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New Member Sworn In for Board of Regents

BATON ROUGE, La. –The Louisiana Board of Regents welcomed a new member this morning as Charlotte Bollinger, Executive Vice-President of Bollinger Shipyards took her oath of office. Bollinger was appointed to the Board by Governor Bobby Jindal in December.

“I am honored and excited to serve on the Board of Regents. Policies to meet the needs of all interests happen here from K-12 partnerships to research and workforce development. We must give all students a chance to succeed in their own pursuit of happiness. The world needs them all,” said Bollinger. “Strong community college/technical school programs are as vital to our communities as four-year institutions. Having an opportunity to oversee and support these pillars of our educational system is thrilling indeed,” Bollinger noted.

Bollinger graduated from the University of Louisiana Lafayette (formerly Southwestern Louisiana) with a Bachelor’s Degree in Education. She serves as the Secretary/Treasurer of the Bollinger Shipyard Board of Directors in Lockport. Active in many professional organizations, Bollinger is the President of the Lafourche Education Foundation and is an advocate for vocational, career and community college education. She was inducted into the Center for Women in Government Hall of Fame and received the Harvey Peltier Award for service from Nicholls State University.

“We welcome Charlotte’s leadership and unique perspective as a major Louisiana employer who understands the role of higher education in creating a strong economy,” said Commissioner of Higher Education Sally Clausen. “This is a critical time for our state and Charlotte’s input will be invaluable as this Board examines what we must do to improve efficiency and services to our students,” Clausen added.

“This will be a challenging economic year for higher education but we must move forward with the creation of both a new Master Plan and performance-based funding formula,” said Chairman Artis Terrell. “Charlotte’s business acumen and fresh perspective will add a valuable voice as we strive to ensure that our students are receiving the best education possible, even in a time of retrenchment,” said Terrell.

Bollinger will represent the third congressional district. Members of the Board of Regents serve six-year terms.

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