

LOUISIANA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
HOUSE OF DELEGATES
9 A.M. ■ SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2012
NEW ORLEANS MARRIOTT AT THE CONVENTION CENTER

*** M I N U T E S ***

The House of Delegates was convened at 9 a.m., Saturday, January 21, 2012, in the Blaine Kern Ballroom of the New Orleans Marriott at the Convention Center.

I. Certification of Quorum by the Secretary

After conferring with Assistant Secretary Loretta Larsen, Secretary Richard K. Leefe confirmed that a quorum was present. A copy of the attendance roster is attached as an addendum to these Minutes.

II. Recognition of Deceased Members of the House of Delegates.

There were no deceased members since the June 2011 meeting of the House, but President James J. Davidson III asked House members to observe a moment of silence in memory of former LSBA President (1977-78) Howard B. Gist, Jr. of Alexandria, who passed away in August 2011.

III. Presentation of Edwin L. Blewer, Jr. Memorial Award

After a brief introduction by President Davidson, Lawyers' Assistance Program Executive Director Joseph E. "Buddy" Stockwell III introduced award recipient Thomas M. Bergstedt of Sulphur and presented the award to him.

General Session

IV. Reports of Standing Committees of the House

There were no reports from Standing Committees of the House.

V. Reports of Officers, Board of Governors, Standing Committees and Sections of the Louisiana State Bar Association

1. President, James J. Davidson III
Mr. Davidson gave a brief report to members of the House.
2. President-Elect, John H. Musser IV
Mr. Musser waived his report.
3. Secretary, Richard K. Leefe
Mr. Leefe gave a brief report to members of the House.
4. Treasurer, Mark A. Cunningham
Mr. Cunningham waived his report.
5. Bar Governance Committee Chair, S. Guy deLaup
Mr. deLaup gave a brief report on the committee's activities, specifically as related to working with the Ad Hoc Legislative Policy Committee on proposed

changes to legislative procedures which would be presented to the House at its June 2012 meeting.

VI. Reports of Special Committees of the Louisiana State Bar Association

1. Community Action Committee – Hon. Jay C. Zainey
Judge Zainey reported on the SOLACE program and encouraged involvement of all lawyers.
2. Lawyers in Transition Committee – Edward J. Walters, Jr.
Mr. Walters reported that the Supreme Court had chosen not to implement the June 2010 recommendations of the House of Delegates with regard to “successor attorneys” due to the immunity provisions of the resolution. Mr. Walters encouraged House members to contact him with any ideas or recommendations for addressing this issue.

VII. Other Reports

1. Lawyers Assistance Program – Joseph E. “Buddy” Stockwell III, Executive Director
Mr. Stockwell gave a comprehensive report on LAP for his first year as its Executive Director.
2. Louisiana Supreme Court MCLE Committee – Daniel A. Cavell, Chair
Mr. Cavell gave a report on the activities of the MCLE Committee, including statistics on providers and participation. He also distributed a written report to members of the House.

Activities of the House of Delegates

VIII. Old Business

There was no old business to come before the House.

IX. Approval of Minutes

Consideration of Approval of the Minutes of the June 29, 2011 Meeting of the House of Delegates.

Upon motion and second the House unanimously approved the minutes as presented.

X. Elections

1. Election of one member to serve a three-year term on the House of Delegates Liaison Committee, to commence at the conclusion of the 2012 Annual Meeting and end at the conclusion of the 2015 Annual Meeting, to be elected from House of Delegates members representing the 20th through 42nd Judicial Districts.

The following motion was made by George B. Recile of the 24th Judicial District:

“BE IT RESOLVED that Robert A. Kutcher of the 24th Judicial District be elected to the House of Delegates Liaison Committee as a member representing the 20th-42nd Judicial Districts, for a three-year term to commence at the conclusion of the 2012 Annual Meeting and to end at the conclusion of the 2015 Annual Meeting.”

The motion to close nominations was made and seconded. The motion was adopted and Mr. Kutcher was declared elected a member of the House of Delegates Liaison Committee for a three-year term beginning in 2012 and ending in 2015.

2. Election from the three Liaison Committee Members of a Chair of the House of Delegates Liaison Committee for 2012 – 2013, whose term will commence at the conclusion of the 2012 Annual Meeting. The Chair of the Liaison Committee is a voting member of the Board of Governors.

