

PMI Region 6 Spring Leadership Conference 2006



Conference Evaluation: (Friday-Sunday, March 31- April 2, 2006)

Please take a moment to complete this evaluation so that we can improve for next year's conference.
(5=best and 1=worst)

There were a total of 69 Evaluation forms collected. Below are the results of the rating with an average rating for each topic. The rating of "0" is either for N/A or no answers to that session. The "0" rating is not calculated in the average ratings.

	5	4	3	2	1	0	Avg
Overall, how would you rate this conference?	18	40	7	1		3	4.14
The length of each session was appropriate for topic	10	27	21	5	2	4	3.55
The length of the conference was appropriate for purpose	17	28	12	4	2	6	3.89
The facility was appropriate for this event	14	19	21	9	3	3	3.53
The overall food quality and food service provided	9	22	24	8	1	5	3.50
Session (by Topic)							
Friday evening (informal reception & networking)	15	26	12	4	3	9	3.72
Saturday Lunch with Kenote Speaker (Ellen Castro)	17	21	17	11		3	3.67
Saturday Dinner Event with Keynote Speaker (Mike Price)	19	22	11	10		7	3.81
CTP & LMS (Anne Jenemann, Dan Tuten)	15	35	11	2	1	5	3.94
Modern Project Management (Chuck Tryon)	62	4		1		2	4.90
Breakout Sessions (by officer positions)	32	25	2	6	1	3	4.21
MAPS (Eric Wenger)	37	15	9	2		6	4.38
N Houston Section (Teresa Kleb)	4	11	22	14	12	6	2.51
Cruising for Leassons Learned (AJ Collier)	26	20	15	2		6	4.11
Component Handbook & Policy Guide (Anne Jennemann)	25	24	6	6		8	4.11
Change Management for You (Peter De Jager)	40	5	3			21	4.77

The 2007 Leadership Conference will be held in Austin and may be a full 2 days! Do you plan to attend the Leadership Conference again next year? 61 – Yes / 3 – No / 4 – Maybe / 1 – No Answer

If not, please list the reason to help us understand why.

The reasons for the "No" and "Maybe" answers were due to re-election, availability of time off and value added for the travel.

Would you recommend the Leadership Conference to others in your chapter? 67 – Yes / 2 – No Answer

Do you feel that 11 PDU's was worth attending the event? 69 – Yes / 0 - No

Do you feel that the \$149.00 registration fee was reasonable? 69 – Yes / 0 - No

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Please rank the top three sessions that you enjoyed the most or thought had the highest value for you where #1 is the best.

Friday Evening Reception/Networking	MAPS
10 1(1) / 2 (1) / 3 (3) / Other (5)	28 1(8) / 2 (9) / 3 (7) / Other (4)
Saturday Lunch with Keynote Speaker	N Houston Section
10 1(3) / 2 (4) / 3 (3) / Other (0)	10 1(1) / 2 (0) / 3 (1) / Other (8)
Saturday Dinner Event	Cruising for Lessons Learned
13 1(0) / 2 (2) / 3 (5) / Other (6)	17 1(0) / 2 (4) / 3 (4) / Other (9)
CTP & LMS	Component Handbook & Policies Guide
13 1(1) / 2 (3) / 3 (1) / Other (8)	24 1(2) / 2 (5) / 3 (10) / Other (7)
Modern Project Management	Change Management For You
55 1(29) / 2 (17) / 3 (8) / Other (1)	39 1(11) / 2 (14) / 3 (11) / Other (3)
Breakout Sessions	
37 1(22) / 2 (5) / 3 (4) / Other (6)	

The Session that was enjoyed the most was Chuck Tryon's Modern Project Management. Then Peter De Jager's Change Management For You and the Breakout Sessions were the next most enjoyed or felt they had the highest value.

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General Comments:

Of the 190 comments received the top three were

- 1 - The room too small or too cold with 13% of the comments
- 2 - Needed more breakout Sessions with 11% of the comments
- 3 - Issues with the Food with 10% of the comments

All comments are listed and categorized below.

Sht #	Comments
<i>SMALL or COLD ROOM</i>	
27	Too tight in every room except dinner.
6	Facility - Meeting room & Sat Dinner too cramped
62	Larger meeting room
28	Meeting facility was too small for group size
16	Meeting room too cramped
16	Meeting room too cramped, difficult to see screen
49	Meeting room too narrow and too small for snacking, networking and socializing
66	Need more room everywhere
21	Room too small
22	Room too small
64	Room too small
18	Room was too cramped, need larger space, room was too warm
43	Rooms were too small for class and lunch.
16	Seating did not allow for full screen viewing, difficult for those in back of room to see presentation
48	Seating was too cramped. Lots of glasses were broken and not safe if there was a fire. Exits weren't really cleared enough for fire safety. Hotel should have been more concerned about this
20	Sitting was very uncomfortable - was too cramped between people around
23	Small conference room for size of event
20	The room was too crowded
27	Bathrooms were freezing, other rooms were freezing
49	Conference room too cold
60	Room - too cold
55	Room temp was very cold at first, but was better by end of 1st day and Sunday.
48	The room was too cold
66	Too cold in in some places
<i>BREAKOUT SESSIONS</i>	
19	Add more time for breakout cut Chapter "hay sessions" to 30 minutes or less limit
26	Allow for more time in breakout sessions
64	Break out sessions need to be longer
59	Breakout Session - need more
18	Breakout Session - Need to be longer, cut out sharing if time is an issue, results would be documented centrally
67	Breakout sessions - topics not defined well
68	Have component leads break off at lunch prior to break out sessions
30	I would have liked more time with my counterparts from other chapters
52	More breakout sessions needed
56	More time for breakout sessions
38	Need more time for breakout sessions and discussions with fellow component leaders

