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Conference Countdown Begins! **34th Annual LASE Conference**

November 13-15, 2011

Crowne Plaza Hotel

Baton Rouge, LA

Mr. Gary Lavergne

Dr. Dave Weber

Dr. Calvin Mackie

Final preparations are underway for the 34th Annual Louisiana Association of School Executives (LASE) Conference, hosted at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, I-10 and College Drive in Baton Rouge, November 13-15, 2011. This year's conference will feature a variety of nationally renowned experts to address the diverse challenges educators face daily and offer support to help them face the challenges.

On Sunday, November 13, 2011, Gary Lavergne will engage the audience with his educational observations drawn from his rich, unique Cajun background and experience as an educational leader in Louisiana.

Dr. Dave Weber will share his entertaining and motivational techniques as an organizational trainer

on Monday, November 14, 2011. The final conference event on Tuesday will be an uplifting presentation by Dr. Calvin Mackie. His motivational command of the dais will share wisdom and experiences germane to school and community leadership.

Please note that the conference agenda has been revised from the previous year's schedule of events. The First General Session will begin at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 13, 2011.

Registration and program information are on the following pages. Reserve your room now by calling the Crowne Plaza Hotel at (225) 925-2244; the guaranteed conference rate is available through October 13, 2011.

Final LRTA Update on Retirement Legislation 2011

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The following bills made it through the legislative process, have been signed by the governor, and have been assigned act numbers.

- House Bill No. 32 providing the appropriation for the operation of the Office of Group Benefits has become Act No. 42.
- House Bill No. 151 dealing with the retiree return-to-work issue has become Act No. 347. A more detailed description of this legislation is provided below.
- House Bill No. 384, a constitutional amendment dedicating a portion of future nonrecurring revenues to pay down the unfunded accrued liabilities of the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana and of the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System, was passed and filed with the secretary of state.
- House Bill No. 435, the companion legislation to House Bill No. 384, has become Act No. 357, and will become effective if/when the voters approve the constitutional amendment provided in House Bill No. 384.

The following bills were vetoed by Governor Jindal.

- House Bill No. 495 would have allowed the state treasurer to transmit funds designated for employer contributions directly to the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana rather than first sending these funds to local school boards for remittance to TRSL. LRTA supported the passage of this legislation. The governor's veto message can be viewed at this link: <http://www.legis.state.la.us/archive/11rs/veto/hb495v.pdf>
- Senate Bill No. 6 would have required a TRSL employing agency to pay its proportionate share of the unfunded accrued liability generated by its employees if the employer terminates participation in the pension plan. LRTA supported the passage of this legislation. The governor's veto message can be viewed at this link: <http://www.legis.state.la.us/archive/11RS/veto/SB6v.pdf>

The veto of Senate Bill No. 6 is significant, and impacts many LRTA members. The veto affected the outcome of three other pieces of legislation signed by the governor dealing with the retiree return-to-work issue. For those of you who have been following this specific legislation, House Bill No. 150 dealing with retired adjunct professors, House Bill No. 369 dealing with adult education and literacy programs, and House Bill No. 417 dealing with retirees returning to classrooms to substitute teach were all amended in the Senate. The amendments to the bills included individuals who were participating in DROP or who had completed DROP participation but were still teaching among those who could return to a teaching position covered by TRSL and continue to receive their retirement benefit while working. The House of Representatives rejected the Senate amendments, and the three bills were sent to a conference committee. The conference committee members agreed to remove the Senate amendments pertaining to DROP participants, and made the implementation of the provisions of these three bills contingent upon Senate Bill No. 6 becoming effective.

Final LRTA Update on Retirement Legislation 2011 (cont'd)

Because Senate Bill No. 6 was vetoed, House Bill Nos. 150, 369, and 417 are not effective. The only piece of legislation dealing with the retiree return-to-work issue was House Bill No. 151 which was signed by the governor and became effective July 1, 2011. This bill became Act No. 347, and extended the grandfather provision put in place by Act No. 921 of 2010 to those members of TRSL who retired on or after May 1, 2009, but before July 1, 2010, and who return to a position that requires a valid Louisiana teaching certificate or ancillary certificate. As a result of the veto of Senate Bill No. 6, anyone who retired on or after July 1, 2010 who goes back to work in a TRSL covered position will have their benefit suspended for the duration of their reemployment period, unless they return in a position that a local school board has certified as a teacher shortage area.

LRTA supported passage of Senate Bill No. 6 and all of the retiree return-to-work legislation. A copy of the letter written by President Taylor dated June 16 urging Governor Jindal to sign Senate Bill No. 6 into law is attached. The *Advocate* published an article in the July 6 issue that further describes the impact of the veto. That article can be viewed at this link: <http://theadvocate.com/home/306896-79/veto-kills-4-linked-bills.html>

Please refer to the listing for information on the bills and resolutions followed by LRTA that were considered during the legislative process. Information on all other bills can be obtained from the legislative web site, www.legis.state.la.us.

Have you paid your
LASE Membership?

