

# SLECA employees complete training programs in B.R.

SLECA provides its employees a comprehensive training program that covers every aspect of utility field operations, stressing safety and efficient operations under all possible conditions. (Acct. No. 106949002)

SLECA employees (shown in photo below from left to right) Andre Dupre, Neal Foret, Melvin Brown and Adrian Redden were among linemen from electric co-ops across Louisiana who successfully completed Module 5, Levels 1-5 of the four-year Louisiana Lineman Intensive Training Program administered by the Association of Louisiana Electric Cooperatives in Baton Rouge.



## Energy saving tips for lower summer bills

While SLECA's electric rates are among some of the lowest in the state, everyone benefits when we save energy.

Remember, summer heat drives up electric bills. How can you reduce your summer energy use?

1. Use or install ceiling fans. Air movement increases comfort because it makes your skin feel cooler.
2. Keep sunlight out of your home. Window blinds, drapes and tinted window coating keep the sun's rays and heat out of living areas.
3. Save moisture-producing chores like running a dishwasher, washing machine or taking showers for after dark or early morning when it's cooler.
4. Install a programmable thermostat that reduces air conditioning use overnight and while everyone's at work during the day.
5. Clean or replace your air conditioner filters every month. You should also clean the lint trap on clothes dryers with every use.
6. Remove weeds, leaves and debris from around your outdoor air conditioner compressor. This material restricts airflow to the unit and increases operating costs.
7. If your air conditioner is 10 years old or older, it might be cheaper to upgrade to a more energy-efficient system than to continue operating the old unit. Newer models can provide tremendous energy savings. You should also have your system inspected and serviced every year, normally before subjecting it to serious use.
8. Inspect your air ducts, especially if they are located in your attic. Look for air leaks and use the proper tape to make repairs. It may require an expert to do the job properly.
9. Taking a vacation? Don't assume your appliances aren't using power. "Instant-on" electronics ALWAYS use some power. Your electric hot water heater, refrigerator and freezer run constantly. Lower refrigerator and freezer temperatures if you're going on vacation. Turn off your hot water heater at the breaker. Connect security lights to a dusk-to-dawn timer.

## Have a happy July 4th!

SLECA's offices will be closed Thursday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. Standby crews will be on call to handle emergencies or weather-related outages.

# SLECA News



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## Across the Board

April 1, 2013

Present were directors Alexander Doyle, president; David Luke, vice-president; Brian Rivet, secretary; Terry Trahan, treasurer; Tracy Duval, J. D. Boudreaux, Eroy Acosta, Roger Dale DeHart, Larry J. Daigle, and Advisor to the Board, Lloyd Gibson. Also attending were Joseph Ticheli, general manager, James Funderburk, attorney, Weldon Schiller, CoBank, Retired General Manager Michael Guidry, and Elaine Robertson, member services supervisor.

After the invocation and pledge, the board approved minutes and summary of the March 7, 2013, meeting, the ALEC minutes and 157 new members.

The financial report, approved by the board, highlighted interest earnings, cash on hand, rate comparison showing SLECA having the lowest rates compared to other area utilities, line loss, kilowatt hour sales for the month, cumulative sales to date, cost of service, equity, TIER and electric and total revenue verses cost per kilowatt hour.

Following an update on upcoming schools, meetings and events, Mr. Ticheli reported on the following: (1) SLECA continues to have the lowest rates in the area; (2) The District 1, 2 & 3 meetings went very smoothly and were well attended. Mr. Rivet was congratulated on being re-elected in District 1; (3) An employee health fair is scheduled for Tuesday, May 7th; (4) SLECA's annual Family Fun Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 18th at the Donner Gym; (5) The 2013 Youth Tour winners are James Rodrigue II and Brittany Dupre and Brittany Novak was chosen as alternate; (6) SLECA received an equity distribution check in the amount of \$10,245.00 from Federated Insurance; (7) SLECA also received a 2012 patronage capital allocation check from Co-Bank in the amount of \$18,366.15; and (8) FERC has acknowledged receipt of SLECA's appeal. We had no violations this period.

The board then approved a the manager's report, and the safety report showing employees have worked 2,695,386 hours without a lost time accident since December, 1996. The board then approved the attorney's report and fees. (Acct. No. 25069001)

Following executive session, the meeting was adjourned. You may obtain copies of the minutes by contacting SLECA, P.O. Box 4037, Houma, LA 70361 or by calling (985) 876-6880 or 1-800-256-8826.

## Get to know your SLECA directors

SLECA has been ranked as one of the most efficient and best run electric utilities in Louisiana. The key to the success of SLECA, including its low rates, excellent service reputation and one of the best employee safety records in Louisiana, can be found in the directors that the SLECA membership has elected. (Acct. No. 106428001)

"Unlike investor-owned electric utilities, SLECA consumers are able to select their neighbors and fellow members to serve on their Board of Directors," notes General Manager Joe Ticheli. "These individuals come from all walks of life and various backgrounds, but they all share common goals—to make SLECA a progressive and responsive organization that always puts the best interests of its members first."

"And while you may know the neighbor you helped select to represent your local district on the SLECA board, we'd like to offer this opportunity for our consumers to meet ALL of the directors," Ticheli adds.

