

**BYLAWS OF THE
FORT WORTH CHAPTER
OF THE
PROJECT MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE**

Revision History

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10	Jun 15, 2011	<p>Key Changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Align with PMI GOC bylaws guidelines • Restructure Board Officer positions (7 → 5 elected roles) • Remove extraneous detail that belongs in Chapter Policies • Change Past President to a tie-breaking vote • Provide option for Officer proxy voting (need policy) • Change succession of vacant President position • Electronic voting • Electioneering laws (GOC) • Committee member Approval by relevant VP (not full board) • Annual meeting / vote notice updated to 45 days

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ARTICLE I – Name, Principal Office, Other Offices

Section 1. This organization shall be called the “Fort Worth Chapter of the Project Management Institute” and its abbreviated title is “FWPMI” hereafter referred to as the “Chapter”. This organization is a Chapter chartered by the Project Management Institute, Incorporated (PMI®) hereafter referred to as “PMI” and is separately incorporated as a 501(c) (6) non-profit, tax-exempt corporation organized under the laws of Texas.

Section 2. The Chapter shall meet all legal requirements in the jurisdiction(s) in which the Chapter conducts business or is incorporated/registered.

Section 3. The principal office of the Chapter shall be located in the geographic area which includes Tarrant County, in the state of Texas.

ARTICLE II – Relationship to PMI

Section 1. The Chapter is responsible to the duly elected PMI® Board of Directors and is subject to all PMI policies, procedures, rules and directives lawfully adopted.

Section 2. The Bylaws of the Chapter may not conflict with the current PMI Bylaws and all policies, procedures, rules or directives established or authorized by the PMI Board of Directors as well as with the Chapter’s Charter with PMI.

Section 3. The terms of the Charter executed between the Chapter and PMI, including all restrictions and prohibitions, shall take precedence over these Bylaws and other authority granted hereunder and in the event of a conflict between the terms of the Charter and the terms of these Bylaws, the Chapter shall be governed by and adhere to the terms of the Charter.

ARTICLE III – Purpose and Limitations of the Chapter

Section 1. The purpose of the Chapter.

- A. General Purpose: The Chapter has been founded as non-profit, tax exempt corporation chartered by PMI, and is dedicated to advancing the practice, science, and profession of project management in a conscious and proactive manner within its geographic area.
- B. Specific Purposes: Consistent with the terms of the Charter executed between the Chapter and PMI and these Bylaws, the purposes of the Chapter shall include the following:
 - a. To promote the practice and profession of project management.
 - b. To support professional development of project management practitioners.
 - c. To identify and promote the fundamentals of project management.
 - d. To advance the body of knowledge for managing projects successfully.
 - e. To provide a recognized forum for the free exchange of ideas, applications, and solutions to project management issues.

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Section 2. Limitations of the Chapter.

- A. General Limitations. The purposes and activities of the Chapter shall be subject to limitations set forth in the Charter agreement, these Bylaws, and conducted consistently with Chapter Articles of Incorporation.
- B. The membership database and listings provided by PMI to the Chapter may not be used for commercial purposes and may be used only for non-profit purposes directly related to the business of the Chapter, consistent with PMI policies and all applicable laws and regulations, including but not limited to those laws and regulations pertaining to privacy and use of personal information.
- C. The officers of the Chapter shall be ultimately accountable for the planning and operations of the Chapter, and shall perform their duties in accordance with the Chapter's governing documents; its Charter Agreement; PMI's Bylaws, policies, practices, procedures, and rules; and applicable law.

ARTICLE IV – Chapter Membership

Section 1. General Membership Provisions.

- A. Membership in the Chapter requires membership in PMI. The Chapter shall not accept as members any individuals who have not been accepted as PMI members.
- B. Membership in this organization is voluntary and shall be open to any eligible person interested in furthering the purposes of the organization. Membership shall be open to all eligible persons without regard to race, creed, color, age, sex, marital status, national origin, religion, or physical or mental disability.
- C. Members shall be governed by and abide by the PMI Bylaws and by the Bylaws of the Chapter and all policies, procedures, rules and directives lawfully made thereunder, including but not limited to the PMI Code of Conduct.
- D. All members shall pay the required PMI and Chapter membership dues to PMI and in the event that a member resigns or their membership is revoked for just cause, membership dues shall not be refunded by PMI or the Chapter.
- E. Membership in the Chapter shall terminate upon the member's resignation, failure to pay dues or expulsion from membership for just cause.
- F. Members who fail to pay the required dues when due shall be delinquent for a period of one (1) month and their names removed from the official membership list of the Chapter. A delinquent member may be reinstated by payment in full of all unpaid dues for PMI and the Chapter to PMI within such one month delinquent period.
- G. Upon termination of membership in the Chapter, the member shall forfeit any and all rights and privileges of membership.