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<u>Sht #</u>	<u>Comments</u>
45	Need more time for breakout sessions and or need more breakout sessions
30	Need to start with presentations from breakout sessions
61	Not enough breakout sessions
33	recommend doing the breakouts on Saturday combined with lunch. Cut down on the HR skills talk
59	Saturday Lunch - prefer seating by breakout group - no presenter
28	Schedule more time, in fact, schedule an entire afternoon to the breakout sessions. Networking & solving similar problems is the critical activity during the breakout session
51	Spend more time in group breakouts
42	The breakouts by offices were way too short and too structured. It's better to allow 3-4 hours of unstructured discussion
39	Would like to see more activities involving group interaction
20	Would like to spend a 1/2 day or more in the breakout sessions - an hour is not enough
FOOD	
66	Breakfast could have been better (very late on Sunday)
28	Breakfast was ok, however service to maintain the food items was poor
27	breakfast was too sweet and too many sweets throughout the day
67	Chili had grease floating on it.
58	Food available not appropriate for number of people
27	Food ran out quickly at lunch and dinner
29	Food service & logistics guidance for lessons learned
55	Friday evening - out of food when we got there at 8ish
27	Friday reception food ran out for late comers
27	Great accommodations, good food at lunch and dinner
59	Hotel - All water pitchers spill, not pour - got floor and chairs wet.
21	Hotel food service seemed to leave on Sunday. Did you pay for service on Sunday?
20	I would have like some protein in the breakfast buffet
48	Leave lunchtime for networking or breakout sessions by table. Move speakers like Ellen to their own slot
28	Lunch & Dinner was very good
67	Lunch lines too long. Ran out of food.
50	Sat lunch - slow buffet
19	Should have had fish based food available on Friday Evening
57	There was not enough food Friday evening
GOOD CONFERENCE	
47	Dinner entertainment was fun. Good meeting
6	Excellent Conference
52	Excellent conference overall
40	Excellent programs
44	Great conference
17	Great ending to conference with De Jager
49	Great value for money.
18	Great variety in speaker topics. Also a very fun event, engaging, not dry, very informative with respect to PMI
59	Highly valuable weekend
18	Jeopardy was fun
17	Learned very much
53	Overall great leadership meeting with a lot of great information
49	Overall great speakers and superior meeting

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28	Overall, very good conference. I plan to attend the Austin Conference
32	This was a good conference
17	Very good conference and content
<i>PRESENTATION ISSUES</i>	
60	Component presentations - need different format - too dry, boring
21	Component Presentations - Slide were difficult to read
32	Ellen Castro was not very good. She was not prepared and seemed to be making it up as she presented
55	Keynote speaker at lunch was awkward - had to eat and listen.
16	N Houston - good info, too long, too detailed, too repetitive
18	N Houston - Good, but needed to streamline
59	N Houston presentation - too long
55	N Houston was good information, but way too detailed
52	North Houston presentation - too long and too much detail
60	Sat dinner presentation - should be keynote quality. Too long, too boring
30	Some presentations were too long
40	Some topic were less pertinent for all attendees
57	The North Houston and Cruising for Lessons Learned contained good information, but the presenters included a lot of unnecessary details
69	Too much content especially from GOC and so much did not apply to all job function. I would like to see more focus by job role as the breakouts did - tracks and options
39	Would recommend screening the presentations and speakers and emphasis more on PM topics.
<i>BAD AV</i>	
57	Could not hear Saturday lunch Keynote Speaker. Her markers were too light, couldn't read what she wrote on the board
67	Couldn't hear lunch speaker
31	Dinner audio problem was improper grounding of DJ equipment feeding house equipment, not hotel fault
48	Ellen Castro is an excellent speaker, but due to technical difficulties with mike most of the points were lost plus you couldn't read or see what she wrote
59	Hotel - AV manager not easily or readily available. Gave an attitude. Defensive.
31	Lunch audio problem was with improperly dressed guest and an unknowledgeable placement of microphone, not the hotel fault
16	Sat Lunch - Speaker great, audio problems, noise distractions from next room
50	Sat lunch - terrible audio
21	Sat Lunch - Too many sound problems
27	Sound had issues
54	The audio was not ideal for Saturday Dinner
54	The audio was not very good for Ellen
30	The facility's audio system is what hurt the Sat Lunch
28	Too many problems with microphone
<i>TIGHT SCHEDULE</i>	
16	Begin Friday afternoon, Saturday evening only do dinner with keynote speaker and "network" afterward
25	Consider Friday / Saturday format
20	I enjoyed the topics but there too many of them for 1 day.
20	If there is a full 2 days next year don't add more items to the agenda. I think this years topics would have been showcased better in a 2 day format.
58	Schedule too tight
35	The Saturday sessions was entirely too long.

