



# Perspectives

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## ***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*** ***By: Walter G. Pichon III***

**W**s ell, as a number of the membership knows, I did make it to the National Environmental Health Association Conference in Anchorage, Alaska May 9 though May 12, 2004. Along with the election of Jim Balsamo who was elected President of NEHA, the conference was very informative and this year a little more intense. By this, I mean that during the business, presidential, the association of sanitarians, and the regional meetings subject matter was brought up by leadership pertaining to the plight of the state affiliates, NEHA an the association of sanitarians. Those issues were State budgets, the training of new environmentalists by post retirees, and the agencies and retired environmentalists participating with universities and colleges along with the curriculum of graduates.

The certification test was another big issue. NEHA is in the process of redoing the national examination. There were many avenues suggested by different States to make the public more familiar with their prospective agencies. A number of them coincided with what LEHA does already, such as, the science fair, the clean up day, and the face to face exposure to our political leaders.

The LEHA's State Proclamation by the Governor, and the Senate Resolution was delivered and well received by NEHA.

The trip was worth going for information, the scenic view, food, and our own Jim Balsamo being elected President of NEHA. See you in St. Francisville. I wish the best to all of the membership and their families.

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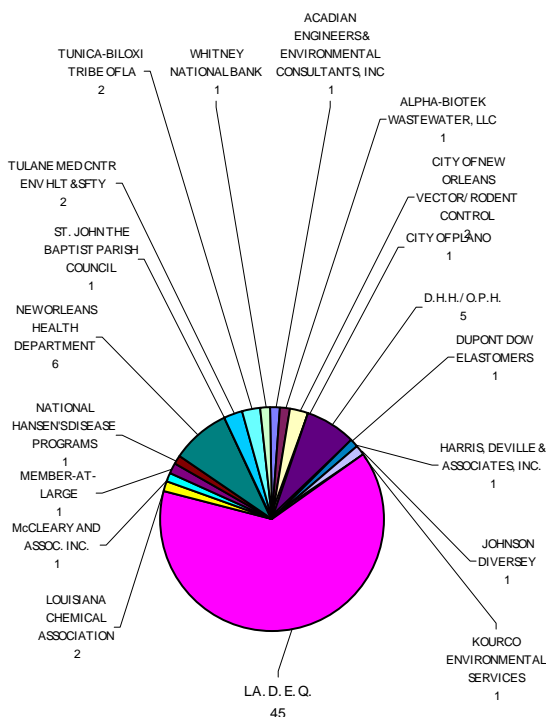
By James D. Miller



The following are totals of funds available as of July 22, 2004:

LEHA Checking Balance	<b>\$5,851</b>
Frank L. Dautriel Scholarship Fund	<b>\$32,487</b>

### LEHA 2004 Conference Attendance



## NOMINATE! NOMINATE! NOMINATE! LEHA NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS DUE SOON

And you thought this was just a NATIONAL election year??? IT'S A LEHA ELECTION YEAR!!! LEHA needs your input, interest, and opinions to continue with the quality programs that have distinguished our organization in the past.

Some deserving undergraduate and graduate students in environmental health fields will receive \$1000 scholarships. Please encourage your young friends to apply. The forms and deadlines are posted on the website.

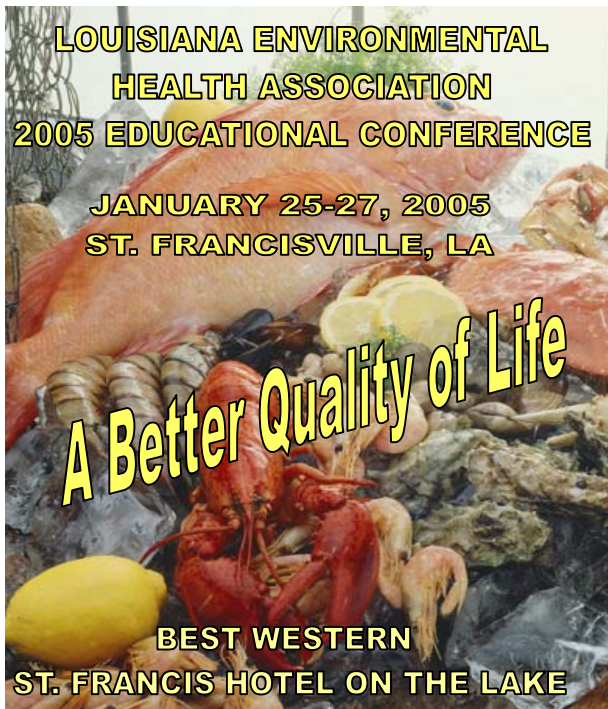
Nominate your fellow environmental professionals for a LEHA Award: Outstanding Environmental Professional and Outstanding Registered Sanitarian. Let your colleagues know how much you respect and admire them and their contribution to improving environmental health in Louisiana. Again, the forms and deadlines are posted on the website.

The scholarships and awards will be presented at the awards banquet during the 2005 Conference in St. Francisville.

Finally, we need good people interested in supporting and improving the organization to serve on the Board of Directors and as Officers. Please send your name to me at [marian.aguillard@la.gov](mailto:marian.aguillard@la.gov), if you are interested in running for a position. We need dedicated people to continue LEHA's great tradition of service to the profession.

*Marian Aguillard  
Past-President*





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This year's theme is "A Better Quality of Life" and we will again be meeting in St. Francisville at the Best Western St. Francis Hotel on the Lake, January 25-27, 2005. The Best Western Hotel in St. Francisville is giving us a special rate of \$62 per night. Mark your calendar; this is one conference you can't afford to miss. The registration form and hotel information are posted on our website, [www.leha.net](http://www.leha.net). THE EARLY BIRD DEADLINE IS JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>!!!

We are busy filling in the agenda and have some exceptional treats for you this year. Staff from LDEQ will be presenting "THE MERCURY HOUR" addressing mercury issues in the air and the water. Also from LDEQ, we will have a presentation on the Early Warning Organic Compound Detection System (EWOCDS) that protects the drinking water intakes on the Mississippi River and Bayou LaFourche. Dr. Valerie Myers from the Pen-nington Biomedical Research Center will be talking to us about Stress In The Workplace. Magnolia Café will be catering for us once again!!!

Everyone is invited to attend and sponsorship support is extremely welcome. The conference flyer, the list of our 2004 Sponsors, and a sponsorship support form are posted on the website. **Mark your calendar and plan to be with us in St. Francisville.**

Hope to see you there!!!!!!!  
**Steve Aguillard**  
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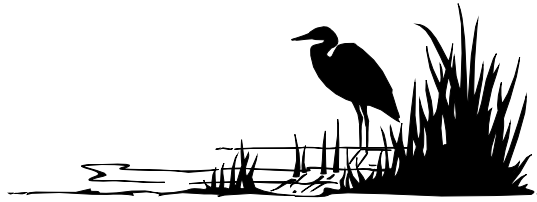
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