

**THE HISTORY 2015-2016 OF THE  
LOUISIANA FEDERATION OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL  
WOMEN'S CLUBS, INC.**

**President – Harriet Haworth  
Vice President – Kaaren Montgomery-Grimes  
Recording Secretary – Martha Gremillion  
Treasurer – Angie Jackson-Wilson**

**PRESIDENT'S THEME  
"Building Powerful Women"**

**EVENT DATES**

Post Convention Board Meeting	June 7, 2015
Mid Year Board Meeting	January 23, 2016, Baton Rouge, LA
98th State Conference	June 10 – 12, 2016, Metairie, LA

**Strategic Plan and Goals for 2015 - 2016**

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 – Laverne George  
Past State President 1 yr – Delia Flynn  
Past State President 2 yr – Cynthia Edwards  
Past State President 3 yr – Laverne George**

**STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

**Auditor – Pat Moses Howard  
Foundation – Vacant  
Public Relations – Vacant  
Bylaws, P&P – Delia Flynn  
Pelican Editor & Web Master – Cynthia Edwards  
Chair of Nominations – Glenda Prechac**

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRS/TASK FORCE APPOINTMENTS**

**Agnes Morris Education Fund – Linda Burns  
Events Planning – Angie Jackson-Wilson/Linda Burns/Pat Moses Howard  
Rules & Resolution – Stephanie Tufaro  
Chair District Directors – Vacant  
Nike Award – Corvette Kowalski  
Membership – Angie Jackson-Wilson  
Legislation/National Legislation Platform – Camille Moran  
Historian – Martha Gremillion  
Chaplain – Iketha Williams  
ERA Chair – Camille Moran  
Pelican Editor & Web Master – Cynthia Edwards  
State Conference 2016 – 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 – (Inactive –Dissolved)

Jefferson Parish – Harriet Haworth

New Orleans – Rene Hollins

St. Bernard –Cindy Ryckert

### Southwest/Central District

Alexandria – Annie Price

Lake Charles – Lois Ferguson

Monroe/W.Monroe – Angie Jackson-Wilson

Oakdale – Linda Burns

### Status of Local Organizations:

Currently there are seven local organizations. Membership total on for end of May 2016 was 84.

### Mid Year Board:

The Mid Year Board (MYB) was held on January 23, 2016 at the Drucilla Seafood Restaurant in Baton, LA.

The 2016 Esther Terry Nike Award Luncheon speaker was Ms. Jessie Nieblas, Director of Education for LaFASA (Louisiana Foundation Against Sexual Assault). The highlight of the luncheon was the announcement of the 2015 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 Kaaren Montgomery-Grimes of the New Orleans BPW Club.

### State Conference 2016:

State Conference was held June 10 - 12, 2016, at Sheraton Galleria Hotel in Metairie, LA. Attendance at the Conference was 41. This number included 26 members and 15 guests.

The morning session of the conference convened at 8:00 AM with the Call to Order by President Harriet Haworth. 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.

This concludes the history report for 2015-2016.

Martha Gremillion

Martha Gremillion, Historian

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