

**LOUISIANA FEDERATION OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB, INC.**  
**HISTORY 1997 – 1998**  
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**President – Corvette J. Kowalski**  
**President Elect – Dolly Ruggiero**  
**First Vice President – Doris Sanders**  
**Second Vice President – Kathryn Fulco-Henry**  
**Corresponding Secretary – Genevieve Berthiaume**  
**Recording Sectary – Alice Barrios**  
**Treasurer – Sandi Myers**  
**Chair of the Nominations – Danielle Sanders**  
**Auditor – Anne Storms**

**PRESIDENT'S THEME**  
**“Building our Future for a Better BPW”**

**EVENT DATES**

**Post Convention Board Meeting – June 7, 1997 at the Holiday Inn, Gonzales, LA**  
**Mid Year Board Meeting – November 7, 1997 at the Holiday Inn, Alexandria, LA**  
**79<sup>th</sup> State Conference – Jun 5-7, 1998 at the Holiday Inn, Gonzales, LA**

**EVENT THEMES**

**Post Convention Board – “Focus on the Future!”**  
**Fall District Meetings – “A formidable force we are!”**  
**Mid Year Board of Directors – “Becoming a catalyst for change!”**  
**Spring District Meetings – “Broad Based and Committed!”**  
**State Conference 1998 – “Partnering for the Future!”**

**BOARD MEMBERS**

**Parliamentarian – Iona Myers**  
**Immediate Past President – Antoinette Gardner**  
**Past State President 2 yr – Iona R. Myers**  
**Past State President 3 yr – Ardis Lamb**

**STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

**Finance Co-Chairs - Ann Bruner and Sandi A. Aucoin**  
**Foundation – Sylvia Duplessis**  
**Public Relations – Patti Dossman**  
**Young Careerist – Sheilah Auderer**  
**Bylaws, P & P – Shirley Horner**

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRS/TASK FORCE APPOINTMENTS**

**Agnes Morris Ed Loan – Robbie P. (Melder) Hill**  
**Mid Year Board – Delia Flynn**  
**Rules and Resolution – Pat Moses**  
**Nike Award – Pamela Kampitsis**  
**Long Range Planning – PE**  
**Chair District Directors – PE**  
**Issues Management – 1<sup>st</sup> VP**  
**Membership – 2<sup>nd</sup> VP**  
**Legislation/National Leg Platform – 1<sup>st</sup> VP**  
**State Convention 1998 Co-Chairs – Wanda Ishmael and Elaine Vollentine**  
**Individual Development – Sandra Miller**  
**National Business Women’s Week – Deborah Keller**  
**Historian – Anne Storms**  
**Chaplain – Ester Terry**

### **DISTRICT OFFICERS**

#### **Southeast:**

**Director – Elaine Vollentine**  
**Assoc Director – Sheilah Auderer**  
**Candidate Data – Dot Horton**

#### **Southwest Central:**

**Co - Director – Camille Moran and Pat Moses**  
**Assoc Director – Linda Burns**  
**Candidate Data – Phyllis Callahan**

#### **Northwest/Northeast:**

**Director – Antoinette Gardner**  
**Assoc Director – Linda Holt**  
**Candidate Data – Cheryl Wofford**

### **LOCAL ORGANIZATION PRESIDENTS**

#### **Southeast District**

**Bogalusa – See Magee**  
**Capital City – unknown**  
**Donaldsonville – Dianne Tusa**  
**Greater Gonzales – unknown**  
**Jefferson Parish – Co-Presidents Joni Johnson and Lisa Blume**  
**Lafitte – Mary Graham-Smith**  
**New Orleans – Cynthia Edwards**

**St Bernard – Deborah Keller  
Slidell – Robbie Marie Coleman  
Westside of Gretna – Karen LaChute  
West St Tammany – Pattie Dossman**

**Southwest/Central District**

**Alexandria – Marie Lawrence  
Crowley – Angelique Credeur  
DeRidder – Melissa A. Bryan  
Lafayette – unknown  
Lake Charles – Barbara LaBauve  
Natchitoches – Lynette Jones-Hall  
Oakdale – Peggy Fontenot**

**Northwest/Northeast**

**Bastrop – Kitty Herrington  
Monroe/West Monroe – Shirley Horner  
Ruston – Elenora Cawthorn  
Shreveport-Bossier – Gayle Patrick**

**Mid Year Board Agenda:**

**At the MYB meeting emphasis was on long range planning. PE Dolly Ruggiero broke down the different segments of the plan as 1 - Issues management, 2- structure and finance and 3 - membership retention and expansion. The State had 409 members only 3 more than the prior membership year. The goal of the MYB was to reduce this meeting to one day starting with the 98-99 year. Attendance for the Board position was 32 of 59 or 54% present.**

**At the National Conference July 1997 Louisville, KY, there was a change in the funding of National Representatives to the states. A lottery was performed half of the states would be funded for 1998 and the other half rotate in 1999 would be funded. Louisiana was in the first half. If we have funding available for a national representative we could have one. The State Conference Planning Committee had already planned on funding the National Representative so we would have one June 1998.**

**Silent Auction was held with 52 items and grossed \$338.55.**

**State Conference 1998:**

**This conference was held at the Holiday Inn, Gonzales. Nike Award winner was Judge Patricia Hedges from Slidell.**

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