



Regents Recap

JANUARY 6, 2011

REGENTS SWEAR IN NEW MEMBERS, ELECT OFFICERS

Board of Regents

Robert W. Levy
Chair

Mary Ellen Roy
Vice Chair

Charlotte Bollinger
Secretary

Chris D. Gorman

Joseph P. Farr

Robert J. Bruno

Edmund Antie

Maurice C. Durbin

Donna G. Klein

John Scott Ballard

W. Clinton Rasberry

Victor T. Stelly

Harold M. Stokes

Roland Touns

Joseph C. Wiley

Demetrius Sumner

Student

BATON ROUGE, La. – The Board of Regents officially swore in four newly appointed members and one re-appointed member during their first official meeting of 2011. The members who were sworn in include:

Scott Ballard (Covington, LA-1st Congressional District) Co-President and Chief Financial Officer of WOW Café & Wingery Franchising Account; Chief Executive Officer of New Orleans Brew; and Chief Executive Officer, on the board of directors, and principle of PJ's Coffee.

Joe Wiley (Gonzales, LA-3rd Congressional District) Vice-President and General Counsel for the Excel Group, a company specializing in construction and maintenance. This is Wiley's 2nd appointment to the Board of Regents.

Chris Gorman (Shreveport, LA-4th Congressional District) Executive Vice-President of Tango Transport. Gorman received his B.A.A.S. degree in Computer Information Systems from the University of North Texas and attended the Harvard Executive MBA program in Boston, MA.

Joe Farr (Monroe, LA-5th Congressional District) Co-owner of Thomas & Farr Agency, Inc., the largest independent insurance agency in Northeast Louisiana. Farr will be appointed to serve as a representative of the 5th Congressional District, in accordance with the requirements of the Louisiana Constitution.

Ed Antie (Lafayette, LA-7th Congressional District) Founder of Louisiana Communications, a support facility to Motorola Communications and Electronics. Antie later sold Louisiana Communications and established Central Telephone Corporation. While operating Central Telephone he organized Network USA, a provider of specialized transmission facilities and digital communications circuits to major corporations throughout the southern states.

In addition to swearing-in new members, the Regents also elected and installed a new slate of officers including:

Officers:

Robert Levy-Chair (Ruston)

Mary Ellen Roy-Vice Chair (New Orleans)

Charlotte Bollinger-Secretary (Lockport)

Executive Committee:

Robert Levy (Ruston) Donna Klein (New Orleans)

Mary Ellen Roy (New Orleans) Joe Wiley (Gonzales)

Charlotte Bollinger (Lockport) W. Clinton Rasberry (Shreveport)

Robert Bruno (Covington)

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NEW REGENTS MEMBERS SWORN-IN

Four newly appointed and one re-appointed members of the Board of Regents take the oath of office.

Pictured from Left to Right are:

Chris Gorman (Shreveport)

Joe Farr (Monroe)

Ed Antie (Lafayette)

Scott Ballard (Covington)

Joe Wiley (Gonzales)

Newly elected Chairman Bob Levy, told Regents members that higher education in Louisiana will be operating under a “new normal” in the coming months and years that will require doing business differently, more creatively and with a strong sense of accountability.

“We have a mandate to think strategically, but act quickly,” said Chairman Levy. “We must be aggressive, but not irresponsible. We have to be transformative in a way that both meets the short term needs of a significantly reduced budget but also produces a higher education system that meets the demands of students and the workforce across Louisiana for the long term.”

Levy outlined several key initiatives that will guide Regents’ strategic and focused recommendations in both the short and long term. He described it as a ladder approach of productivity leading to improved educational attainment.

“Our two legs or twin pillars will be a revised Performance-Based Budgeting formula on one side that is strategic, defensible, understandable and drives sustainable improvement, and on the other side an Academic Program Review focused on eliminating low-completer and unnecessary duplicative programs,” said Chairman Levy. “The connecting rungs of the ladder are initiatives that support the twin pillars such as implementing and refining the GRAD Act, the transfer degree, regional alignment of programs, better space/facility utilization and updating of the Regents’ Master Plan and many other related activities.”

Levy indicated that recommendations on the budgeting formula and program reviews could be presented to Regents later this month.



REGENTS OFFICERS ELECTED

The Board of Regents officers are sworn in. Pictured from Left to Right are:

Donna Klein (Executive Comm.)

Bob Levy (Chairman)

Mary Ellen Roy (Vice Chair)

Charlotte Bollinger (Secretary)

Robert Bruno (Executive Comm.)

Joe Wiley (Executive Comm.)

W. Clinton Rasberry (Executive Comm.)- Not Pictured

SPONSORED PROGRAMS ACTION

During the January 6, 2011 meeting of the Board of Regents the Committee of the Whole took action on the following items concerning Sponsored Programs:

- Approved a request from Louisiana researchers for assistance in preparing proposals in response to the BP-funded Gulf of Mexico Research Initiative RFP
- Approved the BoRSF Plan and Budget for 2011-12
- Announced EPSCoR Track 1, Track 2 and C2 Awards
- Approved funding recommendations for the Research Enhancement Awards (REA) and Graduate Student Fellowship Program components of the jointly sponsored (Regents/NASA) LaSPACE Program