

**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 20<sup>th</sup> through 42<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Districts.

*The following motion was made by George B. Recile of the 24<sup>th</sup> Judicial District:*

*“BE IT RESOLVED that Robert A. Kutcher of the 24<sup>th</sup> Judicial District be elected to the House of Delegates Liaison Committee as a member representing the 20<sup>th</sup>-42<sup>nd</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial District:*

*“BE IT RESOLVED that George B. Recile of the 24<sup>th</sup> 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 200<sup>th</sup> 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 200<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.