



State Representative Report

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State: Alabama Florida Georgia
 Kentucky Louisiana Mississippi
 North Carolina South Carolina Tennessee
 Virginia

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State Officers:

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SEAHO Rep: Renee Richard Snider, Louisiana State University (ends at SEAHO 07 conference)
Morris Anderson, Southern University Baton Rouge (starts at SEAHO 07 conference)

Goals of the State Organization:

To establish a constitution including officer job descriptions
Rebuild the organization following the devastation of the hurricanes of 2005
To pilot a state housing drive in conference that focuses on the needs of the professionals in our state

State Conference News:

We were able to meet preceding the 2006 LACUSPA conference in New Orleans, September 25 - 27. This was our first statewide meeting since our state was devastated by hurricanes Katrina and Rita. We are excited about the rebuilding of our state organization as well as bringing back our RA conference in the spring, ERA (Equipping Resident Assistants). The theme for ERA 2007 will be "Building our Future" using a construction theme to celebrate the building and renewal of our state. A new slate of officers has been elected and we have started constructing a state constitution. Louisiana is very excited about the future of our LAHO organization!

State Awards:

All housing state awards are presented at ERA in March.

SEAHO Involvement:

A number of Louisiana professionals were able to attend SEAHO in 2006 due to the professional development scholarship opportunities passes by governing council last fall. As a state we are VERY appreciative of this opportunity and will have schools who will continue to need this assistance to remain involved.

The following Louisiana residents are serving SEAHO as:

Barbara Hunter – program committee

Ray Hebert – program committee

Renee Snider – SEAHO state rep. 2004-2006

Morris Anderson – SEAHO state rep. 2007-2008, Membership Services Committee Chair

New Programs, Innovations, Etc.:

We will be working to plan and implement more opportunities for our state housing officers over the next year. Currently the only housing specific professional development opportunity occurs for paraprofessionals at ERA.

The organization is interested in working with LACUSPA to offer housing programs and possibly become a joint conference as well as a professional drive-in each summer.

Problems:

Our state meeting was difficult this year. From the previous executive council – only one member (myself) was able to attend. Both the president and secretary/treasurer were on maternity leave and all others had left the state over the past year. Our first order of business was to select a new council and set the agenda for our 3 hour annual meeting. We accomplished a lot considering the hurdles we had to overcome.

Anything else helpful or worthy of reporting to SEAHO Governing Council:

Again I would like to express our gratitude as a state for the opportunity for members of our state to attend SEAHO 2006 through the use of the scholarship. Our travel funds were frozen statewide following the hurricanes and we were able to send a decent number of reps. due to these funds. While the state is recovering, there are still a number of institutions who are feeling the affects of state budget cuts, etc. We would be thrilled to see SEAHO extend this opportunity again in the future.