

LOUISIANA CLERKS OF COURT ASSOCIATION
63RD ANNUAL LOUISIANA CLERKS OF COURT CONVENTION
OPENING GENERAL SESSION
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2008
LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA

President Jim Martin welcomed everyone to the opening session of the 63rd Annual Louisiana Clerks of Court Convention. President Martin called on Monsignor Doug Courville to give the invocation. The Presentation of Colors was by the Lafayette City Marshall's office and Patsy Jones performed the National Anthem. First Vice President Michael Thibodeaux led the Pledge of Allegiance. President Jim Martin introduced the head table to the Convention members.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

"Convention Host" Louis Perret welcomed everyone to Lafayette. He introduced Lafayette Parish Sheriff Mike Neustrom and District Attorney Mike Harson who each welcomed the Clerks of Court and their staff to Acadiana.

WELCOMING REMARKS/INTRODUCTION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS:

President Jim Martin delivered opening remarks and introduced the elected officials.

ROLL CALL OF PARISHES:

President Jim Martin then called on Secretary Diane Meaux Broussard to call the roll. The following parishes reported present: Allen, Ascension, Assumption, Bienville, Caddo, Calcasieu, Caldwell, Cameron, East Carroll, Franklin, Grant, Iberia, Jackson, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, Lafourche, LaSalle, Lincoln, Livingston, Madison, Natchitoches, Ouachita, Plaquemines, Pointe Coupee, St. Charles, St. James, St. John, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Tammany, Vermilion, Webster, West Carroll, West Feliciana, 1st Circuit Court, 5th Circuit Court, and Orleans Recorder of Mortgages. Secretary Broussard confirmed to President Martin that there were 37 members present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The report of the nominating committee was given by Michael Thibodeaux, First Vice President. The recommendation from the committee was as follows:

ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Position	Clerk of Court
President	Hon. Michael Thibodeaux
1 st Vice President	Hon. Robby Barousse
2 nd Vice President	Hon. Louie Bernard
3 rd Vice President	Hon. Mark Graffeo
Secretary	Hon. Linda Cook
Treasurer	Hon. Bill Hodge

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Historian	Hon. Lynn Jones
Parliamentarian	Hon. Louis Perret
1 st District Member	Hon. Ed Kinler, Jr.
3 rd District Member	Hon. Diane Meaux Broussard
5 th District Member	Hon. Carol Jones
7 th District Member	Hon. ElRay Lemoine
9 th District Member	Hon. Christine Crow

RETIREMENT AND RELIEF FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Position	Clerk of Court
President	Hon. Michael Thibodeaux
1 st Vice President	Hon. Robby Barousse
2 nd Vice President	Hon. Louie Bernard
Treasurer	Hon. Bill Hodge
Clerk Member	Hon. Cliff Dressel
Retired Clerk Member	Hon. Ann Ardoin

INSURANCE TRUST BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Position	Clerk of Court
President	Hon. Michael Thibodeaux
2 nd Vice President	Hon. Louie Bernard
Treasurer	Hon. Bill Hodge
1 st District Member	Hon. Felicia Ann Hendl
3 rd District Member	Hon. Allen Blanchard
5 th District Member	Hon. Kay Bolding
7 th District Member	Hon. ElRay Lemoine
Retired Clerk Member	Hon. Orres LeBlanc

President Jim Martin called for further nominations from the floor. Diane Meaux Broussard made a motion to close the nominations and to elect the slate of officers and board members by acclamations. The motion was seconded by Hart Bourque. **Motion carried.**

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INTRODUCTION OF PAST PRESIDENTS:

Lynn Jones introduced the Past Presidents of the Association who were present and requested they stand and be recognized. They are as follows:

1978-1979	Honorable Hart Bourque
1989-1990	Honorable Debbie Hudnall
1992-1993	Honorable Eugene Dunn
1993-1994	Honorable Cliff Dressel
1994-1995	Honorable Bill Hodge
1995-1996	Honorable Ann B. Walsworth
1996-1997	Honorable Bud Bergeron
1997-1998	Honorable Doug Welborn
1998-1999	Honorable ElRay Lemoine
1999-2000	Honorable Louie Bernard
2001-2002	Honorable Charlie Jagneaux
2004-2005	Honorable Gerald Harrington
2005-2006	Honorable Gary Loftin
2006-2007	Honorable Cliff Dressel

RECOGNITION OF RETIRING CLERKS:

Louie Bernard, 3rd Vice President, recognized all of the retiring clerks of court. They are as follows:

Clerk	Parish
Ronny Nichols	Beauregard
Joan Carraway	Bossier
Edna Bishop Brock	East Carroll
Debbie D. Hudnall	East Feliciana
Carlton Duhon	Jefferson Davis
Steve H. Crooks	LaSalle
C. Calvin Adams, Jr.	Madison
Dollie Knippers	Sabine

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RECOGNITION OF NEW CLERKS:

Mr. Bernard then recognized the new Clerks of Court who are as follows:

Clerk	Parish
Brian Lestage	Beauregard
Cindy Johnston	Bossier
Beatrice A. Carter	East Carroll
David Dart	East Feliciana
Richard Arceneaux	Jefferson Davis
Steve Andrews	LaSalle
Marion Hopkins	Madison
Tammy Foster	Sabine
Dodi Eubanks	Union
Carol A. Carter	Orleans Recorder of Mortgages

RECOGNITION OF RETIRED CLERKS:

Ann Ardoin, Retired Lafayette Parish Clerk of Court, recognized all retired Clerks in attendance. The following clerks were named:

Clerk	Parish
Andy Barousse	Acadia
Bud Bergeron	Assumption
Debbie Hudnall	East Feliciana
Orres Leblanc	Iberia
Kenneth Deblanc	3 rd Circuit Court of Appeal
Ann Ardoin	Lafayette

Also recognized was Mrs. Laura Gaspard, wife of the late Russell Gaspard, Clerk of Vermilion Parish. Mrs. Ardoin requested a moment of silence for all deceased clerks.

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER:

Convention Host Louis Perret introduced guest speaker Tom Shedler, Assistant Secretary of State, who addressed the general assembly on behalf of Secretary of State Jay Dardene.

There being no further business to come before the membership, President Jim Martin declared the meeting adjourned.

DIANE MEAUX BROUSSARD
Secretary

JIM MARTIN
President