

Message from the President

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As your president, I am very excited and proud of all the accomplishments the association has made throughout the year. This past year, I have been extremely busy working on the future direction for LPHA. It is my goal to make the association more active in the everyday concerns of health and environmental related issues for our membership as well as the welfare of the entire State of Louisiana. Over the past few years, LPHA has grown and our yearly conferences have had a great member of attendees. These accomplishments have been outstanding because of a dedicated Governing Council. The Governing Council works diligently to put on an educational conference that benefits the membership through training, providing CEU's and fabulous entertainment. They also work continuously to find new ways to enhance the ability of LPHA members to better provide for the health and welfare of our great state.

Due to the growth that has been experienced over the past few years, it is time for LPHA to contract with an association management firm who would provide an executive director to assist LPHA operations. The Governing Council would still direct the association management firm in its daily operation and functions. A firm of this type would, however, relieve the Governing Council of all the time-consuming activities that are required with an association of



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our size. The firm would be able to operate LPHA and reach far beyond what our abilities are through memberships and/or partnerships. An association management firm brings experience as well as potential for expanded memberships and partnerships, management of LPHA operations, finances, memberships, conferences and arrangements, exhibitors, etc.

In order for LPHA to contract with such a firm, our membership dues must increase to cover these expenses. The Governing Council approved the increase of dues as follows: \$45.00 membership for 2009, with an increase of \$10.00 per year thereafter until 2012. Therefore, in 2012 LPHA membership dues will be \$75.00.

This membership dues increase will be brought before the general membership at our educational conference in April. I hope each of you will support the Governing Council's recommendation for this increase by your vote of approval in April. By doing so, I personally feel that LPHA members will be provided with better services and opportunities to broaden the horizons of public health in Louisiana.

Thanks in advance for your support. I look forward to seeing each of you in April.

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Notice to Membership

LPHA Constitution and By-Laws Committee Report

In order for LPHA to remain a viable organization providing high quality services to our members a dues increase is needed. The increase will enable LPHA to hire a management organization that will assist with conference organization, vendor recruitment and membership services.

According to Article XI – AMENDMENTS, LPHA bylaws may be amended at the annual meeting of the Association by a two thirds vote of the members present and voting provided that notice of the proposed amendment shall have been given to the membership at least 30 days prior to the meeting. Notice of proposed amendments to these bylaws may be published in the Louisiana Public Health Association, Incorporated newsletter, and/or by e-mail and/or on the Association web site provided such notice is given to the membership at least 30 days in advance of the annual meeting of the Association.

PROPOSED BY-LAWS CHANGE

Change from:

Section 5. ANNUAL DUES - \$25.00

Change to:

Section 5. ANNUAL DUES - \$45.00 for 2009, and then increased by ten dollars annually for 2010, 2011, and 2012. Dues will be capped at \$75.00 in 2012.

This by-laws change to be voted on at the April annual Educational Conference.

LPHA Bowling Tournament

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