LETA FULL BOARD MEETING

♦December 3, 2015♦ 12:00 Noon ♦

LPB Board Room♦ 7733 Perkins Road ♦Baton Rouge, LA

**Members Present:** Vice Chair Gwen Carter, William Weldon, Wayne Berry, Barbara DeCuir, Kathy Kliebert, Julie Cherry, Lee Meredith, Melissa Kyle, and Fr. Carter

**Members Absent:** Chris Goudeau, Deano Thornton, Melissa Kyle, Donna Ewing, Glenn Kinsey, Barry Landry, Gwen Guillotte, Scott Richard, and David Bondy

**Employees Present:**  Beth Courtney, Clay Fourrier, Joanne Gaudet, Jeanne Smith, and Carol Manship

**Call to Order:** Gwen Carter, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM.

**Approval of Minutes:** Gwen Carter called for motion to accept the October 8, 2015 meeting minutes. Kathy Kliebert motioned and Barbara DeCuir seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer Report:** Dr. William Weldon presented the current LETA Financial Report. See attached report. Dr. Weldon made a motion to accept the financial report and Barbara DeCuir seconded. Motion carried.

**Nominating Report:** Dr. Weldon presented the recommendations of the Nominating Committee which were included in the minutes of the LETA Executive and Finance Committees meeting of November 12, 2015 (see attached). The proposed slate of officers for 2016 was as follows:

Chairman – Gwendolyn “Gigi” Carter

Vice Chair – Kathy Kliebert

Secretary – David Bondy

Treasurer – Dr. William Weldon

Past Chair – Christian Goudeau

Dr. Weldon reported that David Bondy had told Beth Courtney that he did not wish to serve as an officer. Beth spoke to Scott Richard who said he would serve as secretary if nominated. Barbara DeCuir made a motion to substitute Scott Richard as Secretary in place of David Bondy and Julie Cherry seconded. Motion carried. Dr. Weldon presented the slate of officers. Julie Cherry moved to close the nominations and Barbara DeCuir seconded. Motion carried. The new officers were elected.

Beth Courtney noted that the LETA Board has always had an honorary member in the person of Wayne Berry who has served in that capacity as long as the board has been in existence. However, he must be reappointed by the Board. Barbara DeCuir made a motion that Wayne Berry remain the Honorary Member of the LETA Board and Kathy Kliebert seconded. Motion carried.

**President’s Report:**  Beth Courtney began by stating the 40th year of LPB’s anniversary was coming to a close. We had excellent coverage of the gubernatorial election with our debates and got good responses from the public about our coverage. We are currently in our Winter Pledge Drive and are hoping for a good response from our viewers. Beth reminded the board members about the LPB Family Fun Fest on Saturday, Dec. 5, 2015 and encouraged them to participate. She closed by saying she looks forward to a great 2016.

Dr. Katara Williams came in to the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

**Underwriting:** See attached report

Carolyn Hill came in to the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

**Production Report:** Clay Fourrier spoke about the upcoming production of “Louisiana Travels” which will include segments about C. C. Lockwood, Global Wildlife Center, and Eddie Robinson. Clay talked about the award LPB received from CABL at their annual meeting. He also spoke about the event at the Manship School of Journalism that LPB participated in and filmed that was a recap of the 2015 Louisiana elections.

**Chairman’s Remarks:** As newly elected chair, Gwen Carter remarked that in these difficult times for the state and the world, it was important for all of us to put differences aside and come together and work for what was best for all, and most especially, LPB.

**Adjournment:** William Weldon motioned to adjourn the meeting and Barbara DeCuir seconded. The motion carried.

With no further business meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Submitted by: Carol Manship