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Section 2. Classes and Categories of Members. The Chapter shall not create its own membership categories. PMI Chapter membership categories shall be consistent with PMI membership categories.

ARTICLE V- Chapter Board of Directors

Section 1. Board of Directors. The Chapter shall be governed by a Board of Directors (hereafter referred to as "Board"). The Board shall be responsible for carrying out the purposes and objectives of the non-profit corporation.

Section 2. The Board shall consist of the Officers of the Chapter elected by the membership and shall be members in good standing of PMI and of the Chapter. Terms of office for the Officers shall be two (2) years, limited to two (2) consecutive terms in the same position, and no more than five (5) consecutive elected terms on the Board in general. Election of the Board Officer positions is staggered so that approximately half of the positions are elected each year.

Officer Position	Term (Years)	Consecutive Terms Allowed	Election Year (Staggered)
President	2	2	Even
VP Professional Development	2	2	Even
VP Operations	2	2	Odd
VP External Relations	2	2	Odd
VP Internal Relations	2	2	Even
Past President	Spans the term of the President until the election of a new President		

Section 3. President

The President shall be the chief executive officer for the Chapter and of the Board, and shall perform such duties as are customary for presiding officers, including making all required appointments with the approval of the Board. The President shall also serve as a member ex-officio with the right to participate and vote on all committees except the Nominating Committee.

Section 4. Vice President of Professional Development

The Vice President of Professional Development is responsible for the planning and implementation of all chapter membership events designed to promote project management skills and knowledge.

Section 5. Vice President of Operations

The Vice President of Operations is responsible for areas of chapter finance, records management, and chapter performance measurements.

Section 6. Vice President of External Relations

The Vice President of External Relations is responsible for areas of chapter communications, marketing and outreach.

Section 7. Vice President of Internal Relations

The Vice President of Internal Relations is responsible for areas of member services and volunteer management.

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Section 8. Past President

The most recent past President of the Chapter is Chairman of the Chapter Board. He/she shall act in the capacity of advisor to the newly elected president and Board, and chair the nominating committee. The Past President shall have a tie-breaking voting right on the Chapter Board.

Section 9: The Board shall exercise all powers of the Chapter, except as specifically prohibited by these Bylaws, the PMI Bylaws and policies, its Charter with PMI, and the laws of the jurisdiction in which the Chapter is incorporated / registered. The Board shall be authorized to adopt and publish such policies, procedures and rules as may be necessary and consistent with these Bylaws and PMI Bylaws and policies, and to exercise authority over all Chapter business and funds.

Section 10. The Board shall meet at the call of the President, or at the written request of three (3) members of the Board directed to the President. A quorum shall consist of no less than one-half of the membership of the Board at any given time. Each Officer shall be entitled to one (1) vote and may take part in accordance with established voting procedures. At its discretion, the Board may conduct its business by teleconference, facsimile or other legally acceptable means. Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with parliamentary procedures and determined by the Board.

Section 11. (Proxy Voting) An Officer may delegate in writing a proxy vote on a specific, published board agenda item per chapter policies on delegation of authority.

Section 12. An Officer may resign by submitting written notice to the President or Officer accountable for keeping records. Unless another time is specified in the notice or determined by the Board, the resignation shall be effective upon receipt of the written notice by the Board.

Section 13. The Board may declare an Officer position to be vacant where an Officer ceases to be a member in good standing of PMI or of the Chapter by reason of non-payment of dues, or where the Officer fails to attend two (2) consecutive Board meetings.

Section 14: An Officer may be removed from office for just cause in connection with the affairs of the organization by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board.

