



CONFERENCE COMMENTS

JUNE 1993

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE OF SOCIAL WELFARE - *Your Professional Organization*

1992 STATE CONFERENCE - BOSSIER CITY

If you were not able to attend State Conference in Bossier City you really missed out. What a conference!! The Shreveport/Natchitoches Region did an excellent job. The theme was "Social Issues in Transition." There was a wide variety of workshops that were of interest to all who attended. Richard Stalder, Secretary of Probation and Parole was the keynote speaker on the first day of the conference and Bruce Hamilton ended the conference on a motivational note. We were very privileged to have representatives from DSS and DHH speak to us on what is going on in the Departments.

On a lighter note - The first night was quite an experience. We were entertained by various talents that I'm sure many of you didn't know existed in the organization, among of which were "Polly Darton, Pelvis Elvis, Squirrley Ray Stevens, Will B. Clinton and his Sax and Howard's Hippendales...What a delight and pleasure it was... We have been promised a repeat performance of the Hippendales. If you weren't able to see them in Bossier, maybe you'll get a chance to see them in New Orleans.

The second night was also a delight. Paul Hammett, Hypnotist was fantastic and there was plenty of audience participation. The "Convertibles" played 50's and 60's music and all who attended really enjoyed the dance.

THANK YOU SUE

Sue Gewin has served on the LCSW Board in many capacities. She served as President of LCSW for four years. LCSW is very important to Sue. She has led LCSW from a declined membership to a membership in 1993 close to 1000. She stands by all issues (social and employee related) that LCSW believes in. She was recently awarded the Charles E. Dunbar award, one of the highest ranking awards for state employees. She won't be out of the picture. She will continue to serve on the LCSW Board. Thank you Sue for a job well done.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!

Last year there were not any candidates for the LCSW Distinguished Service Award or the George Freeman Award. These are awards that are presented to members of LCSW at State Conference. The LCSW Distinguished Service Award is presented to an individual who has demonstrated committed, continuous and exceptional service to LCSW. The George Freeman Award is awarded to an individual who, above the requirements of employment, demonstrates a committed and continuous service to the broad field of social welfare by playing an active role in defining and mitigating various social problems and needs. Begin observing your co-workers. In the growing membership of LCSW there are many employees who could be likely candidates for both of these awards. Let's have some nominees for 1994. Nominees will be submitted to Priscilla McDonald a month or two before State Conference.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Region I/III	Shreveport/Natchitoches	89
Region II	Monroe	96
Region IV	Alexandria	45
Region V	Lake Charles	178
Region VI	Lafayette	144
Region VII/IX	Baton Rouge/Thibodaux	142
Region VIII	Amite	20
Region X	New Orleans	32
	Total (3/2/93)	746

LEGISLATION IMPORTANT TO YOU

RETIREMENT LEGISLATION

House Bill 750 which would have created a 20 year retirement at any age with an actuarial reduced benefit died in the House. Much of the opposition was based on a belief that the state can ill afford to lose workers who are in the prime of their career.

House Bill 691 would create an early retirement incentive program. As it goes to the House floor it would permit members to retire with regular benefits with 10 years service at age 50 or 25 years service at any age. This bill may face difficulties on the floor as there is a significant actuarial cost.

Senate Bill 651 would allow 3 years participation in DROP. It does not change the additional 1 year requirement after reaching retirement eligibility and it does not allow for payment of interest during the 3 year DROP participation period. It would permit those currently in DROP to participate for up to 3 years. It has completely passed the Senate and House Retirement committee and it is ready to be presented on the House floor.

House Bill 1105 pertaining to DROP has been amended to apply only to other retirement systems and will not apply to LASERS.

GROUP BENEFITS

Senate Bill 493 would destroy the Program's preferred provider network by requiring that all PPO contracts be bid and that approval of the oversight committee be mandatory. It passed the Senate and now goes to the House.