The following motion was made by Jeffrey A. Riggs of the 15th Judicial District:

“BE IT RESOLVED that George B. Recile of the 24th Judicial District be elected Chair of the House of Delegates Liaison Committee for a one-year term to commence at the conclusion of the 2012 Annual Meeting and to end at the conclusion of the 2013 Annual Meeting.”

The motion to close nominations was made and seconded. The motion was unanimously approved and Mr. Recile was declared elected Chair of the House of Delegates Liaison Committee for a one-year term beginning in 2012 and ending in 2013.

XI. Resolutions

Board of Governors Resolution

1. Resolution from the Board of Governors proposing a policy in support of adequate compensation for members of the state judiciary.

President James J. Davidson III made the following motion:

“BE IT RESOLVED that the resolution from the Board of Governors proposing a policy in support of adequate compensation for members of the state judiciary be adopted.”

The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

Section Resolutions

2. Resolution from the Alternative Dispute Resolution Section proposing amendment to its Bylaws regarding handling of its elections.

ADR Section Chair Paul W. Breaux made the following motion:

“BE IT RESOLVED that the resolution from the Alternative Dispute Section proposing an amendment to its Bylaws regarding handling of its elections be adopted.”

The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

3. Resolution from the Francophone Section commemorating the 200th anniversary of the founding of the State of Louisiana.

Francophone Section Chair John A. Hernandez III made the following motion:

“BE IT RESOLVED that the resolution from the Francophone Section commemorating the 200th anniversary of the founding of the State of Louisiana be adopted.”

The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously, with the caveat from Ariel A. Campo, Sr. of the 15th Judicial District that the special bicentennial issue of the Louisiana Bar Journal include an article on the Spanish history of Louisiana.

XII. Other Business

Consideration of any other business to come before the House of Delegates.

There was no other business to come before the House.

XIII. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Richard K. Leefe
Secretary

ADDENDUM TO 1/21/2012 HOD MINUTES

2011-12 HOUSE OF DELEGATES ATTENDANCE - 2012 MIDYEAR MEETING

FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT (14 seats) Parish of Caddo

PRESENT Louis R. Avallone
PRESENT Claude W. Bookter, Jr.
PRESENT James L. Fortson, Jr.
PRESENT John R. Herzog BY PROXY TO Jerry Edwards
PRESENT W. James Hill III
PRESENT Richard M. John BY PROXY TO Nichole M. Cox
PRESENT Kevin R. Molloy
Marshall R. Pearce
Keidra J. Phillips
PRESENT Nyle A. Politz
PRESENT Joseph L. Shea, Jr.
Sheva M. Sims
PRESENT Kenneth Craig Smith, Jr.
Steven R. Yancey

SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT (3 seats) Parishes of Bienville, Claiborne & Jackson

James E. Beal
PRESENT Roy M. Lilly

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT (3 seats) Parishes of Lincoln & Union

PRESENT Tyler G. Storms

FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (11 seats) Parishes of Morehouse & Ouachita

Jeffrey L. DeMent
PRESENT Jeffrey D. Guerriero
PRESENT Paul L. Hurd
PRESENT A. Carter Mills IV
PRESENT Ramsey L. Ogg
PRESENT Alex W. Rankin
PRESENT Arthur L. Stewart
J. Antonio Tramontana
PRESENT Thomas G. Zentner, Jr.

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (3 seats) Parishes of Franklin, Richland, & West Carroll

PRESENT John Clay Hamilton
John Hoychick, Jr.

SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (2 seats) Parishes of East Carroll, Madison & Tensas

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PRESENT George F. Fox, Jr.

SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (2 seats) Parishes of Catahoula & Concordia

John C. Reeves

PRESENT Ann S. Siddall

EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (1 seat) Parish of Winn

PRESENT Kimberly Anastasia Wiley

NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (7 seats) Parish of Rapides

PRESENT Ronald G. Beard BY PROXY TO Kellen J. Mathews

PRESENT Robert L. Bussey

Gwenda R. Lamb

Alainna R. Mire

Harold A. Murry

PRESENT Mark F. Vilar

PRESENT Zebulon M. Winstead

TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (2 seats) Parish of Natchitoches

PRESENT Keenan K. Kelly

PRESENT Charles R. Whitehead, Jr.

ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (1 seat) Parish of Sabine

Matthew J. Couvillion

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (2 seats) Parish of Avoyelles

PRESENT Douglas L. Bryan

PRESENT Dan B. McKay, Jr.

THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (2 seats) Parish of Evangeline

PRESENT Timmy J. Fontenot

Allen Bruce Rozas

FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (9 seats) Parish of Calcasieu

PRESENT Edward K. Alexander, Jr. BY PROXY TO Lynsay Marie Fontenot

PRESENT Theresa A. Barnatt

PRESENT Brian Lee Coody

PRESENT L. Paul Foreman

PRESENT Thomas L. Lorenzi

PRESENT David Daniel Palay, Jr.

PRESENT Larry E. Pichon BY PROXY Robert S. McCorquodale

M. Kevin Powell

PRESENT Betty A. Raglin

FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (13 seats) Parishes of Acadia, Lafayette & Vermillion

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PRESENT Homer Ed Barousse, Jr.
PRESENT Ariel A. Campos, Sr.
PRESENT Dean A. Cole
PRESENT Tracy P. Curtis BY PROXY TO L. Bianca Chretien
PRESENT Blake R. David BY PROXY TO Lindsay Meador
PRESENT Steven G. "Buzz" Durio
PRESENT Helen Popich Harris
PRESENT Matthew J. Hill, Jr.
PRESENT Joseph R. Oelkers III
PRESENT Tricia R. Pierre
PRESENT Jeffrey A. Riggs
PRESENT Michael D. Skinner

SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (8 seats) Parishes of Iberia, St. Martin & St. Mary

PRESENT Adolph B. Curet III
PRESENT Eric P. Duplantis
PRESENT Pamela Ann Lemoins
PRESENT Marsha McNulty
PRESENT Andrew Reed
PRESENT Maggie T. Simar
PRESENT Anne G. Stevens
PRESENT Dennis R. Stevens

SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (5 seats) Parish of Lafourche

Matthew Ferdinand Block
PRESENT Daniel A. Cavell
PRESENT Annette M. Fontana
PRESENT Robert M. Pugh
PRESENT Nicholas J. Zeringue

EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (4 seats) Parishes of Iberville, Pointe Coupee & West Baton Rouge

PRESENT Felicia F. Davis
PRESENT Stephen P. Jewell
Audrey A. McCain
PRESENT Francis A. Smith, Jr.

NINETEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (21 seats) Parish of East Baton Rouge

PRESENT B. Scott Andrews
Michael P. Bienvenu
James E. Boren
PRESENT Dana B. Brown
PRESENT Stephen E. Broyles
PRESENT Celia R. Cangelosi
PRESENT Preston J. Castille, Jr. BY PROXY TO J. Clayton Johnson

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PRESENT Jack M. Dampf
PRESENT Kyle A. Ferachi
PRESENT Michael D. Ferachi BY PROXY TO Amanda S. Stout
PRESENT Frank A. Fertitta
PRESENT C. Kevin Hayes BY PROXY TO Bradley Joseph Tate
PRESENT C. Frank Holthaus
Stephen M. Irving
PRESENT Jay M. Jalenak, Jr. BY PROXY TO John F. Jakuback
Robert M. Marionneaux, Jr.
PRESENT Michael W. McKay
PRESENT Glen R. Petersen
PRESENT David Abboud Thomas
PRESENT Jack K. Whitehead, Jr.
PRESENT Kathy M. Wright

TWENTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (2 seats) Parishes of East Feliciana & West Feliciana

PRESENT Samuel Christopher D'Aquila
PRESENT Michael L. Hughes BY PROXY TO Stewart B. Hughes

TWENTY-FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT (9 seats) Parishes of Livingston, St. Helena & Tangipahoa

PRESENT Mary E. Heck Barrios
PRESENT Erik L. Burns
PRESENT Anthony Tood Caruso
PRESENT Douglas T. Curet
Steven J. Farber
Jay J. Harris
PRESENT D. Blayne Honeycutt
PRESENT Brian D. Lenard
PRESENT Carolyn F. Ott

TWENTY-SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT (12 seats) Parishes of St. Tammany & Washington

Elizabeth A. Alston
PRESENT Eric K. Buerger
PRESENT William Harvell Burris
PRESENT Olivier Provosty Carriere II
PRESENT Keith M. Couture
PRESENT Gino Ronald Forte
PRESENT Gordon Timothy Herrin
PRESENT Michael E. Holoway
PRESENT Robert C. Lehman
John W. Lindner II
J. Kevin McNary
Peggy G. Vallejo

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TWENTY-THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT (5 seats) Parishes of Ascension, Assumption & St. James

PRESENT Christopher J. Bridges
PRESENT Lana O. Chaney
PRESENT Michael J. Poirrier
PRESENT Timothy E. Pujol

TWENTY-FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (19 seats) Parish of Jefferson

