

March 16-18

PMI Region 7 Leadership Summit

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"Go forth with spirit."

This year, the PMI Honolulu Chapter hosted the Region 7 Leadership Summit for the very first time.

The welcome reception began with the sound of the Hawaiian conch shell and quickly drew our attention to the front of the room. We were welcomed with an "Oli Oli" chant to get us into the spirit of the islands.

My favorite part of the Friday evening reception was the "Hawaii Five-0 find the missing project manager" scavenger hunt. The game encouraged interaction between members of all the chapters. To my surprise, I won the Hawaii Five-0 Season One DVD.

On Saturday, Honolulu Mayor Peter Carlisle opened the conference with a lighthearted presentation to set the mood for the day. Neil Abercrombie, Governor of Hawaii, established March 16 through 18 as "Project Management Institute Weekend." I felt honored to participate in the event.

The education sessions provided insight into common PMI chapter challenges, ranging from member engagement to programming to sponsorships. The take-aways from each session were practical ideas to improve the services offered to our members. I left each session hopeful, knowing that I discovered options to solve some of the challenges ahead.

My experience at this conference left me with a sense of family. Many volunteers brought family members to share in the experience.

The Honolulu chapter members made us feel at home and took us to a luau on Saturday night.

Mahalo for the instructional, motivational, understandable, and actionable experience.

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Vice President of Communications

Dave Cornelius with leaders from other Region 7 chapters. Greg Scott and Cindy Pham from PMI-OC also attended the conference.