Section 15: If any Officer position becomes vacant, the Board shall approve a successor to fill the office for the unexpired portion of the term for the vacant position. In the event the President is unable or unwilling to complete the current term of office, the board shall appoint by a majority vote an interim President to assume the duties and office for the remainder of the term.

ARTICLE VI – ELIGIBILITY, NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. The nomination and election of Board Officers shall be conducted annually in accordance with the terms of office specified in Article V, Section 2. All voting members in good standing of the Chapter shall have the right to vote in the election. Discrimination in election and nomination procedures on the basis of race, color, creed, gender, age, marital status, national origin, religion, physical or mental disability, or unlawful purpose is prohibited.

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Section 2. Candidates who are elected shall take office on the first day of January following their election, and shall hold office for the duration of their terms or until their successors have been elected and installed.

Section 3. A Nominating Committee shall prepare a slate containing nominees for each Board position and shall determine the eligibility and willingness of each nominee to stand for election. Candidates for Board positions may also be nominated by petition process established by the Nominating Committee or the Board. Elections shall be conducted by electronic vote in compliance with the legal jurisdiction. Ballots shall be counted by the Nominating Committee or by tellers designated by the Board. The candidate who receives the most votes cast for each office shall be elected.

Section 4. No current member of the Nominating Committee shall be included in the slate of nominees prepared by the Committee.

Section 5. (Eligibility) Only Chapter members in good standing are eligible to be officers of the board (elected or appointed). The office of the President is only open to someone who has previously served as an Officer of any PMI Component, or as an officer of the PMI International Board of Directors.

Section 6: In accordance with PMI policies, practices, procedures, rules and directives, no funds or resources of PMI or the Chapter may be used to support the election of any candidate or group of candidates for PMI, Chapter or public office. No other type of organized electioneering, communications, fund-raising or other organized activity on behalf of a candidate shall be permitted. The Chapter Nominating Committee, or other applicable body designated by the Chapter, will be the sole distributor(s) of all election materials for Chapter elected positions.

Article VII – COMMITTEES

Section 1. The Board may authorize the establishment of standing or temporary committees to advance the purposes of the organization. The Board shall establish a charter for each committee, which defines its purpose, authority and outcomes. Committees are responsible to the Board – and shall be primarily composed of Chapter members. The Chapter Officers can serve on the Chapter Committees, unless it specifically is restricted by the Bylaws.

Section 2. All committee Chairpersons shall be recruited by a Board Officer and appointed by the President with the approval of the Board. Committee members may be recruited by a Board Officer or Chairperson and shall be appointed by the Chairperson with the approval by the relevant Board Officer.

Article VIII - FINANCE

Section 1. The fiscal year of the Chapter shall be from 1 January to 31 December.

Section 2. Chapter annual membership dues shall be set by the Chapter's Board and communicated to PMI in accordance with policies and procedures established by PMI.

Section 3. The Chapter Board shall establish policies and procedures to govern the management of its finances and shall submit required tax filings to appropriate government authorities.

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Section 4. All dues billings, dues collections and dues disbursements shall be performed by PMI.

Article IX – MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. An annual meeting of the membership shall be held at a date and location to be determined by the Board.

Section 2. Special meetings of the membership may be called by the President, by a majority of the Board, or by petition of ten percent (10%) of the voting membership directed to the President.

Section 3. Notice of all annual meetings shall be sent by the Board to all Chapter members at least 45 calendar days in advance of the meeting. Action at such meetings shall be limited to those agenda items contained in the notice of the meeting.

Section 4. Notice of all special meetings shall be sent by the Board at least 7 calendar days in advance to those who will participate. The notice should indicate the time and place of the meeting and include the proposed agenda. Action at such meetings shall be limited to those agenda items contained in the notice of the meeting.

Section 5. A quorum at all annual and special meetings of the Chapter shall be those members in good standing, present and in person.

Section 6. All meetings shall be conducted according to parliamentary procedures as determined by the Board.

Article X – INUREMENT AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Section 1. No member of the Chapter shall receive any pecuniary gain, benefit or profit, incidental or otherwise, from the activities, financial accounts and resources of the Chapter, except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws.

Section 2. No officer, director, appointed committee member or authorized representative of the Chapter shall receive any compensation, or other tangible or financial benefit for service on the Board. However, the Board may authorize payment by the Chapter of actual and reasonable expenses incurred by a Chapter Officer, director, committee member or authorized representative regarding attendance at Board meetings and other approved activities.

