

APPROVED MINUTES

LOUISIANA CLERKS OF COURT ASSOCIATION 66TH ANNUAL LOUISIANA CLERKS OF COURT CONVENTION SECOND GENERAL SESSION THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2011 AT 10:00 AM

The Second General Session of the 66th Annual Louisiana Clerks of Court Convention was called to order by President Louie Bernard. He thanked Clyde Webber again for hosting the conference. He also introduced Dagmar Hebert, Administrative Assistant of the Louisiana Clerks of Court Association, and thanked her for her help to him and the Association for the past year. Louie said Dagmar's sunny disposition and attitude made working with her a joy and that the Association is very fortunate to have her as one of our team.

Education Committee

President Bernard reported on behalf of Education Chairman, Bill Hodge, that the Clerks' Institute will be held August 9th through 12 at Embassy Suites and that the Education Committee will be meeting on May 17th to plan the session.

Elections Committee

Mark Graffeo, Chairman, reported that the State Board of Supervisors of Election had met on January 19, 2011 and had agreed to re-introduce the Election Omnibus bill that had been introduced in 2010 and had not passed. He said that it had consisted of 16 amendments that dealt mainly with the Registrar of Voters. Six of the amendments affect the Clerks:

- 18:427 - Amend so it would provide that watchers would be for Election Day only
- 18: 431 - Provides that only one General Course for Commissioners is mandated annually
- 18:463 – Provides that Notice of Candidacy would have No Party and Other
- 18:1309 –Provides that Early Voting machines shall be sealed in the presence of Board of Supervisors of Elections
- 18:1352 – Provides that paper ballots may be used in case of emergencies
- 18:1413 – Provides that the maximum number of absentee commissioners shall be 6 unless additional commissioners are requested

Scholarship Committee

President Bernard reported on behalf of Scholarship Committee Chairman, Michael Thibodeaux, that there had been no applicants for the year.

Risk Management

Mark Graffeo, Chairman, reported that the "Hotline" with the Frilot Law Firm in New Orleans had been a big success and a huge help to the Clerks on employment issues. He further reported that even though a premium increase had been recommended for the upcoming year, the Board had deferred the increase because of the adequate fund balance. He reported that the auditors had reported that the Fund had received a clean audit and as of December 31, 2010, had total assets of approximately two million dollars. He reported that the fund remains solid, but claims continue to increase.

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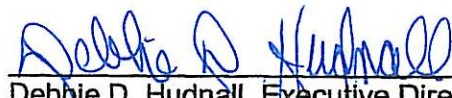
The Golden Years

Debbie Hudnall presented a very thorough and comprehensive seminar on Retirement entitled, "The Golden Years."

Adjournment

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Debbie D. Hudnall, Executive Director

APPROVED:

President Louie Bernard