

## **CONSTITUTION**

### **ARTICLE I**

**Organization Name:** This organization shall be called the Project Management Institute Baton Rouge Chapter (hereinafter “the Chapter”). This organization is a local chapter chartered by the Project Management Institute Incorporated (hereinafter “the PMI”).

### **ARTICLE II**

**Purpose:** The Chapter is a non-profit professional organization formed to advance the state-of-the-art in the application of Project Management principles and practices.

### **ARTICLE III**

**International P.M.I. Constitution:** One of the Chapter’s objectives is to give strong support to the purposes of the PMI. The PMI Constitution takes precedence. If the Constitution of the PMI is amended, applicable changes will be effected for the Chapter, and the membership of the Chapter will act to amend this Constitution accordingly. Additionally, the Chapter will act in conformity with all stipulations set forth in the document titled “PMI Chapter Guidelines and Policy Handbook.”

### **ARTICLE IV**

**Area of Operation:** The primary area of operation of the Chapter includes, but is not limited to postal codes 708 and 707 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, USA.

### **ARTICLE V**

**Chapter Objectives:** The objectives of the Chapter supplement the purposes of the PMI as set forth in the PMI Constitution. The Chapter objectives are to encourage and facilitate education, certification, and professionalism in Project Management; to provide a forum for discussion and examination of problems, solutions, applications, and ideas related to the management of projects and to foster communication between

public, private, and academic sectors regarding project management; and to disseminate, within the primary area of operation of the Chapter, information regarding developments and education in project management.

## **ARTICLE VI**

***Membership:*** Membership in this organization shall be open to any person, interested in furthering the purposes of the PMI, without regard to race, creed, color, age, sex, marital status, national origin, religion, physical or mental disability. Membership in the Chapter requires membership in the PMI. Discontinuance of membership shall be defined in the Chapter By-Laws.

## **ARTICLE VII**

***Chapter Board Of Directors:*** The Chapter Board of Directors shall consist of elected Officers and the Immediate Past President as ex-official officer. The President of the Chapter shall act as Chairperson of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall be solely responsible for the management of the affairs of the Chapter. The roles, responsibilities and discontinuance of duties shall be defined in the Chapter By-Laws.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

***Financial:*** Financial control shall be as set forth in the Chapter By-Laws. Should the Chapter be dissolved for any reason, its assets shall, after payment of all just debts, be turned over, without restrictions, to the PMI. If federal or state laws prohibit such a disposition, PMI reserves the right to identify to whom the funds will be dispersed. The Chapter shall set and arrange for collection of local dues as per PMI centralized billing procedures.

## **ARTICLE IX**

***Amendments:*** Amendments to this Constitution must be approved by the PMI. The Chapter may petition the PMI to consider amendments approved by a majority vote of the Chapter Members in attendance at the

Annual Meeting or a special business meeting.

## **ARTICLE X**

***Advisory Panel:*** The Board of Directors may appoint a panel of advisors to provide general advice and guidance on the programs undertaken by the Chapter. The panel shall have no legislative or managerial authority. The tenure of the advisory panel shall be as set forth by the Board which appoints the panel.

## **ARTICLE XI**

***Limitations:*** No member of the Chapter shall receive any pecuniary gain or profit, incidental or otherwise, from its activities, except that the Chapter shall be authorized to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and make payments in furtherance of the purposes set forth in this Article. The Chapter shall not carry on any activity deemed illegal by any federal, state or local statute. No Chapter Officer shall enter into any contracts with the Chapter during their term of office.