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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: Marian Aguillard

The NEHA conference in Reno, Nevada gets a mixed review from me. The educational sessions were really good, but my presidential duties conflicted with several sessions most pertinent for me. The conference amenities didn't even come close to the amenities we offer at our LEHA Conference. Jim has promised that we can have input on the food arrangements the year he is NEHA President. One highlight of the conference was the debut of a NEHA film. While not as "slick/current" as most people favored, it still offers a good historical perspective of the environmental profession. A national advertising campaign had been one of the key recommendations from the Focus Groups. I will try to get a copy to show the Board and to show at next year's LEHA conference. The Council of Delegates meeting reminded me of our Board meetings when controversial items come up. It seemed that everyone had to have their say, even after the issue was tabled!!!! The NEHA Board had proposed a last minute amendment that would establish the Board's authority to develop a disciplinary policy for removing NEHA Board members. However, they failed to provide the proposed policy. Since the language of the amendment was so loose and nebulous, it finally went down in flames. The Board was advised to present a policy next year for consideration. You would have thought you were in the Louisiana Legislature!!! I mentioned to Jim later that they might consider looking at disciplinary policies already in place for other professions like engineers, doctors, lawyers, etc.

The Sponsor letters have gone out for the upcoming LEHA Conference and the "Mark Your Calendar" cards will go out sometime this month. The Sponsor information is on the website, so please feel free to encourage sponsorships from your friends and contacts. We have a session on the new State mapping efforts already scheduled. Our theme for this year is "Charting Our Environmental Future". The 2004 Conference will be held in LaPlace, LA, January 27-29, 2004. Robert Freeman is heading up the conference effort this year. Please let Robert and I know any news, suggestions, comments, etc. you have regarding the organization and the upcoming conference in LaPlace.

The Lafayette conference presentations have been posted on our website along with photos and highlights. Please share this with others to promote next year's conference. Matt Vince has done a remarkable job on our website.

As always, please feel free to contact me with your concerns, ideas, and suggestions to make LEHA serve you better.

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**A MESSAGE FROM
NEHA REGION V VICE PRESIDENT
By: Brian Collins**

Greetings from Plano, Texas! I am writing as your National Environmental Health Association Regional Vice President, and your liaison to and from NEHA.

I recently had the opportunity to meet your esteemed Louisiana Environmental Health Association President, Marian Aguillard and President-Elect, Walter Pichon at the NEHA Annual Educational Conference in Reno, Nevada. What a delight! It was a pleasure to actually sit down with Marian and Walter and discuss the status of environmental health and our profession nationally, on a state-by-state basis and most interestingly, at the local level. It may sound cliché, but even though many miles separate us, the challenges in the environment and our profession appear incredibly similar. I owe Marian and Walter great appreciation for their comments, suggestions and input regarding how I and NEHA can best serve members in Louisiana.

As your Regional Vice President, I want you to know that I am available to you at the address below. I am here to provide you information from NEHA and to take your thoughts and suggestions to NEHA. With a network of more than 5000 members, NEHA can serve as a clearinghouse for information and problem-solving. Additionally, NEHA serves as a training institution through NEHA Training LLC. Please check out NEHA's website at www.neha.org for services and opportunities.

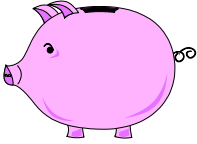
By the way, the LEHA website (www.LEHA.net) is great and filled with current information for environmental health professionals in Louisiana.

Thank you for the opportunity to share a few thoughts. In parting, start saving your quarters for the 2004 NEHA Annual Educational Conference in Anchorage, Alaska. I look forward to seeing you in Laplace in January 2004.

Your newest LEHA Member,

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**MONEY MATTERS
FROM THE
TREASURER –**



By James D. Miller

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2003 State Science Fair

By: *Joan Adams*

Bette Vidrine and I judged the 2003 State Science Fair held on April 7, 2003 at LSU. We looked at approximately 50 projects. Following are the 1st place winners for the Senior and Junior divisions.

1st Place – Senior Division

Thomas Rush

Catholic High

Baton Rouge, LA

Bioremediation of Motor Oil



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The Workshop will be held from 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM on January 27th. A box lunch is included with registration.

The field trip to will depart the Hotel at 1:30 PM on January 27th. Those not attending the workshop may purchase a box lunch to eat with the workshop participants from noon to 1:00 PM

for \$12. There is no other charge for the field trip.

Will you attend the field trip? yes no
(Please circle correct response)

Conference Registration Fee includes a complimentary one year membership in LEHA for the year 2004.

FEES

Conference Registration: \$90 _____

Workshop (incl. box lunch): \$40 _____

Field Trip Box lunch: \$15 _____

(optional)

TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED: _____

Substitutions Allowed. No Refunds After Jan 15, 2004. Payment Must Accompany Registration Form. Workshop is not included in Conference Registration fee.

Space for the conference is limited. 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 \$130.00.

PLEASE REMIT TO:

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

Is this your first LEHA AEC? ___ Yes ___ No

For additional conference registration forms or information concerning membership please write us at the address above or contact us at our web site www.LEHA.net.

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May, 2004

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

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



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