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PROJECT MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE WESTERN AUSTRALIA CHAPTER

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Asia Pacific Leadership Institute Meeting (LIM) – Melbourne, Australia

Over the weekend of 20/21 February 2010, PMI held a Leadership Institute Meeting (LIM) in Melbourne. Four LIMs take place each year North America, South America, Europe Middle East Africa, and Asia Pacific. Given the relative proximity of this LIM, the Board decided to support the LIM and increase the knowledge and capability of the Board by sending as many Board Members as possible. As a result, the four members of the executive were funded by the Chapter with two further members self-funded.

BENEFITS: The LIM is an extremely effective means of increasing the Board's knowledge and capability, and establishing contacts in other Chapters and within PMI, especially the Asia Pacific Service Centre, the Region 10 Mentor, and PMI Global. Attendees bring back to the Chapter tools, techniques, knowledge and insights into how other component leaders approach management within their own Chapters.

LIM SESSIONS

Day 1: Saturday's sessions got underway with a very energetic keynote address by Troy Hazard. This centred on how we deliver value so that we are able to not only sustain but grow business.

Troy took us through a model of;

- Breaking down belief in order to build a better business.
- Getting back to basics with a personal vision that is shared with other.
- Building and fostering relationships that endure the ups and downs of business cycles.
- Getting into routines that promote service rhythm.
- Key leadership character traits and how to develop and apply them; and
- The necessity of change in order to thrive.
- There is no value in an organisation, there are lots of benefits, but the value is self-derived

Following the keynote and in line with previous LIMs, we then had a choice of attending three streams:

- Association Governance
- Individual Leadership Development
- PMI Institutional Knowledge

Given the number of Board Members at the meeting, it was possible to ensure that all streams and all sessions were attended by at least one person.

Topics covered were:

- Managing Volunteers Effectively;
- Leadership Institute Program;
- Establishing a Component Sponsorship Program;
- "Building Bridges Without Borders" - Virtual Communication Best Practices for Communities;
- Prioritizing PMI Component & Community Technology Initiatives;
- Chapter Nomination/Elections Case Study;
- Achieving Valuable Component Outcomes by Adopting Good Procedures and Practices;
- Personal and Professional Ethics;
- PMI Tokyo Chapter Mentoring Program
- Strategies for Developing Component Leaders; and
- The Strategic Alignment Planning Process (SAPR) – What Has Been Happening, How Are We Doing, And What Is Coming Up?

Day 2: Sunday's sessions were focused on more local issues and issues raised by individual components. Most of the morning was spent in regional breakout meeting in a 'Component Learning & Sharing' session facilitated by our new Region 10 Mentor, Scott Lindblom, Past president of Melbourne Chapter.

Scott outlined what he saw as the issues and challenges for the components in Region 10 (Australia/New Zealand), and his plans for the coming year. These include:

- Pilot a High Performance Leadership Program;
- Establish a New Leader Kickstart Program for new component leaders;
- Develop the Region 10 SharePoint site
- Assist with the establishment of the PMI Australia Office;
- Develop a Region 10 Conference program; and
- Assist Chapters to develop SAPR action plans.

PMI AUSTRALASIA OFFICE: Over lunch, a number of Australian delegates had the opportunity to meet with Anwar Benjamin, the Business Development Manager heading up the PMI Australia office in Sydney. Each of the Chapters will be working closely with Anwar on matters that relate to the development of initiatives and promotion of PMI at a national level.

LEADER TO LEADER SESSION: The weekend finished with a 'Leader to Leader', an opportunity to dialogue with members of the PMI Board of Directors and President & CEO, Greg Balestrero. Topics covered in this session included:

- Whether PMI was considering introducing a corporate membership category. (No, its not specifically looking at this, however membership models in general are under review);
- Inter-Chapter collaboration;
- Benefits of membership; and
- A series of questions from our own Galen Townson on competency-based qualifications, PathPro, OPM3 and PMCD, and how Change Management/ OCM fits in with PMBOK.

SUMMARY: This was an extremely useful meeting in terms of assessing where the Chapter is positioned with regard to maturity and delivery of benefits to members. We exceed in some areas, but need to pay more attention to others. It was an opportunity to meet our peers, compare war stories, exchange ideas, tools and techniques. It was almost useful to further cement out relationship with key PMI personnel in Global Operations Centre, the Asia Pacific Service Centre and PMI Australia Office.

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