PRESENT Raylyn Reine Beevers
PRESENT Conrad A. Buchler
Robert J. Caluda
PRESENT Thomas Christopher Cerullo BY PROXY TO Michael L. Cohen
Christy M. Howley Connois
PRESENT Sandra K. Cosby
PRESENT Mickey S. deLaup
PRESENT S. Guy deLaup
PRESENT Geralyn P. Garvey
Robert A. Kutcher
John J. Lee, Jr.
PRESENT Robert A. McMahon, Jr.
Scott W. McQuaig
PRESENT Bryan A. Pfleeger
PRESENT Roy A. Raspanti
PRESENT George B. Recile
PRESENT Thomas F. Schexnayder
PRESENT Mettery I. Sherry, Jr. BY PROXY TO Stephen I. Dwyer
PRESENT Tina Louise Suggs

TWENTY-FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (2 seats) Parish of Plaquemine

PRESENT Dominick Scandurro, Jr.
PRESENT Michele Magill Smith

TWENTY-SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (6 seats) Parishes of Bossier & Webster

PRESENT John Zachary Blanchard, Jr.
PRESENT Amanda J. Hulett
Patrick R. Jackson
Jason W. Poe
PRESENT Ross E. Shacklette
PRESENT David M. Touchstone

TWENTY-SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (4 seats) Parish of St. Landry

PRESENT Francis A. Olivier
PRESENT John L. Olivier
PRESENT Jacque B. Pucheu, Jr.
PRESENT Randy Wagley

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TWENTY-EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (1 seat) Parish of LaSalle

PRESENT Steven Paul Kendrick

TWENTY-NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (3 seats) Parish of St. Charles

PRESENT Steven F. Griffith, Sr.

PRESENT Gregory A. Miller

PRESENT Robert L. Raymond

THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (3 seats) Parish of Vernon

PRESENT Elizabeth Brummet Carr

David James Klann

PRESENT Lisa Kay Nelson

THIRTY-FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT (1 seat) Parish of Jefferson Davis

PRESENT Richard M. Arceneaux

THIRTY-SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT (5 seats) Parish of Terrebonne

PRESENT Charles C. Bourque, Jr.

PRESENT Kassie L. Hargis

PRESENT Patricia P. Reeves-Floyd

THIRTY-THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT (2 seats) Parish of Allen

PRESENT Mary Hebert Holmes

PRESENT Michael Bruce Holmes

THIRTY-FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (5 seats) Parish of St. Bernard

Alan G. Bouterie

PRESENT Roberta L. Burns

PRESENT Tracy Helen Duplantier

PRESENT Gregory J. Noto

PRESENT Paul A. Tabary III

THIRTY-FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (1 seat) Parish of Grant

Joseph P. Beck III

THIRTY-SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (2 seats) Parish of Beauregard

THIRTY-SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (1 seat) Parish of Caldwell

PRESENT James E. Mixon BY PROXY TO Brian E. Frazier

THIRTY-EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (1 seat) Parish of Cameron

THIRTY-NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (1 seat) Parish of Red River

PRESENT John Q. Davis

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FORTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (3 seats) Parish of St. John the Baptist

Daniel E. Becnel, Jr.
William D. O'Regan III
PRESENT Richard B. Stricks

PARISH OF ORLEANS (33 seats)

PRESENT Donald R. Abaunza
PRESENT Glenn B. Adams
PRESENT Brent B. Barriere
PRESENT Francis J. Barry, Jr.
PRESENT Ashley L. Belleau
PRESENT Jack C. Benjamin, Jr.
PRESENT Andrew A. Braun
PRESENT Patrick D. Breeden
PRESENT Joseph M. Bruno
PRESENT Thomas A. Casey, Jr.
Paul B. Deal
PRESENT Richard B. Eason II
PRESENT Val P. Exnicios
PRESENT William R. Forrester, Jr.
PRESENT Darryl J. Foster
PRESENT Judith A. Gainsburgh
PRESENT James C. Gulotta, Jr.
PRESENT Philip K. Jones, Jr.
PRESENT David W. Leefe
PRESENT Ryan M. McCabe
PRESENT André J. Mouledoux
PRESENT Brian P. Quirk
PRESENT Louis Gravois Schott
PRESENT Karen Baumgarten Sher
PRESENT Ronald J. Sholes
PRESENT John A. Stassi II
PRESENT Patrick A. Talley
PRESENT Irving J. Warshauer
PRESENT Edward Dirk Wegmann
PRESENT Walter I. Willard
PRESENT Phillip A. Wittmann
Sharonda R. Williams
PRESENT Jay C. Zainey, Jr.

