

President's Message

As the year draws to a close, it is traditional to reflect on activities and achievements. Certainly the biggest accomplishment of the Louisiana Society was hosting the AACPM conference in May. The conference itself was a success, but a wonderful by-product was the involvement of so many Society members in the enormous endeavor. We were also proud to be the sponsors of the Henning Award winner, Diana Schouest, and the President-elect of the AACPM, Tom Patterson.

In addition to the conference, the Society hosted a reception honoring 65 recipients of Certificates of Supervisory Techniques, quarterly luncheons featuring speakers of interest to governmental managers, a mini-conference on ethics and an awards luncheon.

We articulated a mission statement, "Fostering Leadership and Professional Management in State Government", and a vision, "Professionalism and Excellence in Public Management". We spread the word

about the Society via a new Web page and informational videotapes played during training classes. We are looking to the future by piloting contracts for the state training conference as well as the newsletter. We plan to revise the by-laws, in part to make serving as a Society officer attractive to more members.

Many members contributed to the Society's successful year, and my heartfelt thanks goes out to all of you. The Society itself recognized several individuals for extraordinary contributions at the recent awards luncheon. Please join me in congratulating Sheila LeJeune, Certificate of Merit; Pam Percy, CST of the Year; Hugh Eley, CPM of the Year and Nancy DeWitt, Presidential Citation. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your president, and please continue to stay involved as the new Board begins its work.

Sally Gilbert

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CPTP ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The CPTP schedule for the winter months will be sent to our CPTP Coordinators late this month. Among the classes being offered are Level IV February 21-25, and Level VI-B January 24-27. If you wish further information, please give me a call.

During the fall, CPTP conducted three Level I classes using distance learning technology. The technology, compressed video, allows for two-way audio and video communication. By using compressed video, we can offer Level I at three or four locations at the same time. Participant and instructor feedback about the technology has been very positive. We intend to expand the use of compressed video and other technology to help make CPTP available throughout the state.

During the last year, many of you have provided your support and time to further the goals of CPTP. Please accept my thanks for your efforts. In particular, I would like to recognize the assistance of Sally Gilbert in serving as our primary contact with the Society.

Your new Society president, Hugh Eley, and I have already begun discussions of joint efforts that CPTP and the Society will be undertaking in 2000. Both of us will be reporting those plans to you in future newsletters. One of the activities Hugh and I are discussing is an opportunity for Society members to hear about all the enhancements being planned for the management development program. Most of the enhancements should be in place for the fall schedule.

Best wishes for happy holidays and a successful Y2K.

Sam Breen

YEAR 2000 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Please use the form included with this Grapevine to renew your membership. Renewals are due by February 1, 2000.

LSCPM BREAKFAST BRAINSTORMING MEETING

FRANK'S RESTAURANT — 8353 AIRLINE HIGHWAY

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

7 AM

To make a reservation, send an email or fax to to Beth Landry or Hugh Eley

Beth's email address is blandry@dotd.state.la.us, her fax number is 225-929-9187

Hugh's email address is heley@dhh.state.la.us, his fax number is 225-922-2620

The proposed bylaw revisions recently mailed to you will be voted on at this meeting. In early January, you will receive a separate mailing about this brainstorming breakfast and meeting.

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MINI-CONFERENCE ON ETHICS



Carla Courtney, speaker at LSCPM Mini-Conference On Ethics

The Louisiana Society of Certified Public Managers recognized the outstanding achievements of four of its members at its ethics seminar and annual awards luncheon, December 2, 1999, at the Radisson Hotel in Baton Rouge. Featured speakers were Rabbi Barry Weinstein, who discussed personal ethics in relationships with others, on the job and in everyday life; and Carla Courtney, attorney with the La. Board of Ethics, who gave a presentation on ethics for state employees.



Rabbi Barry Weinstein, speaker at LSCPM Mini-Conference On Ethics

1999 AWARD WINNERS



Left to Right: Nancy DeWitt, Pam Percy, Shelia Lejeune, Hugh Eley.

The following awards were presented on December 2, 1999, at the luncheon meeting of the LSCPM Mini-Conference on Ethics:

Nancy DeWitt, CPM, director of Human Resources, Department of Public Safety, was awarded the organization's top honor, the Presidential Citation. This award may be presented to anyone who has demonstrated exceptional achievement in the field of public management. Ms. DeWitt was a member of the first Certified Public Manager graduating class, has been a CPM program instructor, was the first president of the LSCPM, has been president of the American Academy of CPMs and is the past recipient of the CPM of the Year and the American Academy's prestigious Henning award.

Hugh Eley, CPM, director of the Bureau of Elderly Affairs, Department of Health and Hospitals, received the Certified Public Manager of the Year award in recognition of his contributions to the State Society and the American Academy of CPMs. A long-time member of the Society, his most recent accomplishments include the highly successful coordination of Baton Rouge-area tours and cultural events for in-state and out-of-state guests attending the 1999 American Academy of CPMs conference held in Baton Rouge. He is president-elect of the LSCPM.

Pam Percy, CST, Department of Civil Service policy analyst, was awarded the CST of the Year award for outstanding service as a public manager. The CST is an interim credential awarded to those completing at least half of the requirements for the CPM designation?

Shelia LeJeune, CPM, Department of Social Services, was the recipient of a Certificate of Merit, for her significant service in a variety of roles in support of LSCPM educational activities ranging from a LSCPM-sponsored Violence in the Workplace workshop to the 1999 Louisiana-sponsored American Academy of CPMs Educational Symposium.

LSCPM Calendar

January 25
7 a.m.

Breakfast Brainstorming Meeting
Frank's Restaurant
8353 Airline Highway