Section 3. The Chapter may engage in contracts or transactions with members, elected officers of the Board, appointed committee members or authorized representatives of the Chapter and any corporation, partnership, association or other organization in which one or more of the Chapter's officers, appointed committee members or authorized representatives are: directors or officers, have a financial interest in, or are employed by the other organization, provided the following conditions are met:

- A. The facts regarding the relationship or interest as they relate to the contract or transaction are disclosed to the Board of Directors prior to commencement of any such contract or transaction;

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- B. The Board in good faith authorizes the contract or transaction by a majority vote of the Chapter Officers who do not have an interest in the transaction or contract;
- C. The contract or transaction is fair to the Chapter and complies with the laws and regulations of the applicable jurisdiction in which the Chapter is incorporated or registered at the time the contract or transaction is authorized, approved or ratified by the Chapter Officers.

Section 4. All Chapter Officers, appointed committee members and authorized representatives of the Chapter shall act in an independent manner consistent with their obligations to the Chapter and applicable law, regardless of any other affiliations, memberships, or positions.

Section 5. All Chapter Officers, appointed committee members and authorized representatives shall disclose any interest or affiliation they may have with any entity or individual with which the Chapter has entered, or may enter, into contracts, agreements or any other business transaction, and shall refrain from voting on, or influencing the consideration of, such matters.

Article XI - INDEMNIFICATION

Section 1. In the event that any person who is or was a Chapter Officer, committee member, or authorized representative of the Chapter acting in good faith and in a manner reasonably believed to be in the best interests of the Chapter, has been made party, or is threatened to be made a party, to any civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative action or proceeding (other than an action or proceeding by or in the right of the Chapter), such representative may be indemnified against reasonable expenses and liabilities, including attorney fees, actually and reasonably incurred, judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement in connection with such action or proceeding to the fullest extent permitted by the jurisdiction in which the organization is incorporated. Where the representative has been successful in defending the action, indemnification is mandatory.

Section 2. Unless ordered by a court, discretionary indemnification of any representative shall be approved and granted only when consistent with the requirements of applicable law, and upon a determination that indemnification of the representative is proper in the circumstances because the representative has met the applicable standard of conduct required by law and in these Bylaws.

Section 3. To the extent permitted by applicable law, the Chapter may purchase and maintain liability insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a Chapter Officer, employee, trustee, agent or authorized representative of the Chapter, or is or was serving at the request of the Chapter as a Chapter Officer, employee, trustee, agent or representative of another corporation, domestic or foreign, non-profit or for-profit, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise.

Article XII- AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting membership in good standing participating by voting by electronic ballot, present at the annual meeting of the Chapter duly called and regularly held; or by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting membership in good standing voting by mail ballot or electronic ballot that is returned within the timeframe specified. Written notification of proposed changes shall be provided to the membership at least forty-five (45) days before such meeting or vote.

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Section 2. Amendments may be proposed by the Board on its own initiative, or upon petition by ten percent (10%) of the voting members in good standing addressed to the Board. All such proposed amendments shall be presented by the Board with or without recommendation.

Section 3. All amendments must be consistent with PMI's Bylaws and the policies, procedures, rules and directives established by the PMI Board of Directors, as well as with the Chapter's Charter with PMI.

Article XIII – DISSOLUTION

Section 1. In the event that the Chapter or its governing officers failed to act according to these Bylaws, its policies or all PMI policies, procedures, and rules outlined in the Charter agreement, PMI has a right to dissolve the Chapter.

Section 2. In the event the Chapter failed to deliver value to its members as outlined in the Chapter's business plan and without mitigated circumstance, the Chapter acknowledges that PMI has a right to dissolve the Chapter, as per the terms of the Charter.

Section 3. In the event the Chapter is considering dissolving, the Chapters's Officers must notify PMI in writing and follow the Chapter dissolution procedure as defined in PMI's policy and in accordance with local laws.

Section 4. Should the Chapter dissolve for any reason, its assets shall be dispersed to a charitable organization designated by the Chapter voting membership after the payment of just, reasonable and supported debts, consistent with applicable legal requirements.