LOUISIANA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Bar Association Board of Governors believes that maintaining adequate levels of compensation for judges is necessary in order to attract and maintain the best qualified persons to serve on the judiciary; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Governors further believes that judicial independence is an important element in maintaining balance between the branches of government; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Governors further believes there should be an independent mechanism for determining judicial compensation levels, and that such mechanism should be utilized to review compensation on an ongoing basis; and

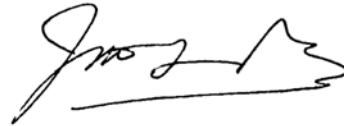
WHEREAS, Louisiana is fortunate to be one of the few states with a Judicial Compensation Commission, whose sole mission is to concentrate on salaries for state judges; and

WHEREAS, the Commission was created by the Louisiana Legislature and is comprised of 15 members who represent a number of entities (including one LSBA representative), all of whom are subject to Senate confirmation; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Governors urges the House of Delegates of the Louisiana State Bar Association to adopt this policy in support of adequate compensation for members of the state judiciary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this support be communicated to members of the Judicial Compensation Commission and the Louisiana Legislature as the need arises.

For the Board of Governors:



James J. Davidson III
President, 2011/2012

APPROVED BY HOUSE OF DELEGATES
JANUARY 21, 2012
NEW ORLEANS, LA

APPROVED BY BOARD OF GOVERNORS
JANUARY 21, 2012
NEW ORLEANS, LA

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VI, SECTION 1 AND SECTION 2 OF THE
BY-LAWS OF THE ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION SECTION

WHEREAS, the Alternative Dispute Resolution Section of the Louisiana State Bar Association held its Annual Meeting on October 21st of 2011 to amend Article VI, Sections 1 and 2 to read as follows:

“Section 1. Nominations - Annually, the Chairman shall appoint a Nominating Committee of three members of the Council. This Committee shall make and report one nomination for each office and council position which is to be filled by election in that year, identifying each nominee and including a brief statement of the activities undertaken by the nominee in the Section and in the legal profession. Upon receipt of the committee report, the Chairman of the Section shall have it published via email to Section members prior to the Annual Meeting. Added nominations may be made prior to the meeting by means of a petition signed by not less than ten members of the Section.

Section 2. Elections – If only one person be nominated for any office, and the nominations are closed, that person shall be declared elected to that office and there shall be no ballot confirming such. The Section members shall be notified of said election via email. If two or more persons are nominated for any office, the nominee receiving the plurality of votes cast pursuant to an email ballot shall be elected to that office. The ballot shall contain the names of all nominees and shall be accompanied by a brief biography of each nominee. The ballot shall include a deadline for returning the ballot by email to the Louisiana State Bar Association to the attention of the Section Coordinator, who will forward the results to the Secretary/Treasurer of the Section. The ballot shall further instruct the Section member to include an electronic signature on the email. Voting shall be under such scheduling as set by the Officers of the Section; provided that such scheduling shall allow completion of the election no less than thirty days prior to the commencement of the Annual Meeting of the Section.”

I, the undersigned chairman of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Section of the Louisiana Bar Association, confirm that a majority of the Section’s Council members, as well as a majority of the Section’s members who appeared at the Section’s Annual Meeting, voted in favor of this amendment to the by-laws.

Respectfully Submitted:

Paul W. Breaux
Chair, ADR Section

**APPROVED BY HOUSE OF DELEGATES
JANUARY 21, 2012
NEW ORLEANS, LA**

**APPROVED BY BOARD OF GOVERNORS
JANUARY 21, 2012
NEW ORLEANS, LA**

ARTICLE VI
ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COUNCIL

Section 1. Nominations - Annually, the Chairman shall appoint a ~~n~~Nominating eCommittee ~~made up~~ of three members of the Council. This committee shall ~~notify the Section members of those Council positions to be filled by election in that year. This notice shall invite Section members who have an interest in filling one of those positions to submit a biography and a statement as to why they wish to serve on the Council. Following the publication of this notice, and after allowing a reasonable period of time for Section members to submit a biography and statement,~~ the nominating committee shall meet ~~make~~ and report one nomination for each office and Ccouncil position which is to be filled by election in that year, identifying each nominee and including a biography for each nominee brief statement of the activities undertaken by the nominee in the Section and in the legal profession. ~~This~~ Upon receipt of the committee report, the Chairman of the Section shall be ~~have~~ it published via email to the Section members prior to the Annual Meeting. ~~This report shall also inform the members that nominations may be added to the ballot by~~ Added nominations may be made prior to the meeting by means of a single petition signed by not less than ten members of the Section.

