

## Minutes

The first organizational meeting of the new board of CODOFIL took place at the Centre International in Lafayette Saturday, January 15, 2011.

### Present:

Dr. William Arceneaux nominated by the French American Chamber of Commerce  
Dana Kress – Consortium Universitaire  
Barry Ancelet-Acadie Louisiane  
Tom Klingler-Tulane  
David Marcantel-Fondation Louisiane  
Brooke Smith – Maire de Nouvelle-Orléans  
Jacqueline Labat-LA chapitre de AATF  
Michelle Haj-Broussard-LCIS-Immersion schools  
Terri Hammett-LCIS  
Jean Hernandez –avocat  
Warren Perrin-Président de CODOFIL  
Jamie Billiot-Houma Indians  
Ulysses Joubert-Parliament  
Christian Goudeau-LPB

### Absent :

Robert Lafayette-LA chapter of AATF  
Ashley Michot – Governor  
Zachary Richard-Acadie Louisiane  
Amanda Lafleur-LCIS

There are 3 positions still to be filled.

Warren Perrin amended an earlier motion concerning the chair and then moved and that Dr. Bill Arceneaux would be the temporary chair of CODOFIL until the next meeting. At that time the permanent chair will be selected. Michelle Taj-Broussard seconded the motion. It was decided that Dr. Arceneaux would set the agenda for the next meeting of the council. The meeting would take place **January 27, 2011 at LBP headquarters 7733 Perkins Road in Baton Rouge at 2:00 P.M.** The chair will see to it that a public notice is given for the meeting to take place.

After the business meeting, the new council will meet with Olivier Brochenin (Consul-General de France a la Nouvelle-Orleans). The next round of accords with the French and Belgian governments is about to be signed and the board should be aware of this.

There was a discussion as to possible standing committees

- a. Rules and bi-laws. Bill asked that David Marcantel and Jean Hernandez will sit on this committee. They accepted.
- b. Schools and immersion.
- c. Government committee

d. Budget committee

There will be a meeting at least once a year for the entire CODOFIL board.

The chair sits on the executive committee. Six more members will be elected for the executive committee.

Members were reminded to bring in additional talent on committees.

This should be part of the by-laws.

Procedure for electing the executive committee:

Nominations should be sent to David Cheramie and CC'd to the chair by January 24<sup>th</sup> at 5PM for the executive committee. A rationale that states qualifications should accompany any nomination.

David will send out the applications/nominations on the 25<sup>th</sup> to the nouveau conseil.

Reminders:

Everyone on the new board needs to be sworn in. For those members who were absent this can be done by a judge, notary or a clerk of court.

Proxies are **not** allowed for state board and commissions by law.

A quorum of 12 in attendance for all meetings is needed.

The list of offices will be delineated in the bi-laws.

The following officers/ committees were suggested:

- Chair
- Vice-chair
- Secretary
- Legal Counsel
- Budget Committee
- Legislative Committee /Government Relations-for BESE and Tourism
- Schools & Immersion Committee

There was some discussion re. the role our executive committee and what work will be expected of the executive committee.

The Council has to meet once a year by law.

There may be additional meetings...quarterly meetings of the council, bimonthly meetings of the executive committee. The frequency of the meetings will be decided by the executive committee and the chairs of the various sub-committees.

Zachary Richard sent his comment that at least one member of the executive committee be at least 30 years old.

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#### Following the meeting at LPB

All members were invited to attend the Friends of French annual meeting taking place that evening at 6:30 at the Baton Rouge Country Club. If interested contact Bob Lafayette. [rlafaye@lsu.edu](mailto:rlafaye@lsu.edu)