chapter of PMI, Inc. **August '07 Chapter Meeting**	**Date 08/09/2007** **Time 11:30 – 1:00 p.m.** **Minutes** **Recorded by Robbin Kersey**

Invitees: PMI Distribution List

Member Attendees: Lynda Anderson, David Baker, Christine Bettis, Erica Brooks, William Craddock, Danna Erwin, Ann Fears, Harold Harvey, Bob Hays, Judy Hollowell, Robbin Kersey, Ray Newell, Steve Pierce, Gwen Rowell, Tracy Sykes, Scott Utley, James Venditte, Deann White, Cherri Ann Wilson, Laurence Yarbrough

Guests: Rao Akkina, Cherry Peacock

Facilitator: Erica Brooks

Guest Speaker: Bob Byers and Mike Brown
From Garvan Woodland Gardens

Following four years as a visiting lecturer in landscape architecture at the University of Arkansas, Bob came to Hot Springs in 1994 as curator of Garvan Woodland Gardens, the University's botanical garden, and currently serves as the garden's director of operations. He works with a highly dedicated staff to upgrade the Gardens' public services, including $9.5 million of completed and upcoming state funded capital improvements and numerous programs and gardens funded by approximately $7 million in private donations. He also works with over 400 volunteers helping to build and publicize facilities and programs.

Mike was hired as superintendent of Garvan Woodland Gardens of the University of Arkanas School of Architecture in December, 1999. Since accepting that position, he has been the primary construction manager for over $10 million worth of projects for which the Gardens have acted as their own general contractor. During that time, he has directed the setting of over 5,000,000 lbs of landscape boulders, enough concrete to build the Washington Monument, supervised the management and planting of over 5,000 specimen plants, and laid miles of fiber optic cable, water and sewer mains, electric mains, and irrigation lines.

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General Minutes

The Chapter Update is:

- General Announcements: Erica Brooks –

- Financial Report: Tracy Sykes, VP of Finance –

Start Balance – 07/01/2007	$9,228.33
Deposits	$470.00
Expenses	$256.52
Month End – 07/31/2007	$9,163.65

- 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	239
New members	2
New PMPs	2

Welcome New Members:
July 11 Jeffrey Mercure, Fidelity National Financial Services
July 18 Josef Buhajla, GRT Business Solutions, Inc.

Congratulations to new PMPs
July 10 Paulette Rowland
July 24 Perry Faver

- Publicity Update, Michael Davis, VP of Publicity: no update, not available.

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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