LASE 34th Annual Conference Agenda

SUNDAY, November 13, 2011

Conference Registration.....	12:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
First General Session.....	2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Introduction and Welcome Memorial Service	
Presentation by: Gary Lavergne.....	3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
LASE President's Reception.....	7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

MONDAY, November 14, 2011

Exhibits/Registration.....	7:30 a.m. -- 8:30 a.m.
Second General Session.....	8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Orientation and Awards.....	8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Paul Fouquier Award Superintendent of the Year Award	
Break/Exhibits/Drawing.....	9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
Presentation by: Dr. Dave Weber.....	10:15 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Lunch/Exhibits.....	12:00 noon – 1:15 p.m.
Concurrent Sessions.....	1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Value Added Approach Common Core Standards Assessments	
Break/Exhibits/Drawing.....	2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Concurrent Sessions (repeated).....	3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

\$500 in Door Prizes awarded Monday afternoon.

TUESDAY, November 15, 2011

Registration.....	7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.
LASE Business Meeting.....	8:15 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Third General Session.....	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Legal Issues.....	9:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.
Presentation by: Dr. Calvin Mackie.....	11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
LASE Conference Drawing.....	12:00 noon
Adjournment	

\$500 in Door Prizes awarded Tuesday afternoon.

LASE 34th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Registration Form

Name	
Address	
City, State, Zip	
School/District	
Position	
Work Telephone	()
Home Telephone	()
E-mail Address	
Spouse/Guest Name (optional)	

Registration Fees

LASE MEMBERS REGISTRATION

- Registration Fee (prior to 11/11/11).....\$150 _____
- Onsite Registration Fee (after 11/11/11).....\$175 _____
- One Day Fee(prior to 11/11/11)..... \$ 90 _____
- Onsite One Day Fee.....\$110 _____
- Spouse/Guest (Sunday Evening Event).....\$ 25 _____

NON-MEMBERS REGISTRATION

- Registration Fee (prior to 11/11/11).....\$175 _____
- Onsite Registration Fee.....\$200 _____
- One Day Registration Fee.....\$110 _____
- Onsite One Day Registration Fee.....\$ 125 _____

LASE MEMBERSHIP DUES.....\$150 _____

TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED _____

DEADLINE FOR REFUNDS: NOVEMBER 8, 2011

Hotel Information

The Crowne Plaza Hotel has set the following rates for the LASE Conference for reservations made by October 13, 2011:

Single or Double: \$99

Hotel accommodations are to be made directly with the hotel. Please specify that you are attending the LASE Conference when making reservations by calling the hotel at (225) 925-2244.

Mail the completed Registration Form and payment of Registration Fees to LASE, P.O. Box 40217, Baton Rouge, LA 70835-0217 for receipt in the LASE office no later than 11/11/11.

For additional information, call the LASE office at (225) 791-0365.

Memorial Service

Please notify the LASE office if you know of any LASE members who have died since November of last year so we may include them in the memorial service at our upcoming conference November 13-15, 2011.

The memorial service will be held at the opening session Sunday, November 13, 2011, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

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Paul H. Fouquier Educational Leadership Award

Nominations are now being accepted for the prestigious "LASE Educator of Distinction Award." LASE annually recognizes outstanding educators for their contributions to their profession.

The Selection Criteria for the award shall include evidence of:

- Leadership for learning,
- Professionalism, and
- Community.

The Qualifications for Nominations for this award are a person who:

- Is currently serving in an educational leadership position,
- Has a minimum of five years experience in an educational setting,
- Is currently a member of LASE, and
- Is nominated by a member of LASE.

The following Nomination Notice must be attached to the Nomination:

Nomination Notice

1. Information about the Nominator:

- Nominator's Name
- School System
- Mailing Address
- Telephone: ()
- FAX: ()

2. Information about the Nominee:

- Nominee's Name
- School System
- Mailing Address
- Telephone: ()
- FAX: ()

3. Permission for Nomination

_____ I have spoken with this educator who agrees for me to place his/her name in nomination.

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1. **Attach the Nomination Notice.**
2. **Limit your letter to two (2), double-spaced, typed pages.**
3. **Attach two (2) letters of support. Each letter is to be one (1) double-spaced, typed page. No other material will be accepted.**
4. **Address the following:**
 - Action taken by the nominee in the last three years to improve teaching and learning,
 - Obstacles encountered and how they were overcome,
 - Evidence of success in terms of the vision for education,
 - Participation in professional and civic organizations (status, roles responsibilities), and
 - Other exceptional awards, contributions, or facts.
5. **Send an original and 5 copies to:**

Debi K. Faucette, Conference Planner
 12615 Stoneway Place
 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70818

DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING NOMINATIONS IS 4:00 P.M., FRIDAY, November 11, 2011.

Selection Process:	Selection will be made by the Professional Growth and Recognition Committee. No nomination materials will be returned. A request to review the selection may be made to Debi Faucette within 10 working days of the announcement.
Scoring Process:	Leadership for Learning.....60 points
	Professionalism.....20 points
	Community Involvement.....20 points

For additional information and instructions to nominate an educational leader for this award, call Debi K. Faucette at (202) 302-6658 or email faucetted@gmail.com .