Section 2. Elections - If only one person be nominated for any office, and the nominations are closed, that person shall be declared elected to that office and there shall be no ballot confirming such. The section members shall be notified of said election via email. If two or more persons are nominated for any office, the nominee receiving the plurality of votes cast pursuant to an email ballot shall be elected to that office. Following a reasonable period of time to allow Section members to review the published report and submit petitions, a ballot in such form as determined by the nominating committee shall be mailed to all Section members. The ballot shall contain the names of all nominees and shall be accompanied by a brief biography of each nominee. The ballot shall include a deadline for returning the ballot ~~to the Secretary/Treasurer either by mail or facsimile. The ballot shall further instruct the Section member to both print and sign his/her name on the ballot.~~ Election shall be by plurality of the votes cast, by email to the Louisiana State Bar Association to the attention of the Section Coordinator, who will forward the results to the Secretary/Treasurer of the Section. The ballot shall further instruct the Section member to include an electronic signature on the email. Voting shall be under such scheduling as set by the Officers of the Section; provided that such scheduling shall allow completion of the election no less than thirty days prior to the commencement of the Annual Meeting of the Section.

RESOLUTION
HOUSE OF DELEGATES
by
Francophone Section
Louisiana State Bar Association

In Commemoration of the Founding of the State of Louisiana (1812 - 2012)

WHEREAS the Francophone Section of the Louisiana State Bar Association was created at the Annual Meeting at Sandestin, Florida, in June of 1999;

WHEREAS the Francophone Section's mission is to promote any and all things Francophone in nature including the preservation of the French Culture, Language and Historical Events;

WHEREAS on April 30, 1812, the United States of America admitted Louisiana as the eighteenth State into the Union;

WHEREAS Louisiana was the first State to have a majority Catholic French and Spanish Speaking population reflecting its origins as a colony under France from 1669-1763 and from 1763- 1803;

WHEREAS American attorney Edward Livingston along with French-born Congressman Julien Poydras lobbied and convinced Territorial Governor William C. C. Claiborne that the New Orleans Territory qualified for Statehood and that finally in 1811, Democratic President James Madison signed the Bill allowing the people of Louisiana to form a Statehood;

WHEREAS forty-three American and Creole Leaders convened on April 14, 1812 at a Convention to consider the Statehood of Louisiana;

WHEREAS in 2012, we celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the founding of the State of Louisiana;

WHEREAS two hundred years later Louisiana remains one of the distinctive States in the Union with its rich heritage of the French Language, Creole and Cajun Cuisine, Louisiana Civil Code, Mardi Gras and its "Joie de Vivre";

WHEREAS the Francophone Section of the Louisiana State Bar Association wishes Louisiana a "Bon Anniversarie" of two hundred years;

WHEREAS the Francophone Section of the Louisiana State Bar Association will be having events in April 2012 in commemoration of the founding of Louisiana at its Annual Meeting in Lafayette, Louisiana on April 27, 2012 at the United States Federal Courthouse, 800 Lafayette Street, at 4:00 o'clock p.m. and will participate in the actual commemoration by the State of Louisiana on April 30, 2012;

WHEREAS the creation of documents of the founding of the State of Louisiana was done by the legislature and impacted by certain lawyers who drafted and created the final document;

WHEREAS the Louisiana State Bar Association and through its mission should be proud that its members prior to creation of the Louisiana State Bar Association in 1812 so helped create this legal document;

WHEREAS this historical event should be one of significant historical presence for Louisiana as well as for the Louisiana State Bar Association; and

WHEREAS the Francophone Section of the Louisiana State Bar Association hereby submits this resolution to commemorate this great event and the founding of Louisiana.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Francophone Section of the Louisiana State Bar Association wishes to proclaim this day before the House of Delegates of the Louisiana State Bar Association as an official birthday celebration of Louisiana which is to be celebrated on April 30, 2012.

FRANCOPHONE SECTION
LOUISIANA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

President
John A. Hernandez, III

*This resolution is made
In Loving Memory of Judge Allen M. Babineaux*

APPROVED BY HOUSE OF DELEGATES

*With caveat that article on Spanish history of Louisiana
be included in Special Bicentennial issue of Louisiana Bar Journal.*

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