

LOUISIANA ENGINEERING SOCIETY (LES)
BOARD OF DIRECTION MEETING
September 4, 2009

(Revised 9/21/09)

1. The meeting of the Louisiana Engineering Society (LES) Board of Direction was held on Friday, September 4, 2009, in Shreveport, Louisiana. President Mike Bares called the meeting to order and a quorum was established.

Board Members Present

Mike Bares, President
Susan Richard, President Elect
John Lowery, Second Vice President
David Kunz, Secretary/Treasurer
Alan Krouse, Past President
Craig Dooley, State Director
Robbie Lear, State Director
Ben Hawn, State Director
Chris Richard, NSPE Regional Director & PEPP Chair
Beau Desormeaux, Young Engineer Representative
Joshua Barrett, Alexandria Chapter President
Geoff Wilson, Baton Rouge Chapter President
Heather Klingman, Bayou Chapter President
Adam Thibodeaux, Lafayette Chapter President
Walter Carpenter, Jr., Monroe Chapter President
Frank Gallagher, III, New Orleans Chapter President
Robert Vinet, Shreveport Chapter President
James Bowie, PEE Chair
Ali Mustapha, PEG Chair
Brenda Gajan, Executive Director

Board Members Absent

Kevin Rizzo, State Director
Ted Thompson, Lake Charles Chapter President
Roger Melancon, PEC Chair
Mike Campbell, PEI Chair

Guests Present

Mark Jusselin

2. Susan Richard led the Invocation
3. Susan Richard led the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Susan Richard read the LES Vision & Mission Statement

5. Mike Bares asked for any changes or additions to the agenda. Heather Klingman added signing & sealing requirements as item 9-g. **Ali Mustapha made a motion to accept the agenda as amended, seconded by Alan Krouse; motion passed.**
6. **Chris Richard made a motion to accept the minutes from the 06/27/09 Board Meeting, seconded by Susan Richard; motion passed.**
- 9a. Mark Jusselin spoke on proposed legislative changes to the LAPELS laws. **See attachment 9-a-09-04-09.** A lengthy discussion took place on this issue. Mike Bares expressed concerns on the risks of opening the law to changes. Susan Richard asked whether it was the LAPELS Board's opinion that these changes have to be made by law changes and not just rule changes. Mark answered that it did. There was a lengthy discussion and disagreement on the make up and voting members on the Complaint Review Committee which is one of the main proposed changes to the laws. LES Board members indicated that the voting members of the Committee should be only LAPELS Board members. Mike Bares stated that this will be deferred to Ron Rodi and the Legislative Committee and will be discussed further at the November meeting of the LES Board.
7. Secretary-Treasurer's Report
 - a. Brenda Gajan presented the financial reports as of 6/30/09. **See attachments 7-a-1-09-04-09 and 7-a-2-09-04-04.** Brenda stated that we had a very good year and ended the year in the black. Mike Bares thanked Brenda and Alan Krouse for a job well done.
 - b. David Kunz presented the financial reports as of 8/31/09. **See attachments 7-b-1-09-04-09 and 7-b-2-09-04-04.**

Chris Richard made a motion to accept the financial reports, seconded by Ali Mustapha; motion passed.
8. Old Business
 - a. John Lowery gave the report on the Long Range Planning Committee. **See attachment 8-a-09-04-09.** John stated that they had a conference call on August 18th to discuss the location of the 2012 Annual Meeting. The Wharf at Orange Beach and the Perdido Beach Resort were possibilities to replace Point Clear, AL. The committee is recommending the Perdido Beach Resort for the 2012 Annual Meeting. A discussion followed on possible dates of the 2012 Annual Meeting. **The motion from the committee was to hold the 2012 Annual Meeting at Perdido Beach Resort on June 21-24, 2012. Motion passed.**
- 9b. J.M. Drake gave the report on HR 796, which removed the National Society of Professional Engineers (Louisiana Engineering Society) from the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority (SLFPA) Nominating Committee. **See attachment 9-b-09-04-09.** J.M. Drake gave background on SLFPA Committee. LES will serve as an organization that supplies a representative to SLFPA. Mike Bares thanked J.M. for the update and his work on the SLFPA Committee. **Frank Gallagher made a motion that the LES Board request that the Louisiana Engineering Society be added to the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority (SLFPA) Nominating Committee, seconded by Chris Richard; motion passed.**

8. Old Business (continued)

- b. Chris Richard gave the report from the NSPE House of Delegates Meeting. **See attachment 8-b-09-04-09.** John Plaisance was elected to the NSPE Board of Direction as the Southwest Region representative. They discussed expanding the Board by adding some voting members but the issue was eventually voted down. There was discussion on allowing state-only membership. This motion was also defeated. NSPE granted LEF's request for the funds that were raised for hurricane relief to create endowed scholarships in the chapters that were affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and received a check in the amount of \$28,859.

9. New Business

- c. Mike Bares presented the request from American Concrete Institute to make a donation to their conference. A discussion followed on this issue. **Chris Richard made a motion to deny the request and not make the donation, seconded by Ali Mustapha; motion passed.**
- d. Brenda presented the proposal from the Wynn White asking LES to sponsor his seminars and in return Mr. White will donate 20 percent of the proceeds to the scholarship fund. **See attachment 9-d-09-04-09.** A discussion followed on this issue. **Robbie Lear made a motion that LES decline to participate but LES will advertise the courses to our membership as a PDH opportunity, seconded by Susan Richard; motion passed.**
- e. Susan Richard presented the consideration of Scholarship funds loan to LEF. Susan Richard stated that the Scholarship Committee has about \$14,000 sitting in an annuity. A small part is used to fund the scholarships each year. The Scholarship Committee recommended to loan \$10,000 to LEF at no interest to help pay off the building debt. **Chris Richard abstained from vote. Motion passed.**
- f. Frank Gallagher presented the request from NSPE for help with holding a Board Meeting in New Orleans. **See attachment 9-f-09-04-09.** NSPE requested support from LES to provide a "Post-Katrina" tour during the Board Meeting in January 2010. It was determined that the best approach would be to for the US Army Corps of Engineer – New Orleans District to give the tour. Frank Gallagher has been working with NSPE and the Corp of Engineer and arrangements are currently underway.
- g. Heather Klingman had a concern on signing and sealing of record drawings. Several Board members stated that new rules took care of this issue. Brenda Gajan stated that there will be panel discussion seminar on this issue at the 2010 JESC.
Walter Carpenter asked if LES could get somebody to give a seminar on bid law at the 2010 JESC.

10. Announcements

- a. Next LES Board of Direction meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2009 at the LES State Office. The annual Board picture will be taken at this meeting so please bring a coat and tie.
- b. Nominations for the LES Honors & Awards began August 10th and are due at the State Office by November 6. The Honors & Awards committee will also meet on November 20th at the State Office.

- c. The location of the April 9, 2010 Board of Direction Meeting has been changed to Metairie. Please make a note of it.

11. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Alan Krouse, seconded by Susan Richard; motion passed.