



# Perspectives

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## ***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***

***By: Robert Freeman***

**I** am very pleased to serve as the 58<sup>th</sup> President of the Louisiana Environmental Health Association, for the coming year. I am anxious in working with the Board of Directors, and looking forward in working with each one of you to take part in the improvements of LEHA's service to its members.

This year's conference was held in St. Francisville on January 25 – 27, 2005 and was a huge success, having a great turnout. My congratulations go out to Marian and Steve Aguiard and the conference committee for an excellent conference.

The Board of Directors are working hard to continue to keep LEHA in the forefront on important and timely environmental health issues. Such as: ground water contamination, air pollution, water quality issues, security of industries, bioterrorism, food safety, infectious diseases, emerging pathogens, sanitary issues, and new challenges that seem to come up every year.

Planning is underway for LEHA's 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Educational Conference to be held in St. Francisville on January 24 – 26, 2006, so please make plans to attend. For more information on LEHA and the conference go to [www.leha.net](http://www.leha.net). Our new Vice-President, James Miller, will be ram-rodging the conference efforts this year. So please let James know of any speakers you would like to have, comments or suggestions, regarding the upcoming conference in St. Francisville.

The National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) conference is scheduled for June 26 – 29, 2005, in Providence, Rhode Island. The conference has an outstanding agenda of interesting topics which can be viewed on their web site. ([www.neha.org](http://www.neha.org)) The basis of NEHA is the belief that the professional who is educated and motivated is the professional who will make the greatest contribution to the health and the environment which we all need.

Please feel free to contact me with your suggestions and ideas to make LEHA serve you better.

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**MONEY MATTERS  
FROM THE  
TREASURER –**  
By Christopher A. Mayeaux

The following are totals of funds available as of March 28, 2005:

LEHA Checking Balance	<b>\$8,931.70</b>
Frank L. Dautriel Scholarship Fund	<b>\$33,996.32</b>

The LEHA values your membership. Please visit the LEHA website at <http://www.leha.net/> to join or to renew your membership. Please consider attending the LEHA Annual Conference, as you will receive complimentary membership as part of your conference registration. If you haven't received a membership renewal notice, please contact Christopher A. Mayeaux through the LEHA website.



**LEHA CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

Amendments to the LEHA Constitution and Bylaws were approved by the general membership at the recent Annual Business Meeting. The amendments were basically administrative in nature:

Amendment to Article XII of the Constitution involved the number of votes required to approve an amendment; this change was designed to correspond to procedures in Robert's Rules of Order. The amendment to Article III of the Bylaws included switching Sections 1 and 2 so that the President was listed first. Other changes to these sections reflect current practices with regard to representation on the NEHA Council of Delegates. Revisions to Article V, Section 1 of the Bylaws will allow more time for the Constitution and Bylaws committee to submit proposed amendments to the Secretary.

The LEHA Constitution and Bylaws are posted on the LEHA website.



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***What a Success!!!***

The 2005 LEHA Conference held in St. Francisville was a success. The town of St. Francisville provided a pleasant venue and as always the people there are easy to work with and make us feel at home. I believe that the agenda provided topics that were varied and timely. The comments I received about the topics and the conference in general were positive.

The workshop on the first day was well received and well attended. Fifty-seven people attended the workshop and about 30 people remained and went on the field trip to the Big Cajun power plant and control center. I was really impressed by the Big Cajun facilities. Thanks to the people of Big Cajun for the wonderful tour.

The conference was attended by a little over 100 people. We were fortunate to hear from really good speakers who presented interesting and useful information.

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We are once again planning for our annual educational conference. This year's theme is "La Louisiane: Environmental Restoration in Progress" and we will again be meeting in St. Francisville at the Best Western St. Francis Hotel on the Lake, January 24-26, 2006.

The Best Western Hotel in St. Francisville is giving us a special rate of \$62 per night. Mark your calendar. You will not be disappointed as this conference will host cutting-edge presentations and education on Louisiana's environmental and health issues.

The planning committee has developed a tentative agenda that includes a workshop and field trip, national and Louisiana speakers, and a variety of technical sessions on current environmental health issues as restoration projects from all parts of the state.. Other topics are being pursued as well.

Everyone is invited to attend and sponsorship support is extremely welcome. The conference flyer, the list of our 2005 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!!!!!!!

**James D. Miller**  
Vice President, LEHA

We were also honored by the presence of members of our Louisiana Senate and House of Representatives who brought a current legislative perspective of environmental health issues.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to all of you who worked so hard to make the conference a success. It made being conference coordinator a pleasure. I also thank those who contributed their generous support to the success of the conference as sponsors. It would have been impossible to provide a conference of such quality without your support. The sponsors of the 2005 conference were, the Department of Environmental Quality, the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana, Cleco, Entergy, KourCo Environmental Services, Inc., Georgia-Pacific Corporation, Louisiana Chemical Association and Placid Refining Company.

Planning for the 2006 conference has already commenced. It will be held again in St. Francisville on January 24-26, 2006. James Miller is the conference coordinator. I would request LEHA members provide him with the same support that was afforded to me this past year.

