

LOUISIANA ENGINEERING SOCIETY (LES)
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
June 30, 2009

1. The General Membership Meeting of the Louisiana Engineering Society was held on Tuesday, June 30, 2009 at the Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort in Destin, FL. President Alan Krouse called to order and welcomed everyone to the Annual Meeting. The deceased members list was read.
2. Alan Krouse introduced the agenda. The LEF Fundraiser was added to old business. **A motion was made by John Plaisance to accept the agenda as amended, seconded by Mike Bares; motion passed.**
3. Alan Krouse asked for approval of the minutes from the General Membership meeting on June 3, 2008. **A motion was made by John Plaisance, seconded by Mike Bares; motion passed.**
4. Alan Krouse introduced financial statements and asked everyone to take a moment to review. Alan thanked the staff for their work. **See attachments 4-a-06-30-09, 4-b-06-30-09, 4-c-06-30-09, 4-d-06-30-09, 4-e-06-30-09. A motion was made by Susan Richard to approve the financial reports, seconded by Chris Richard; motion passed.**
5. Alan Krouse gave his State of the Society Address. He stated that it has been a worthwhile experience and thanked everyone for their support. He stated that LES is financially stable and continues to operate in the black.
6. LES Standing Committee Reports
 - a. Continuing Professional Development Committee report. **See attachment 6-a-06-30-09.**
 - b. Jim Bowie gave the Engineering Education Committee report. He stated that the universities have been hit with many budget cuts but that the curriculums are stable.
 - c. Ethics & Professional Conduct Committee report was not given.
 - d. Future Cities Committee report. **See attachment 6-d-06-30-09.**
 - e. Kevin Crosby gave the Honors & Awards Committee report. He named the 2009 LES award winners. Robert F. Vinet, PE won the F. Hugh Coughlin Young Engineer Award. Dr. Zaki Bassiouni, PE won the James M. Todd Technical Accomplishment Award. Jay Guillot, PE won the A.B. Patterson Medal for an Engineer in Management. Jeffrey L. Duplantis, PE won the Charles M. Kerr Public Relations Award. Kevin G. Switzer, PE won the Andrew M. Lockett Medal for Civic Activities. Dr. Olin K. Dart, Jr., PE won the Leo M. Odom Award for Services to the Profession. Ronald J. Rodi, PE won the Waldemar S. Nelson Presidents Award.
 - f. Inter-Society Relations Committee report was not given.
 - g. John Plaisance gave the LE Magazine Committee report. **See attachment 6-g-06-30-09.** John stated that LSPS has pulled out of the magazine and will begin to publish their own.

- h. Ron Rodi gave the Legislative Committee report. He stated that it was a good year in the legislature. HB 139 and HB 663 were tabled. HB 276, HB 801, and HB 829 were sent to the Governor for signature. HB 354, HB 601, SB 134, SB 244, SB 351, and SB 308 were signed by the Governor. Gerald Simmons was unable to serve this session due to a recent surgery. Ron stated that he looked forward to his return next year. Ron also commended Brenda and the rest of the State Office staff on their work.
 - i. Susan Richard gave the Long Range Planning Committee report. **See attachment 6-i-06-30-09.**
 - j. Alan Krouse gave the Mathcounts Committee report. **See attachment 6-j-06-30-09.**
 - k. Scotty Baudoin gave the Membership Committee report. He reported that we are continuing to call delinquent members and that this has had a positive effect. Scotty stated that he is looking to add more value to membership by doing things such as putting CPD classes online, keeping track of CPD's for members, and holding a class for those who are going to take licensing exam. There is an engineer member who offered to teach this class.
 - l. Public Relations Committee report was not given.
 - m. Scholarship Committee report. **See attachment 6-m-06-30-09.**
 - n. Young Engineers Committee report was not given.
7. Practice Division End-of-Year Reports
- a. Professional Engineers in Construction. No report given.
 - b. Professional Engineers in Education. No report given.
 - c. Professional Engineers in Government. No report given.
 - d. Professional Engineers in Industry. No report given.
 - e. Professional Engineers in Private Practice. **See attachment 7-e-06-30-09.**
8. Old Business
- a. Chris Richard gave a report on the LEF fundraiser to retire the building debt. He stated that about \$190,000 in donations and pledges had been raised. Since the beginning of the fundraiser in October, the debt had been paid down from \$485,000 to about \$330,000. LEF recently received another \$40,000 in donations from Charlie Eustis, Alexandria chapter, and Baton Rouge chapter. About \$82,000 in endowed scholarships have been established, four of which will be given out this spring. We will send out letters in the fall and continue to try and raise funds to retire the debt in 5 years.
9. New Business
- a. Mike Bares presented Alan Krouse with the plaque for his gavel and the President's book. Mike thanked Alan for his service and leadership for the last several years.
10. Adjournment