

LOUISIANA PARISH ENGINEERS AND SUPERVISORS
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

February 22, 2007

2:00 p.m.

Cajundome Convention Center – Lafayette, LA

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by George Mikhael, President

ROLL CALL - The parish roll call was conducted by Marie Walsh, Secretary. The following parishes were represented:

Region 1: absent
Region 2: absent
Region 3: St. Landry
St. Martin
St. Mary
Region 4: Claiborne
Lincoln
Webster
Region 5: Franklin
Ouchita
Richland
Region 6: absent
Region 7: Acadia
Beauregard
Calcasieu
Region 8: Vernon
Winn

Municipal: Morgan City

14 of the 29 member parishes represented. A list of the membership is attached.

Introductions and Welcome: George Mikhael welcomed all members and Introduced Bob Manual, President of the Police Jury Association. Mr. Manual addressed the group and thanked the organization for all it does to support the public works agencies n the important work they perform. He stressed the importance of public works to the Police Jury Association.

George Mikhael introduced Roland Dartez, Executive Director of the Police Jury Association. Mr. Dartez addressed the group and highlighted LPESA's contribution to getting the whole idea of the LSUCC regional meeting started last fall after Curt McCarty made a presentation at the LPESA fall conference in September. George Mikhael and Marie Walsh met with Mr. McCarty to discuss LPESA's concern over the

implementation of the new LSUCC requirements. A subsequent meeting was held at LTAP's Baton Rouge office and included participants from LSUCC, the PJA, LPESA and LMA. Two regional meetings were initially scheduled in the hurricane impacted parishes with subsequent state wide meetings. LPESA played a key role in getting this informational process started. 70 jurisdictions have been allocated \$6.4 million dollars to implement the new codes. He indicated that there may be some legislative efforts dealing with the LSUCC implementation requirements but that while some variances may be granted, repeal of the Code is unlikely. Mr. Dartez also mentioned the Parish Transportation Fund and efforts to have money restored to the fund. He suggested that members check the PJA website for updates.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the last meeting. Bill Cefalu moved to accept the motion and Bill Campbell seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.

FINANCIAL REPORT – The financial report (attached) was presented by Elton Pickering. Total assets as of 2/21/07 was \$28,319.35. A motion to accept the report was seconded and passed without opposition by the membership.

Membership Report – Marie Walsh presented the membership report (attached). LPESA has 29 current parish members and 31 associate members as of 2/20/07. George Mikhael encouraged member to contact non- member parishes to join.

NEW BUSINESS – Marie Walsh presented a new LPESA membership brochure and the Spring Conference Program. She also encouraged members to review the documentation provided on the NACE SAFETEA-LU survey; LADOTD's Drive Safe Louisiana Public Service Announcement campaign; The Alphabet Soup of Safety.

Public Service Announcement Campaign: Ms. Walsh presented the opportunity for each agency to sponsor the Road Safety PSA campaign being implemented by LADOTD. Parish agencies such as the Parish Police Jury or individual agencies can sponsor the PSAs which come in print, radio or TV format. They can be made accessible to public access channels. The ads will be attributed to the agency and can be run in local publications or stations (local agencies will have to coordinate this effort.)

Ms. Walsh presented a resolution for approval by the membership regarding adoption of local road safety as a priority area for LPESA. The resolution includes forming an LPESA Local Road Safety Committee and specific activities to help implement road safety activities across the state. Dennis Woodward moved the accept the resolution and Perry Holmes seconded the motion. The motion was passed without objection.

PRESENTATION OF SCHOLARSHIP AWARD – Bill Campbell introduced Nicholas Broussard from University of Louisiana at Lafayette at he winner of the 2007 LPESA Scholarship Award for \$1500. Mr Broussard is a Junior at UL maintaining a 3.8 GPA in Civil Engineering in the Honor's Program. His career goals include becoming a Highway Management/Traffic Design Engineer.

ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

The By-Laws of the LPESA were amended last year to allow officers to serve a two year term. The current slate of officers are eligible for another year and were nominated by Marie Walsh for reelection.

George Mikhel was nominated for President without opposition. Dennis Woodward proposed that he be elected by acclamation which completed without opposition.

Dennis Woodward was nominated as Vice-President and elected without opposition.

Elton Pickering was nominated for Treasurer and elected without opposition.

The regional representatives met after the meeting to select or reappoint the director for their regions. The following appointments were made:

- Region 1 – Nguyen Phan, Orleans
- Region 2 Perry Blanchard, Terrebonne
- Region 3 Tim Marks, New Iberia
- Region 4 Tommy Durrett, Claiborne
- Region 5 Greg Humphries, Franklin
- Region 6 Vacant
- Region 7 Robert Bergeaux
- Region 8 Perry Holmes
- Municipal Bill Cefalu, Morgan City

LSUCC Update – Curt McCarty presented a brief overview of issues of specific importance to LPESA including the status of some of the funding for implementation and training. He encouraged parish representatives to reach out to the municipalities that might have smaller programs and need to partner with a larger organization to implement the code requirements. Mr McCarty that he hoped to provide information on upcoming training opportunities for inspectors by the end of March. George Mikhael reiterated that LPESA would like to participate in assisting in the training effort.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.