"Leading Change. Delivering M.O.R.E." – PMI Houston Conference 2026 – Call for Speakers

In recognition that the ultimate measure of a project's success is in the value it delivers, the Project Management Institute developed the M.O.R.E. framework to help guide project managers achieve maximum value in the projects they lead. Embracing four key elements -- **M**anaging Perceptions, **O**wnership of Project Success Beyond Project Management Success, **R**elentlessly Reassess Project Parameters, and **E**xpand Perspective – M.O.R.E. represents a fundamental redefinition of project success.

To take full advantage of the M.O.R.E. concepts, Project Managers need to be able to apply them in choosing the tools they use, managing change, defining and executing strategies, and advancing their own professional growth and that of the people they lead. They must also be able to apply them in an integrated manner, continually adapting them to changes in circumstances and advances in project management practices.

Call for Speakers Submission Deadline *Friday, May 8th*

We are seeking new content that has not been previously presented at a PMI Houston event. Proposed content should address one of the four content areas and speakers should explain how their presentation aligns with M.O.R.E. concepts.

1. Technology & Innovation
- The role AI plays and will play in project management
- New technology tools and methodologies that advance the project management profession
- The cost and benefits of applying new technologies
- Fostering acceptance of new technologies and methodologies among stakeholders

2. Change Management & Organizational Leadership
- Effective communication strategies and techniques for promoting change
- The skills project managers require to manage resistance to change
- Keys to setting the groundwork to facilitate successful change management
- Adapting leadership style in the context of a project's environment and circumstances

3. Strategy & Business Agility
- Aligning projects to ensure they advance business goals
- Effectively communicating the alignment between project objectives and business goals
- Measuring project success in terms of business value delivered
- Reassessing and realigning projects when there is a major change in business goals

4. People, Culture & Professional Growth
- Career development strategies for project management skill development
- Developing and mentoring project managers in the early stages of their careers
- Balancing hard skills and soft skills development as project managers
- Leading projects in multicultural environments

Benefits to you as a Conference Breakout Session Speaker:
- PMI Members can claim PDUs for writing and presenting on a project management topic. Learn more PMI.org **CCR Handbook**
- Presenting is a great way to network and meet other thought leaders, practitioners, presenters and attendees
- Speakers can attend the conference for free and earn up to 11 PDUs plus 1 PDU as a conference speaker.

Please review the following details to prepare for submission.
- To be considered we need you to submit an abstract for consideration.
- Below we have detailed instructions and details you need to gather prior to launching the link.
- You can submit once with up to 2 presentation topics for consideration.
- The deadline to submit is **Friday, May 8th**.

Completing the application form:
The application form is online and can be found HERE. Here is the information you will need to provide to complete the form. *Please follow the instructions carefully.*

- Speaker's contact information
  - Job Title
  - Industry
  - Years of work experience
  - Years of project management experience
- Speaker's LinkedIn profile URL
- Website URL
- References contact information: Please provide references familiar with your presentation skills.
- Have you spoken at a PMI Houston event in the last 3 years?
- Examples of prior speaking engagements: topics, dates, venue/organization
- Do you have a video of a past speaking engagement you can share? Enter URL
- Headshot: please provide a high-resolution headshot. The file should be named in this format: FirstName_LastName
- Short Biography: Text limit is 300 words. Please upload in MS Word the file should be named in this format: FirstName_LastName_Bio

You can enter up to 2 presentation proposals. The following details are required for each proposal:
- Enter Proposed topic 1
- Presentation title
- Presentation focused on this key area of the conference theme:
  1. Technology & Innovation
  2. Change Management & Organizational Leadership
  3. Strategy & Business Agility
  4. People, Culture & Professional Growth
- Three learning objectives for presentation: Clear and concise statements that describe the intended outcomes of instruction. Learning outcomes represent the skills that learners can expect to demonstrate after completing the instruction. Outcome statements must be specific, observable, and measurable
- How the presentation is aligned with M.O.R.E. concepts
- Talent triangle classification
  - Business Acumen
  - Ways of Working
  - Power Skills
- Abstract: Text Limit 250 words or less. Please upload abstract for topic 1 in MS Word the file should be named FirstName_LastName_Abstract1

Tips for creating a great presentation:

Consider Your Audience:
- 300+ project and program management professional primarily from the Houston area.
- Representing over 200 Companies in numerous industries such as Healthcare, construction, Energy, Oil & Gas, Hospitality, Government, Technology
- Most attendees possess at least one Project Management Institute Certification or are working toward one.
- Presentations must align to at least one area of expertise in PMI's Talent Triangle (Business Acumen, Ways of Working and Power Skills)
- The presentation should reflect one of the four key areas that reflect our conference theme.

Basic Requirements for Your Presentation:
- Length of presentation should be 45 minutes plus 15 minutes for Q&A
- To ensure your presentation is visible to the audience a **minimum font of 24 PT** is requested. Please use Arial or Calibri font and minimize use of Bold. Do not use Italics.
- Presentations should include written content along with examples (graphs, charts, and photos) that support the topic.
- Use of video content should be avoided, where possible, since video links may not work at the conference.
- If selected, you will need to bring a digital copy of your presentation to the conference and present on your own laptop.
- If you are selected, you will be required to provide a document for attendees to reference. This can be your entire presentation, or a white paper reduced version. File size is limited to 10MB and should be provided as a PDF for upload to the Whova platform.

Other important information
- This is an educational event and if selected, you will be presenting as an industry expert. Please note that this is not a sales pitch or sales opportunity for your business. We do allow you to share a slide at the end of your presentation to talk about your company, but we ask that you limit this to a 2-minute speaking point at the end of your presentation.
- Speakers' expenses are not reimbursed. However, speakers may attend the conference for free.
- Break out room presentations will be one hour duration: a 45-minute presentation followed by a 15- minute Q & A.
- Presentations will be expected to provide an in-depth discussion and learning objectives on specific project management topics that highlight PMI Houston's conference theme.

Selection Steps
- Two blind reviews are conducted. The first blind review is focused on speaker topics and abstracts without speaker information provided. The second blind review is focused on the speakers, their prior speaking experience, and any recommendations or content provided to confirm their ability to give an engaging presentation.
- Submissions are blind reviewed by up to 10 PMIH conference volunteers who will review all submissions and rate abstracts received.
- Top-rated abstracts from the first blind review will proceed to the second blind review. The combined ratings from the first- and second-blind reviews will determine which speakers are chosen for the conference.

Blind Review Ratings will be based on the following criteria:
- Topics meet the conference theme
- Presentations align with PMI's Triangle
- Relevance of the topic for Project Management Professionals
- Clearly stated and well-conceived objectives
- Presentation or speaker is new for the PMIH chapter
- Engaging speakers based on examples provided and recommendations
- Experience of speakers is relevant to the topic they are presenting