### David Luke

Board vice-president David Luke, a board member since 1981, is a wholesale seafood processor. For more than 36 years, the Dulac native has worked in seafood processing, beginning as a boy in his father's plant (Luke Seafood). He and his wife, Elaine, are former owners of D'Luke's Seafood, Inc. in Dulac. The couple owns St. Michael Ice & Fuel in Biloxi, MS, which not only provides fuel and ice to the Gulf Coast but also has two shrimp loading piers. Luke added two ice plants to his Biloxi operation. A lifetime member of the VFW 4752 Rifle Team and the 2nd Marine Division Assn., Luke is also a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 7722 and the Grand Cailou Volunteer Fire Department. District 4 consists of the Grand Cailou and Dulac areas. (Acct. No. 204222001)



### Alexander Doyle

Alexander Doyle, a resident of Houma, is president of the SLECA Board and has served in this capacity since his election to the Board in 1985. An attorney, Doyle is a member of the Louisiana Bar Assn., the Terrebonne Parish Bar Assn. and is qualified to practice law in Federal Court. Additionally, Doyle served as Terrebonne Parish's Assistant District Attorney for 12 years. Doyle is a former captain in the Louisiana National Guard and serves the District 6 areas of Mulberry, Barrios, Summerfield, Little Bayou Black, Coteau and Oakshire.



### Brian Rivet

Gheens resident Brian Rivet, owner of Bayou Cypress & Hardwood LLC and part-owner of R&C Oilfield Services LLC, has served on SLECA's Board since 1983. He is presently secretary of the SLECA Board, is a former member of the Cajun Electric Power Cooperative Board of Directors, and serves as a board member of the Association of Louisiana Electric Cooperatives, Inc. as well as a past director of Western Fuels. Rivet serves District 1, that includes the Gheens, Raceland and Mathews areas, and portions of Upper Bayou Blue, Coteau and Lockport.



### Eroy Acosta

Stephensville native Eroy Acosta, elected to the Board in 1987, served his community as a restaurant and lounge owner for many years. Acosta is a board member of the combined St. Martin Parish Sewage District Board and St. Martin Parish Water District Board. The Stephensville Volunteer Fire Dept. was established through his fundraising efforts and he served 21 years as president of the department. Acosta serves District 8, which includes Bayou L'Ourse, Deadwood and parts of Gibson, Morgan City and Greenwood. Acosta has also represented SLECA on the board of directors of the Assn. of Louisiana Electric Co-ops. Acosta says he enjoys serving the community at both the state and local level.



### Roger Dale DeHart

Dularge native Roger Dale DeHart was elected to the SLECA Board of Directors in March of 1997. DeHart represents District 5 covering all of Bayou Dularge and Ashland North Subdivision. He is currently serving as president of the Terrebonne Parish School Board. DeHart served more than seven years as a commissioner for Fire District 10 and is still an active member of the volunteer fire fighters. He is very active in his community and is very serious about all of his commitments.



### J.D. Boudreaux III

Donner resident Julien Dennis (J.D.) Boudreaux III, has been active in the Donner-Chacahoula Fire Dept. and Jaycees and has served on the St. Lawrence Church Parish Council, receiving the Bishop's Medal in 1987. A self-employed grocery operator and bulk-fuel dealer, he served as the last president of the Terrebonne Parish Police Jury and was first chairman of the Terrebonne Parish Council. A former Justice of the Peace, he received the Roland J. Thibodaux Award as a Terrebonne Parish school bus driver. He was appointed District 2 director, serving Donner and parts of Northwest Bayou Black Dr. and Northwest Bayou Blue Rd., in January 2006 and has been re-elected ever since.



### Terry Trahan

Director Terry Trahan, elected to SLECA's Board of Directors in 1987, currently serves as the board treasurer. He retired from Trahan's Heating and Air Conditioning after 34 years. Trahan is a native of Bayou Black who enjoys hunting often on his property in north Mississippi. He serves District 7, which includes areas of Bayou Black, Gibson, Southdown West, Ouiski Bayou and The Lakes.



### Larry J. Daigle

Bayou Blue native Larry J. Daigle was elected to the SLECA board in April 2004 representing District 3, which covers the Bayou Blue area. Having served 39 years as senior vice president of Caro Produce and nine years as president of Prime Source and Southland Distribution, he is currently the local produce buyer and grower liaison for Rouse's Supermarket. A SLECA member since 1965, Daigle serves on the finance committee of St. Louis Catholic Church and has served on the parish council of the church for eight years. Mr. Daigle, who served as advisor to Bishop Boudreaux on the Pastoral Council, received the Bishop's Award in 1988 for outstanding service to the parish.



### Tracy Duval

Amelia resident Tracy V. Duval has served on SLECA's Board since 1993 and currently serves as one of two representatives on the board of the electric cooperatives statewide group, the Assn. of Louisiana Electric Cooperatives. Duval is Justice of the Peace for Ward 9 in St. Mary Parish as well as serving as the liaison between the Policy Council and the St. Mary Community Action Committee and secretary of the Community Action program. She is also a commentator and the Eucharistic Minister of the Bread and Wine at St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Amelia. Duval represents SLECA District 9, which covers areas of Amelia, Siracusaville and part of Bayou L'Ourse.

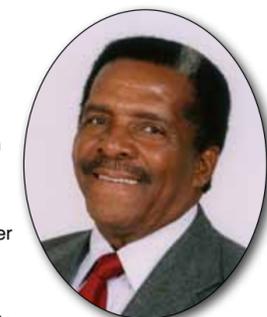


## SLECA SWEEPSTAKES

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### Lloyd Gibson

Lloyd Gibson, serving as advisor to the board since 1984, is a general contractor and owner of Cookie's Construction Co., Inc. A resident of Gibson, he has served as the Terrebonne Parish Constable in Ward 8 for 33 years. Gibson served as chairman of Terrebonne Parish Recreation Board, District 8, for 19 years and was senior deacon and chairman of the Board of Trustees of the St. James Baptist Church of Gibson for 26 years. He also serves on the board of the START Corp. and is the current president of H.O.P.E. of Terrebonne, a community civic organization. Gibson is very concerned about his community and is actively involved in its development. (Acct. No. 75314001)



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