Thanks again,  
Steve Aguiard

# Congratulations!

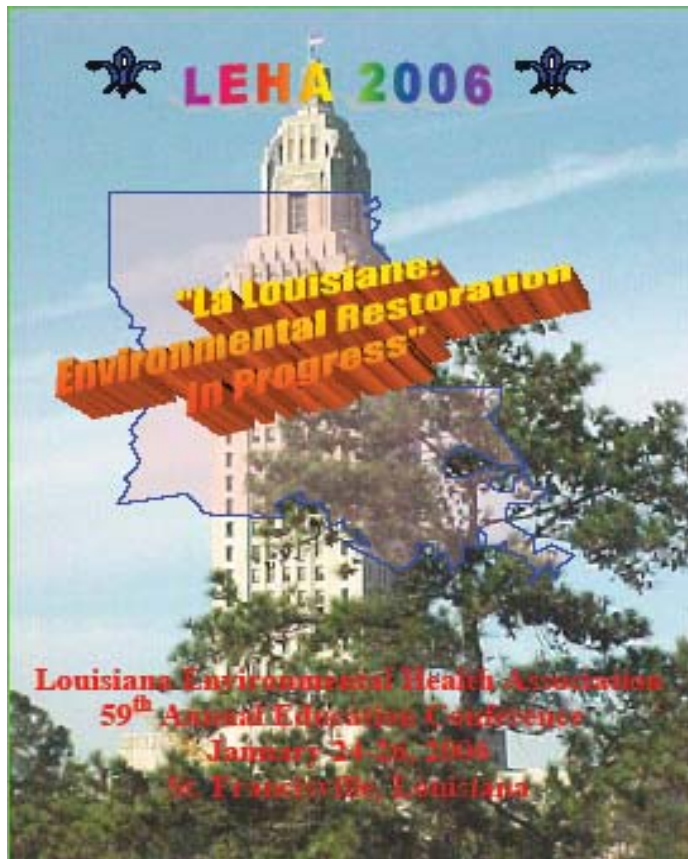
## 2005 Frank L. Dautriel Scholarship Recipients by Claudia Richard, Awards Chair

This year, at the 2005 LEHA conference in St. Francisville, two outstanding students were awarded \$1,000 each from our Frank L. Dautriel Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Chelsea Lee Core was the recipient of the Undergraduate Scholarship. Chelsea is a senior at the University of New Orleans, finishing this May with a dual major in Environmental Science and Policy, and in Geology



The Graduate recipient was Aaron W. Snatic, who received a B.S. in Environmental Science from McNeese State University, and is currently working on his Master of Science degree in Environmental Science. Aaron hopes to pursue a doctorate degree in aquatic toxicology and/or biology.



**59<sup>th</sup> Annual LEHA Conference Registration Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 City: \_\_\_\_\_  
 State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**WORKSHOP:**

A Workshop on (TBA) issues will be held from 8:00 AM until 11:30 AM on January 24<sup>th</sup>. A box lunch is included with workshop registration only. Workshop registration is separate from the conference registration.

The field trip will depart the Hotel at 1:00 PM on January 24<sup>th</sup>. There is no charge for the field trip.

**Will you attend the field trip?      Yes      No**  
 (Please circle correct response)

**CONFERENCE:**

The conference will begin on January 25<sup>th</sup> and conclude on January 26<sup>th</sup>. Conference Registration Fee includes a one year membership in LEHA for the year 2006.

**FEES:**

**EARLY BIRD: Paid registration received on or before December 20, 2005.**

Conference Registration:                      \$ 90 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Workshop (incl. box lunch):                      \$ 40 \_\_\_\_\_

**REGULAR: Paid registration received after December 20, 2005 and before Jan. 23, 2006.**

Conference Registration:                      \$120 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Workshop (incl. box lunch):                      \$ 50 \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED:                      \_\_\_\_\_**

**Substitutions Allowed. No Refunds After Jan 14, 2006. Payment Must Accompany Registration Form. Workshop is not included in Conference Registration fee.**

**Space is limited to 56 for the Workshop and 110 for the Conference.** Walk-in registrations will be accepted **only** if space permits. Due to the cost of food, last minute arrangements, etc., walk-in registration will be \$60 for the workshop and \$130 for the conference.

**PLEASE REMIT TO:**

**Louisiana Environmental Health Association, Inc.  
 P. O. Box 2661  
 Baton Rouge LA 70821-2661**

Conference information is posted on our web site [www.LEHA.net](http://www.LEHA.net).

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March, 2006

Please type or print all information on this form to insure accuracy!

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My organization would like to support the LEHA 2006 Educational Conference as a:

BENEFACTOR (\$1000 or more) in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_

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All sponsorships are tax deductible. LEHA Tax ID # 72-0863720.

Please return a copy of this form and your donation made payable to LEHA to the following address:

Louisiana Environmental Health Association

Attention: Mr. Chris Mayeux

Post Office Box 2661

Baton Rouge, LA 70821-2661

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



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