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Tom Patterson, CPM

OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2008

The annual election of officers will take place shortly by email. A slate of officers has been assembled. Please watch for ballots in the near future and give the new 2008 board your support.

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vacant

At the January board meeting, Tom Patterson presented a slate of officers for 2008. There is still one board position available for the conference chair. Volunteers are welcome. Voting will be done by email.

A schedule of board meetings was established on every third Tuesday, 3:30 pm at the Claiborne building in Baton Rouge. Exception: the next meeting will be on March 11, 2008.

News Item: Sam Breen is retiring in March from the CPTP program. After many years of working with the State, Sam will take a well-deserved break.

The new certificate for Professionals is going well. It features an Assessment Center. This exercise has been compared to Army Boot Camp. Participants are showered with rapid fire problems and are challenged to find the solutions and find them fast. Many people who have gone through the Assessment Center reported they found it helped them to focus on problem solving and taught them to think on the "fly". We should encourage our employees to seek out every educational opportunity so as to prepare our workforce for the change that is coming. More and more departments are seeing their top hands reaching retirement age and leaving big holes in their agency's staff. There needs to be recognition that this is not a fantasy; it is happening.

Multi generational diversity: what in the world does that mean? If you have any 20-somethings trying to work with the old codgers in your workplace, you know what it means. What do you do about it? How do you make it work? CPTP has a class on just this topic. It sound like something we all need to attend, myself included (being one of the old codgers).

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: It is time for 2008 membership renewals. The form is on the web site. You will also receive a reminder by email.