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Sht #	<u>Comments</u>
20	The schedule was too crammed
24	There was enough information to cover for a full 2 day conference.
22	Too much information packed into 1 1/2 days
43	Too much material in too short a time. Info overload
60	Too much squeezed into too short time - extend conference or cut # of presentations
45	Unrealistic schedule
27	Way too much crammed into 1 1/2 days
<i>GOOD SPEAKERS</i>	
18	Change Management - Good choice for last speaker
31	Chuck is a great speaker and very knowledgeable
28	Chuck Tryon was great and needs more time or should be a keynote speaker
55	Chuck Tryon was very entertaining and informative
28	Eric Wenger was excellent / Ellen Castro was great
28	Good speaker mix overall
27	mostly good speakers
21	Move Pete De Jager up in the agenda
38	Overall PMI presentations were also good
50	Peter De Jager - invite back excellent
38	Special speakers are great. Like having the special speaker morning lunch and Sunday is a great idea.
38	The Chuck Tyron, De Jager and Ellen Castro presentations are very good
<i>TIMING PROBLEMS</i>	
36	Appoint an official timekeeper for all presentations - use a countdown clock to help move things along
28	Component speakers should be limited to 30 minutes & coached on how to present executive level briefings
67	CTP - too long
51	More time in lessons learned
21	Need to add time for door prizes and not cut into speaker's time
20	Rough transitions from speaker to speaker / audio not working
60	Sat lunch floor setup, too slow, affected timeline of day
63	Should ensure that speakers are aware of time frame & keep to it. Some speakers were unaware of their presentation length
65	Watch time - need flex time
34	We still struggle with time, we need to keep speakers on track. Give them their allotted time then cut them off
<i>NETWORKING</i>	
41	Enjoyed networking with our Regions 6 group. The energy of the group is outstanding. I picked up a couple of ideas to try in my chapter
64	Great networking
68	Networking & force members to not sit together
60	Not enough networking too many presentations
30	Noted some chapters tended to stick together at the conference. Perhaps seating assignments or having to change seats and sit next to new people would help
36	Provide more time for informal networking
54	The Friday night networking event was fairly inhospitable for late arrivers
46	This was great for us as a new component; the chance to learn from others was worth it.
<i>MORE BREAKS</i>	
48	Breaks need to occur at 1.5 hour intervals - without exception. Sunday had 1 session the 2.5 hours long
18	Don't go 2 hours without a break, maybe take shorter breaks and more of them

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28	Schedule 15 minute break after lunch, people will take it anyway
28	Schedule 15 minute breaks after every 1 hour presentation
64	Sessions were too long without breaks
30	There needed to be more downtime on Sat
57	There were not enough breaks. Should be 10 minute breaks for every hour of class time.
MISC COMMENTS	
21	1 to 1.5 days is enough
19	Keep the program to 2 days' length
18	MAPS - Great project, maybe too much time on it
31	MAPS project is outstanding
55	MAPS was great
44	Consider parallel tracks
18	Cruising - Love hearing from innovative chapter
28	During component profiles have each chapter present their top 3 challenges & identify other chapters that can help solve the challenges or have faced them
31	Enlarge the best practices session
64	First timer sessions early
60	Great idea for give always - good incentive to keep people to attend
36	Greatly enjoyed meeting the PMI GOC Reps
41	I wish Anne's presentation on Saturday was a hand out that I could have taken notes on
35	If speakers are necessary during dinner they should be short and lively
64	leadership training
37	Make sure hotel has free internet service
22	OKC was wonderful. It would have been nice to have time set aside for site seeing instead of all "Planned activities"
59	Pager Clip on badge instead of name tag stickers
27	PMI speaker keep in mind there will always be new board members who are hearing acronyms and PMI language for the 1st time. Therefore don't assume.
27	Presentation handout would help when you can't see the screen from the back & to take notes.
27	Registration & name tags went smoothly
51	Right amount of time on GOC
37	Rooms were very nice
51	Sat morning - chapter overviews and discuss major issues and lessons learned
22	Shouldn't have a keynote speaker to close the event
18	Some speakers had too many slides or too much information on a slide, maybe provide guidelines to speakers
28	Suggest "sit down" lunch to expedite seating of attendees for the lunch & on-time speaker start. Buffet is good for breakfast and dinner
28	Thanks to all chapter members who arranged and worked the conference.
19	The door prizes were good, nice variety
39	The handbook and policies presentation was good. Would have liked to see an open forum on this
39	Would like to see more coverage on real world examples of the application of PM methodologies.

Signature (optional)

Contact Information

If you would like a PMI Region 6 representative to contact you about your comments, please provide your preferred contact information.