

# Perspectives

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

ell, fellow environmental professionals, this year has come and will be gone very soon. This year, I feel, has been very productive. By this I mean LEHA has made itself known to our new State Administration through written resolutions presented and signed by our Representatives and Senators which were presented to NEHA at the National Conference held in Alaska. Also, James Balsamo, one of our board members will be the President of NEHA. We will soon be attending our LEHA Annual Conference in St. Francisville in January 2005. We are hoping a great number of our fellow environmental professionals will be attending. I would like to thank the membership and the committees for all the assistance given to carry out all the endeavors LEHA needed to complete this year to make our organization a success. I hope that this year was a great one for everyone. As we know, the Christmas season is upon us and there is a lot of shopping and running around to make our families happy. I do want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. "See you at the conference!"

Walter G. Pichon III President wpichon@dhh.la.gov (225)763-5484 December, 2004 est. 1947

# PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO LEHA CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

The Board of Directors recently approved the following proposed amendments to the LEHA Bylaws as submitted by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. Proposed amendments become part of the Constitution and Bylaws when there has been at least 30 days prior notification of the membership and when it has received approval by two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members at the Annual Business Meeting.

The proposed amendment to Article XII of the Constitution involves the number of votes required to approve an amendment; this change is designed to correspond to procedures in Robert's Rules of Order. The proposed amendment to Bylaws, Article III, includes switching Sections 1 and 2 so that the President is listed first. Other changes to these sections reflect current practices with regard to representation on the NEHA Council of Delegates. The proposed revisions to Bylaws Article V, Section 1, would allow more time for the Constitution and Bylaws committee to submit proposed amendments to the Secretary. The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR the proposed amendments.

# CONSTITUTION ARTICLE XII Section 4.

Any proposed amendment shall become part of the By-laws when there has been at least 30 days prior notification of the membership and when it has received the approval of a simple majority-two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting-members present at the annual business meeting. The members of the Association will be promptly notified of the adoption thereof.

# BYLAWS ARTICLE III

#### OFFICERS AND DUTIES

#### Section 1.2

The President-Elect shall, in the event of a vacancy in the Office of the President, assume the duties of the Office of the President of LEHA. Also, the President-Elect shall automatically accede to the Office of the President of the Louisiana Environmental Health Association the year immediately following service as President-Elect of LEHA.

The President-Elect or designee elected during even numbered years shall also serve as the LEHA Representative to the National Environmental Health Association Council of Delegates. This responsibility shall remain effective for a 2 year period. The President-elect shall be either Active or Life member of the National Environmental Health Association.

#### Section 2.1

The President shall be chairperson the Board of Directors, preside at all meetings of the Association, and subject to approval by the Board of Directors, shall appoint all committees and the chairperson thereof.

The President or designee shall serve as the LEHA representative to the National Environmental Health Association Council of Delegates.—The President and President Elect shall be either Active, or Life members of the National Environmental Health Association.

# BYLAWS ARTICLE V

#### **AMENDMENTS**

#### Section 1.

The Constitution and By-laws Committee shall mail a copy of the proposed amendments to the Constitution and/or By-laws to the Secretary at least <u>thirty (30) forty-five (45)</u> days prior to the annual business meeting. <u>The Secretary is responsible for submitting proposed amendments to the membership at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual business meeting.</u>

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# **MONEY MATTERS FROM THE** TREASURER -

By James D. Miller

The following are totals of funds available as of December 06, 2004:

LEHA Checking Bal \$9.686 Frank L. Dautriel Scholarship Fund \$33,506

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