

**THE HISTORY 2014-2015 OF THE
LOUISIANA FEDERATION OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUBS, INC.**

**President - Laverne George
Vice President - Harriett Haworth
Recording Secretary - Cynthia Edwards
Treasurer -Angie Jackson-Wilson**

**PRESIDENT'S THEME
"As Women, When We Show Up-We Shine Out"**

EVENT DATES

Post-Convention Board Meeting	June 7, 2014
Mid-Year Board Meeting	January 30, 2015, Lafayette, LA
95th State Conference	June 5 - 7, 2015, Lafayette, LA

Strategic Plan and Goals for 2014 – 2015

Membership Goal:	Membership recruitment and retention
Political Impact Goal:	To continue the program of advocacy, education, and information as put forth in our State Legislative Platform.

BOARD MEMBERS

Parliamentarian - Glenda Prechac
Immediate Past President - Cynthia Edwards
Past State President 1 yr - Linda Burns
Past State President 2 yr -Delia Flynn
Past State President 3 yr - Cynthia Edwards

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Auditor - Pat Moses Howard
Foundation -Vacant
Public Relations - Judy Wilson
Bylaws, P&P - Lynn Hakeem
Pelican Editor - Cynthia Edwards
Chair of Nominations -Glenda Prechac

SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRS/TASK FORCE APPOINTMENTS

Agnes Morris Ed Scholarship - Linda Burns
Events Planning - Angie Jackson-Wilson/Linda Burns/Pat Moses Howard
Rules & Resolution - Harriet Haworth
Chair District Directors -Vacant
Nike Award- Corvette Kowalski
Membership-Angie Jackson-Wilson
Legislation/National Leg Platform - Harriett Haworth
Historian -Martha Gremillion
Chaplain - Iketha Williams
ERA Chair - Camille Moran
Web Master - Cynthia Edwards
State Conference 2015 - Events Planning Committee - Angie Jackson-Wilson/ Linda Burns/Pat Moses Howard

DISTRICT OFFICERS

Southeast Liaison: Keisa Rodney

Southwest Central

Director -Linda Burns/Pat Moses Howard

LOCAL ORGANIZATION PRESIDENTS

Southeast District

Donaldsonville- Wanda Ishmael

Jefferson Parish -Harriet Haworth

New Orleans - Kaaren Montgomery-Grimes

St. Bernard-Wanda Alcon

Southwest/Central Dist'ict

Alexandria - Annie Price

Lake Charles - Lois Ferguson

Monroe/W.Monroe -Angie Jackson-Wilson

Oakdale - Linda Bums

Status of Local Organizations:

Currently there are eight local organizations. Membership total on for end of May 2015 was __ _

Mid-Year Board:

The Mid-Year Board (MYB) was held on January 10, 2015 at the Hotel Acadiana in Lafayette, LA.

The 2015 Esther Terry Nike Award Luncheon speaker was Rep. Vincent J. Pierre. The highlight of the luncheon was the announcement of the 2014 NIKE Award winner, The Esther Terry NIKE award is BPW Louisiana's most prestigious award; it is given annually to a member for outstanding contributions to the State Federation, her Local Organization, and her community. Congratulations to Cynthia Cuttino Edwards of the New Orleans BPW Club.

Beginning with the 2014 Esther Terry Nike Award, and because The Nike Award is such a prestigious award for BPW/LA, the nomination narrative will be included as part of the History of LA/BPW.

State Conference 2015:

State Conference was held June 5 - 7, 2015, At the Acadiana Hotel in Lafayette, LA. Attendance at the Conference was 21. This number included 21 members and 0 guests.

The morning session of the conference convened at 8: 00 AM with the Call to Order by President Laverne George. At the end of the luncheon, the Conference reconvened.

State Conference is a business meeting when membership reviews the administration activities of this organization. Committee Chairs and elected Officials are held accountable for the work performed. Challenges in the membership growth and retention under the re-organization of BPW Foundation will plague us for several years. Retention will be helped by the passage of lower dues and growth will come not from just a lower dues fee, but the value of this organization and what it offers new members. Election for the coming year was conducted and another year passed to the history file.

As a special tribute to our Past Presidents, this History Report and future history reports will include the script of the Induction of the Immediate Past President into the PSP Council. The Script for Laverne George's induction follows:

Induction of 2014-2015 President into Past State President's Council

Ladies, it's that time of year again. Will the BPW LA Past State Presidents please come forward. It is time for us to roast our newest and immediate Past State President and to determine her worthiness to join our special group, the Past State President's Council.

Glenda --- "You know as President we all had to be very organized, balancing our careers, family and BPW office." You do realize if inducted into group you still have responsibilities to serve our group as our Secretary? This will help you. (Pad and Pencils)

Delia --- I hear she's an accountant. She needs to be organized here also. (Accountant pad and calculator)

Angie --- She likes to send emails at 2:30 in the morning. Laverne, you need to try and get some sleep. This should help. (soothing eye mask)

Cynthia --- She likes to take people shopping. I hear she tried to take Linda and Pat to a real nice candle shop to get some pretty candles. She goes there a lot but for some reason couldn't find the place. She took them to Tuesday Morning. May be these can help for the next trip to the candle shop (maps of different New Orleans areas)

Linda --- She has a good traveling companion, I think. Her companion likes to stay at hotels without electricity and snores a lot. These items should make the stay with her companion easier (glow glasses, glow light, flashlight and ear plugs)

Camille --- I remember how enthusiastic she is about Women's Issues. Especially at Roots Camp. She likes to load people up on Hazelnut coffee and donuts. Gets them in the mood. (Hazelnut coffee and cups)

Pat --- She likes to party. She adds spice to her receptions and sets you on fire with hot food. You probably want to make sure your own large bottle of water. (Kicking Jalapeño popcorn).

Anyone else know something we should consider before deciding if she join our elite group? (Huddle and make our decision)

Delia --- Well, Laverne, we listened to the evidence, talked it over and here is our decision. We gladly welcome you to little elite group, the BPW LA Past Presidents Council.

This concludes the history report for 2013-2014.

Martha Gremillion, Historian
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