



The Grapevine



Diana Schouest, LSCPM President, LSU Chancellor William Jenkins, Fall Conference Keynote Speaker, and Conference Committee Member Bobby Ann Clark

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Dear Fellow Society Members,

As I prepare to pass the torch to our new President, Sally Gilbert, I find it difficult to compile this, my farewell message to you. This year has been the most exciting, fun filled, challenging, and rewarding year I have ever spent. There are times I have not been able to catch my breath too quickly, but I did and with the membership and direction from the Board of Directors, we had a

grand year.

This has been a jam packed year for the Board of Directors and the membership. The Society membership has increased to 124 members and our membership is still growing. As a Society we have offered more to our members. We provided an excellent conference, we are preparing for the American Academy Conference in May, and we officially formalized our Mission and Vision statements.

Mission Statement

The Mission of the Louisiana Society of Certified Public Managers is: To Foster Leadership and Professional Management in Louisiana State Government.

Vision Statement

The Vision of the Society is Professionalism and Excellence in Public Management.

I am delighted by the energy and the accomplishments of the Society. The annual conference was poignant, timely, and informative. It continues to afford

our membership and other state government managers an excellent resource for professional development. The Awards committee selected outstanding recipients for the CPM-of-the Year with Bobby Ann Clark, the CST-of-the year with Vance Edwards, and the Certificate of Merit with Diana Dorroh. Past Presidents also elected to nominate Nancy DeWitt for the Dunbar award and she received Honorable Mention.

More people are completing the CPTP program and receiving either the CST or CPM designation. This year we had our largest graduation ever and the Society was proud to sponsor a reception for them at their respective graduations and to receive some of them as new members, as well.

Every time I have had the opportunity to showcase this organization or have the honor of representing the Society, I realize what a privilege it is to be a member of the LSCPM. I am proud to have served as President for this past year. Thank you for providing me this year of dynamic experiences.

Happy Holidays and a Joyous New Year to all.

Diana F. Schouest, CPM
President

PROGRAM CHAIR REPORT

Membership Meeting January 14, 1999

There will be a meeting on Thursday, January 14, 1999, from 7:30 - 9:30 AM at the Shoney's at 3151 College Drive in Baton Rouge. In addition to enjoying the buffet and installing officers, we will brainstorm ideas and goals for the Society for 1999. The brainstorming results will be refined at the Board meeting on January 19. Members are encouraged to participate in both sessions.

A registration form for the breakfast meeting is enclosed. Please return it with your check for \$8.00 by January 11.

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1999 MEMBERSHIP
APPLICATION ENCLOSED**

CPTP ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The January through June CPTP schedule was given to CPTP Coordinators on Friday December 4. The schedule includes Level IV on April 12 - 16 and Level VI, Part A on May 10 - 14 as well as a number of elective classes. New topics added to the curriculum include Managing Change, Effective Meetings, A Systematic Approach to Projects and Reports and Writing for Managers. New satellite classes include Workplace Issues for Managers on January 20 and Effective Meetings on February 24.

The major change to CPTP is an option to take the Management Development Program in either the traditional Level format or in modules.

CPTP has given all coordinators an "Administrative Guide to the Core Curriculum of the Management Development Program." This guide shows how the modules have been derived from the Levels. Coordinators have been encouraged to meet with managerial employees to explain the guide. If you know of agencies or groups that would like me to come out to explain the new approach, please give me a call at (225) 342-3620.

For those of you who took the Levels many years ago, the new format allows you to take some modules to refresh your knowledge of specific topics. However, the modules cannot be used as electives for those of you working on the 60 hour elective requirement.

We are aware the new format will generate a number of questions. Please refer the questions to me so that I can learn the concerns/misunderstandings that have been created.

You have always been a very important part of the program's public relations strategy so we are counting on you to help spread the word about the changes and the new classes.

Enjoy your holidays.

