

House Approves Resolutions, Seats Committee Members at Jan. 19 Meeting

The Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) House of Delegates unanimously approved four resolutions and seated three members to committees at its Jan. 19 meeting in New Orleans.

The House unanimously approved:

▶ a resolution establishing the John Ashby Hernandez III Memorial Award for Francophone Leadership, to be presented annually to the person whose activities in the prior year most contributed to the perpetuation and enhancement of the Francophone legal tradition;

▶ two resolutions from the Louisiana

Board of Legal Specialization amending its rules and regulations to impose penalties for the late payment of its annual dues and to create a mechanism for an exemption from specialization CLE in the event of hardship related to illness, disability or other mitigating circumstance; and

▶ a resolution from the Young Lawyers Division amending the LSBA's bylaws to change the Law Student Membership dues from \$40 per year to a one-time fee of \$40 and to provide for electronic distribution only of the *Louisiana Bar Journal* to law student members.

In other business, the House elected Jeffrey A. Riggs (15th Judicial District) to chair the House of Delegates Liaison Committee for the 2013-14 term. The committee chair is a voting member of the Board of Governors.

Also, Tricia R. Pierre (15th Judicial District) was elected as a member of the House of Delegates Liaison Committee for the 2013-16 term. Thomas C. Cerullo (24th Judicial District) was elected to the Budget Committee for the 2013-15 term.



Mitzi Murray of West Monroe High School, second from left, was the recipient of the 2013 President's Award for Outstanding Law-Related Education, an annual award jointly presented by the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) and the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education (LCLCE). The award recognizes an outstanding Louisiana elementary, middle or high school teacher who imparts knowledge of law and civic education and who demonstrates interactive learning techniques that make a difference in student learning. Murray was honored at the LSBA's Midyear Meeting reception in January. She received her award from Louisiana Supreme Court Justice Marcus R. Clark. From left, LCLCE board member Judge C. Wendell Manning, Murray, Robert Lacombe (LCLCE Civics in Action award winner) Justice Clark and LCLCE board member State Rep. Frank Hoffmann. *Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.*

LCLCE Presents Civics in Action Award to New Iberia Student

Robert Lancon, a senior at Highland Baptist Christian School in New Iberia, is the recipient of the 2012 Civics in Action Award, presented by the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education (LCLCE). Lancon received his award from Louisiana Supreme Court Justice Marcus R. Clark during the Louisiana State Bar Association's Midyear Meeting in January.

The award recognizes outstanding middle or high school students who have demonstrated outstanding civic virtue and involvement in the community.

Lancon, an active member of the 4-H Club and the Louisiana Legislative Youth Advisory Council (LYAC), has served

as the 4-H secretary of the State Citizenship Board and as an officer of the 4-H Executive Committee. He also chaired two LYAC committees. In 2012, he was instrumental in getting two LYAC resolutions submitted into the legislative process, authored by the chair of both the House and Senate Committees on Education. These resolutions addressed the engagement of high school students in community service and both bills passed. Lancon also served as coordinator of 2012 Global Youth Service Day.

Lancon "is a leader today, growing toward what I'm certain will be a leader for tomorrow as his life impacts our community and state for the positive," said

Christie Guillory, a social studies teacher at the school.

"I have observed Robert in many settings, from providing leadership to a board meeting, to presenting workshops, to working with younger youth during special interest programs, to facilitating a discussion, to talking to legislators and university officials, to serving as a camp counselor. In all cases, Robert was a major contributor who always went beyond the call of duty. He is truly one in a million," said Janet Fox, Ph.D, Louisiana State University professor and associate department head for 4-H Youth Development.