

**LOUISIANA FEDERATION OF BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL WOMEN  
HISTORY  
2008-2009**

**President: Delia Flynn  
President-Elect: Cynthia Thompson Vice-President: Karen Hymel  
Recording Secretary: Peggy Wells: Treasurer: Angie Jackson-Wilson**

**President Delia Flynn was installed at the State Conference held in West St. Tammany Holiday Inn in June 2008. A very unusual installation using herbs and spices as examples of leadership and commitments to BPW basics was used to install the president by PSP Linda Burns and Pat Moses Howard. Flowers, drinks and a tasty cake was furnished by the West St. Tammany LO.**

**PRESIDENT'S THEMES:**

**Building on the Basics  
Education is the Key to Personal, Professional and Advocacy  
Development**

**INSTALLATION BANQUET AND POST CONVENTION BOARD:**

**Discover the Leader In you - the Gifts are Many to share as both  
Member and Officer - Both are Leaders**

**FALL DISTRICT MEETINGS:**

**We are Mission - We are Working Women - Everywhere Workplace  
And Home!**

**MID-YEAR BOARD:**

**Dare to Change - Advocating for the Family of One or Many!**

**SPRING DISTRICT METINGS:**

**Mastering Work/Life - We are Community - Dependent  
On Each Other!**

**STATE CONFERENCE:**

**Building Alliances - Ever Evolving to Meet the Challenge!**

**Standing Chairs**

**Legistration: Karen Hymel  
Thompson  
Finance: Iona Myers**

**Membership: Cynthia  
Foundation: Stephanie Tufaro**

**Public Relations/Media Chair: Judy Wilson**  
**ByLaws & P&P Chair: Linda Burns**  
**Hymel Individual Development : Corvette Kowalski**

**Nominations: Wanda Ishmael**  
**Issue Management: VP Karen**  
**Young Careerist: Amber Martin**

### **Special Appointments**

**Parliamentarian: Glenda Prechac**  
**Howard**  
**Corresponding Secretary: Linda Burns**  
**Counselman**

**Auditor: Pat Moses**  
**Pelican Editor: Rhonda**

**Agnes Morris Educational Scholarship Fund: Linda Burns**  
**Past State President: Angie J. Wilson**  
**Past State President: Judy Wilson**  
**Past State President: Corvette Kowalski**

### **Special Committee Chairs and Appointments**

**NBW Week: President Delia Flynn**  
**Hymel**  
**Red Purse Society Chair: Dianne Henrie**  
**Kowalski**  
**Nike Chair: Linda Burns**  
**Legal Advisor: Stephanie Tufaro**  
**Karen Hymel**

**WOMENomics: VP Karen**  
**Mid Year Board: Corvette**  
**ERA: Camille Moran**  
**Equal Pay: VP**

**Rules & Resolutions: Rhonda Counselman**  
**Chaplain: Lois Ferguson**

**Historian: Anne M. Storms**  
**Web Master: Peggy Wells**

**2009 Conference Co-Chairs: Linda Burns & Anne M. Storms**

### **SOUTHEAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR**

**Kaaren Montgomery-Grimes**

### **SOUTHEAST DISTRICT LOCAL ORGANIZATION PRESIDENTS**

**DONALDSONVILLE LO: Wanda Ishmael**

**FLEUR Delis LO: Amber Martin**

**JEFFERSON PARISH LO: Corvette Kowalski**

**NEW ORLEANS LO: Laverne Harness**

**SLIDELL LO: Jacqui Barron**

**ST. BERNARD LO: Deborah Keller**

**WEST ST. TAMMANY: Pam Eiffert**

### **SOUTHWEST CENTRAL DISTRICT DIRECTOR**

**Linda Burns**

## **SOUTHWEST DISTRICT LOCAL ORGANIZATION PRESIDNETS**

**ALEXANDRIA LO: Marie Eddleman**  
**DERIDDER LO: Anne M. Storms**  
**LAKE CHARLES LO: Lois Ferguson**  
**MONROE/WEST MONROE LO: Peggy Wells**  
**NATCHITOCHEs LO: Alice Barrios**  
**NORTHWEST LO: Antoinette Gardner**  
**OAKDALE LO: Linda Burns**

