

# *Louisiana Association of Business Educators*

## Proposed General Business Meeting Minutes

Friday, February 17, 2006

Alexandria, LA

**Call to Order – President** – June Thompson called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

**Invocation – Chaplain** – Caroline was unable to attend so Mona Bickham led the opening prayer.

**Approval of Minutes – Secretary** – Copies of the minutes from the October 21, 2005 meeting were placed on each table. Pat Miers made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and it was seconded by Nelson Cortez. The vote was unanimous.

**Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer** – June noted that Genny was unable to attend but had sent information. LABE Bank Register/Bank Reconciliation for December 31, 2005 copies were handed out showing a balance of \$4,060.01. It was also reported there were 93 paid members and a copy of the membership list was attached to the Bank Register. June reminded everyone that their membership expired today. Susan Fontenot moved to accept the report as presented and it was seconded by Marilyn Gastineau. The vote was unanimous.

### The Officers Reports included:

**President – June Thompson** – June noted it was her last day as President. She thanked everyone for attending and becoming a member of both LACTE & LABE organizations. She reminded everyone that LACTE & ACTE are our only legislative voices. The ballots for LABE Officers for 2006-2007 were handed out at this time and members were asked to consider additional nominations to be made later in the meeting. June reported she had received letters of resignations for personal reasons from two Board Members – Daniel Prather, Vice President and Debbie Duplechin, Historian/Reporter. It was noted that per the by-laws, the president is to nominate the replacement to fill the position with the Executive Council’s approval. June appointed Mona Bickham to complete Daniel’s term with the Executive Council approval. Genny has agreed to replace Debbie since she is already maintaining the website

**President Elect – Patricia Miers** – Nothing new to report.

**Vice President – Daniel Prather** – June reminded everyone that Mona Bickham will complete this position left open by Daniel’s resignation.

**NBEA/SBEA Rep – Karen Duplechin** – No report was left by Karen. June reminded everyone of the insurance and excellent publications received when you are a join these organizations. She also noted that membership in NBEA automatically makes you a member of SBEA.

**Bulletin Board – Elaine Garland** – The Spring 2006 Bulletin Board would be sent electronically to members in order to save the organization money. Everyone was reminded for this to be successful make sure Mona Bickham has their current email address.

**Journal of Business – Betty Kleen** – Betty was unable to attend. June noted the journals have been printed and members should receive their copies soon.

### Committee Reports

**Awards – Mona Bickham** — Susan Fontenot was recognized at the SBEA convention in Tennessee as LABE’s “Outstanding Secondary Business Educator of the Year”. June noted that Mona had also received two awards. They include an award from SBEA as the “Supervisor of the Year” in recognition of Outstanding Contributions in Supervising Business Education Programs and an award from Certiport for “Champion of Digital Literacy.” Mona stated she already had 2 received applications for the LABE scholarship. The applications have been sent to school counselors and can also be found on the LABE website. They must be postmarked March 31, 2006. Mona would also like nominations either at the meeting or emailed to her for the LABE Secondary and Post Secondary Outstanding Teacher of the year.

**Auditing – Susan Fontenot** – Nothing new to report

**Finance – Genny Melancon** – This information was presented earlier by June Thompson as a combined report with the Treasurer's Report.

**Legislative – Travis Bush** – No report was sent by Travis.

**Membership – Karen Duplechin** – Karen did not send a report. However, this information was listed as a combined report on the membership information handout sent by Genny Melancon. June also noted that the membership form can be obtained from the website – { HYPERLINK "http://www.labe.org" }.

**Memorial – Caroline Malbrue** – No report was sent by Caroline. Mona mentioned that Huland Miley – a life member from Denham Springs – passed away January 1, 2006 and was 75 years old. This information will be given to the memorial and resolution chairs.

**Nominating – Pat Miers** – LABE Officer Nomination Forms were handed out earlier in the meeting. Pat stated the names on the ballots had been received either during the October meeting or were sent to her directly. All nominees' qualifications were verified. She encouraged members to take the time to nominate someone for the available positions; however, no one added any names to the ballots. A vote was taken by position again requesting nominations for all positions listed on the ballot. The new Officers are as follows: Past President – June Thompson (automatically filled from President position), President – Pat Miers (automatically filled from President Elect position), President Elect - Mona Bickham (automatically filled from Vice President position), Vice President - Marilyn Gastineau, Treasurer – Genny Melancon, Parliamentarian – Susan Fontenot, Chaplain – Maxia Hutchinson, Historian/Reporter – Genny Melancon, Secondary North Representative – Elaine Garland, Secondary South Representative – Beverly Davis, Post Secondary South Representative – Theresa Wilfert, Post Secondary North Representative – Barbara O'Neal.

**Public Relations – Debbie Duplechin** – Debbie resigned – no report.

**Resolutions – Laura Spencer** – Laura did not send a report; however, Mona will send her the information stated during the memorial.

**Unfinished Business** – Walter from Northwestern questioned the lost of the LABE Spring Conference. June and Mona noted that it wouldn't work to have both LACTE and LABE Spring Conferences. It was also noted that the bylaws require two (2) meetings a year. Pat handed out some door prizes.

**New Business** – June installed all new officers. June then reminded everyone of the following important date: NBEA – April 12-15, 2006, Tampa, FL and the LABE Fall Meeting would be held at the Lafayette Hilton in October 2006.

**Benediction** – Maxia Hutchinson, the new Chaplain, gave the benediction.

**Adjournment** – June Thompson adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m.