Sam Breen

AMERICAN ACADEMY CONFERENCE UPDATE

AACPM CONFERENCE TAKES SHAPE

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW --
MAY 19 - 21, 1999! THOSE ARE THE DATES
OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF
CERTIFIED PUBLIC MANAGERS' ANNUAL
EDUCATION CONFERENCE HERE IN
BATON ROUGE.**

The program is taking shape as we look at "A DECADE OF CHANGE." We have confirmed speakers from New Jersey, Kansas, South Carolina, Mississippi, and, of course, Louisiana. Christel Slaughter, Ph.D., of Slaughter and Associates will deliver a keynote address. Topics include mentoring, facilitation of groups, creative thinking, public strategic planning, and many others.

We also plan a few surprises. We may even have a touch of Mardi Gras in May.

Don't be surprised if we call on you for help. This is a really big project and the

whole society needs to be involved. If you want to volunteer, call Nancy DeWitt at (225)925-6067.

Nancy DeWitt

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1999 LSCPM Officers

President-Elect	Hugh Eley, CPM DHH, Protective Services
Secretary	Vance Edwards, CST Dept. Of Public Safety, Human Resources
Treasurer	Beth Landry, CPM DOTD, Materials and Testing Section
CPM-at-Large	Elaine "Lanie" Phares, CPM, RN, DHH, Office of Mental Health
CST-at-Large	Joe Wills, CST Dept. Of Insurance

LSCPM RECOGNIZES OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS

The Louisiana Society of Certified Public Managers recognized the outstanding achievements of three of its members at the luncheon of the Annual Conference, November 18, 1998.

Bobby Ann Clark, CPM, Communications Director for the Department of Insurance, received the Certified Public Manager of the Year in recognition of her contributions to the State Society, the American Academy of CPMs and the prestige of the CPM Public image. Bobby is a charter member of the LSCPM and has served as President, Treasurer and as a member of many committees -- including this year's conference committee.

She has also served as President of the AACPM and is a recipient of the Academy's Henning Award. Commissioner of Insurance Jim Brown's consumer column, produced by Bobby Clark, was awarded 1st prize in the Special Informational Articles category of the LA Press Women's 1998 Journalism Contest. Commissioner Brown's consumer radio announcements, also produced by Clark, won 2nd prize in the radio public service announcement category for radio. Professionally, and as a member of the Society, she has demonstrated her dedication time and again and is well deserving of this award.

Vance Edwards, CST, Training Manager for the Department of Public Safety, received the CST of the Year in recognition of his willingness to serve the Society in any capacity. His performance as Chair of this year's conference has been tireless. He has participated in every aspect of planning -- from the collection of "stuff" for ditty bags to planning the program and negotiating with the hotel. He has shown his willingness to continue to work with this organization by volunteering to serve as Secretary for 1999.

Diana Dorroh, CPM, IS Consultant with the Division of Administration, was awarded the Certificate of Merit for her years of significant service to the Society. She also has served as President of the LSCPM. For the last two years, she has served as Public Relations Chair -- compiling and distributing the "Grapevine". She has willingly undertaken any task and has served this organization with great loyalty and dedication.

MORE LASCPM FALL CONFERENCE IMAGES

Vance Edwards Receiving CST of the Year Award from Diana Schouest

Message from AACPM President, Mary Robinson



Left to Right: Hugh Eley, 1999 President Elect, Sally Gilbert, 1999 president, Diana Schouest, 1998 President, Mary Robinson, AACPM President, Beth Landry, 1998 and 1999 Treasurer, and Shelia LeJeune, 1998 Secretary



Some Past Presidents and Award Winners



Sam Breen, speaking at the
conference

Left to Right: Bobby Ann Clark, CPM of the Year, Vance Edwards, CST of the Year, Kay Hoffpauir, past president, Judy Cain, Past President, Mary Robinson, AACPM President (barely visible), Diana Dorroh, Certificate of Merit

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1999 LSCPM CALENDAR

Jan. 14 **LSCPM Membership**
7:30 - 9:30 AM **Meeting at Shoney's, 3151**
 College in Baton Rouge

Jan. 19 **LSCPM Board Meeting**
4 PM **DSS Conference Room**
 445 North 12th St.
 Baton Rouge

May 19 - 21 American Academy
 Conference
 Baton Rouge

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