### **Mid Year Board**

**Mid Year Board was held on January 17, 2009 at the Country Inn and Suites and Conference Center in Pineville, Louisiana. PSP Corvette was Chair of Mid Year Board. Reports on membership, decisions made by the Executive Board, and bylaws updating the Louisiana Federation were presented to the membership for vote.**

**A special guest attending the meeting was Area 6 Representative and BPW/USA Board of Directors Member, Beth Bates. Representative Beth Bates gave an update on BPW/USA future as per present knowledge. She answered questions from our members and informed us what we could expect in the future and how the final decision would be announced. At this time we are all anxiously awaiting the decision from BPW/USA as to the dissolution or retention of our national federation.**

**A special presentation written by PSP's Camille Moran and Anne M. Storms was presented at Mid Year Board by PSP Camille Moran. The Topic: "BPW Step 1 of the 12<sup>th</sup> Step Program (Advocacy)" was first presented at the SWCD Fall Meeting and requested for presentation at Mid Year Board. Members filled out information concerning their Reactions to "where do we go from here if BPW folds".**

**This was the first time that our Mid Year Board was held at the new Country Inn and Suites in Pineville, Louisiana. The luncheon was delicious, well planned and served. Total of (27) members attended.**

### **90th State Conference**

**State Conference was held in Alexandria, Louisiana at the Best Western Hotel on June 5-7, 2009. This special message to the members of BPW/LA is from President Delia Flynn: "This has been a challenging year for BPW at all levels - National, State and Local. We are beginning a new journey in striving to continue to meet the mission of our organization. We are heading into a transition period between now and the next couple of years.**

**BPW is a business organization first and foremost. As a result we have learned a lot about the business world in which we belong to. We are marking a very special Anniversary Year for our National, State and Local Organizations. We are 90**  
**years**

**Old and must keep our vision of that 'young at heart' as we charter in new.**

**Welcome to Alexandria, one of the first five locals to start this state federation. I hope you enjoy this weekend. May we recommit ourselves to being what a true BPW sister is all about. Thank you for your commitment to BPW Louisiana and your attendance at this conference.” BPW/LA State President Delia Flynn**

**PSP Linda D. Burns and PSP Anne M. Storms served as Co-Conference Chairs. Monroe/West Monroe LO President Peggy Wells was the Program Chair for the Conference. Friday Morning was devoted to six speakers:**

**“Resumes and Interviewing - Polishing your Skills” was presented by:  
Barbara Leach of Louisiana Workforce Development**

**“Negotiating Skills - How to Reach Win/Win” was presented by:  
Thomas Evans of Training Logic, Inc.**

**“Training/Sharing Session for LO officers” was conducted by State Officers**

**“Legal Easy - Legal Documents Every Louisiana Woman Needs” was  
Presented by Michele Echols of Gill & Echols, LLC**

**“How to Keep Your Job During the Tough Times” was presented by:  
Dian Lusher of Dynel, Inc.**

**“Protecting Bones and Joints/Preventing Osteoporosis” Speaker and Exercise  
Session by Michael E. Brunet. M.D.**

**Attendance at the 2009 State Conference consisted of twenty-four members and one guest.**

**Total membership for the 2008-2009 year was \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Elected Officers for 2009-2020**

**President: Cynthia Thompson  
Vice-President: Peggy Wells  
Recording Secretary: Linda Burns  
Treasurer: Angie Jackson Wilson**

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**Anne M. Storms                      Date: 30 MAY 2010**  
**Date**  
**2008-2009 State Historian**  
**President**

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**Delia A. Flynn**  
**2008-2009 State**

**ATTACHED INFORMATION FOR DECISION VOTE BY MEMBERS OF BPW/USA  
CONCERNING THE COMBINATION OF BPW/USA AND BPW/FOUNDATION VOTE  
IN SPECIAL BOARD MEETING HELD ON**