Senate Bill 1022 would effectively destroy the program by allowing each agency to procure their own insurance coverage. It passed the Senate and is at the House Appropriations Committee.

Senate Bill 1055 would require the Commissioner of Insurance to audit the program each year. This bill has been sent back to the calendar.

There are several bills to transfer the administration of the program to the DOA and to the Commissioner of Insurance but none of them have been heard yet and now there may not be enough time for them to be heard.

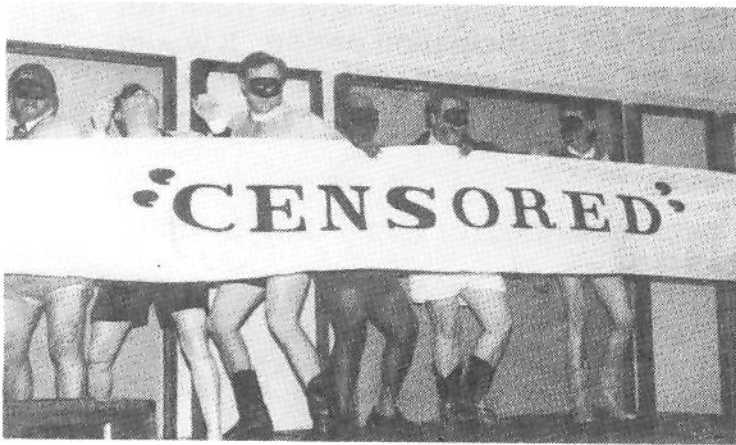
For more information regarding Retirement and Group Benefits Legislation you may contact Barbara McManus at 318 - 491-2173 or LINC 361-2173.



1993 State Conference - Bossier



"What's Going On In the Departments"



Hippendales



Bruce Hamilton



Glenda Neal & Registration Assistants



Sue Gewin, Kermit Menard & Alice Rigbsy

1994 STATE CONFERENCE

The New Orleans Region has graciously agreed to host the 1994 State Conference. The tentative dates of the conference are February 23-25, 1994. The Fairmont Hotel has been booked for the event. Mark your calendars now to attend!!

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS

Officers were elected in February and the new officers are as follows:

President	Kermit Menard
1st Vice-President	Jackie Droddy
2nd Vice-President	Priscilla McDonald

Region I/III - Shreveport	
Chairperson	Cheryl Marsiglia
1st Vice-Chairperson	Nancy Penwell
2nd Vice-Chairperson	Glenda Neal

Region V - Lake Charles	
Chairperson	Velma LeBlanc
1st Vice-Chairperson	Peggy Reddoch
2nd Vice-Chairperson	Linda LeJeune

Region VII/IX - Baton Rouge	
Chairperson	Richard McKnight
1st Vice-Chairperson	Pam Brown
2nd Vice-Chairperson	Greg Alford

Congratulations to all!

USE IT OR LOSE IT

The more you do, the more you can do. The more you can do. The stronger and faster you get at what you do. The stronger and faster you get, the more you want to do. Until you have reached your greatest heights. That's the winning side.

The less you do. The less you can do. The less you do, the weaker and slower you get. The weaker and slower you get, the less you want to do. Until all is useless and deteriorates into nothing. That's the losing side.

If you have news to report or pictures you would like to share, please contact Tara Nelson at 504-342-2238 (LINC 421-2238), or you can send the information directly to Tara at 150 Ponderosa Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70819.



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ADD A NEW MEMBER TO LCSW

Please enroll me as a member of the Louisiana Conference
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(Membership Application)

- \$12.00 Individual Membership
- \$6.00 Retirees and Students

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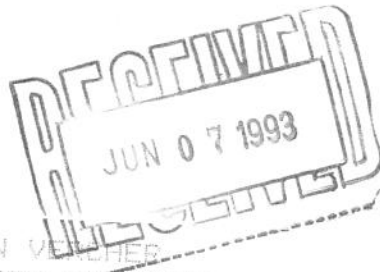
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