We look forward to seeing you all at our 96th Annual PJAL Convention where President Glenn Benton of Bossier Parish will pass the gavel to incoming President Scotty Robin-son of Ouachita Parish during the Governor’s Luncheon on Friday! The Governor’s Luncheon on Friday will feature Governor John Bel Edwards as our speaker and other statewide elected officials as special guests. We invite you attend our two Educational Sessions that will feature both Ethics and Sexual Harassment Training. During the Committee Meetings, statewide elected and appointed officials will speak to members with information you can take back to your parishes. Our Exhibit Showcase will also feature 90+ companies for you to meet with to discuss goods and services for your parishes. Furthermore, network with parish government leaders and decision-makers from across the state that face the same day-to-day tasks/issues you do! For more information on convention events, see page 4 of this newsletter for a schedule overview. You won’t want to miss this exciting and informative 3-day event! We look forward to an informative and productive time with you all!

To register: www.lpgov.org/event/2020PJALConvention

Spousal/Guest Event

Guests at our convention will not want to miss their own fun event: The Spousal Event. This fun event will have artist Hailey Carlisle lead a painting party. Guests will complete a painted fleur-de-lis door hanger to bring home. Carlisle will guide participants on how to paint, what colors to choose, and assist where needed. The door hangers and bows will be provided so they are ready to hang upon returning home!

  Time: 11:30 AM
  Location: Shreveport Convention Center
          Ballroom B Room

Lunch will be provided. If a convention guest registration ticket has been pur-\nchas, the event is free! If a guest registration ticket has not been purchased, a separate ticket can be purchased at convention for $60.
News From Our Members

This year, we have lots of exciting additions for the PJAL Annual Convention, and we want you all to take advantage of each improvement!

In this issue, you will see our schedule changed a little including moving some meetings to Wednesday and ending the convention at the Governor’s Lunch-eon. Pay attention to the schedule listed and try to attend as many events/meetings as possible! This is all for you!

There is a new item on the schedule: Women In Politics. We wanted to create a space for the ever-growing group of females in local government. Please make plans to attend the relaxed inaugural meeting at 4:30pm on Thursday!

You’ve heard the buzz---the 96th Annual Convention will have its own event app and soon you can download from the app store on your phone or tablet and utilize the features to maximize your experience. Use the social feed to share your convention experience! Learn more about speakers, sponsors, and exhibitors and connect with other members by viewing our attendee list. There are too many features to list, so make sure to explore the app and get involved! On behalf of PJAL President Glenn Benton, PJAL Executive Director Guy Cormier, and the PJAL Staff, we thank you for coming to learn at the 96th Annual PJAL Convention in Shreveport. We hope you have a wonderful time and enjoy Shreveport-Bossier: Louisiana’s Other Side!

Convention News

Upcoming Events

- February 2  Groundhog Day
- February 2  Super Bowl Sunday
- February 12-14  PJAL Annual Convention
- February 14  Valentine’s Day
- February 17  President’s Day
- February 25  Fat Tuesday-Mardi Gras

We look forward to seeing you at the 96th Annual Convention February 12-14, 2020, in Shreveport, LA!
Former St. Martin Parish Councilmember Lisa Nelson has joined the Executive Board as Treasurer for the Police Jury Association following West Baton Rouge Parish’s Roy Mouch’s retirement. Nelson is a graduate of St. Martinville Senior High School and graduated from the Louisiana Regional Institute as a Licensed Practical Nurse and later graduated from LSU-Eunice as a Licensed Registered Nurse. She is presently employed by Iberia Medical Center Hospital, also.

As a former St. Martin Parish Councilmember, she proudly served District 2 for 13 years. She was Chairwoman twice and Vice Chair of Health and Human Hospitals Committee. In addition, she was a member of Housing and Urban Development Committee for the Police Jury Association of Louisiana. During her tenure as a St. Martin Parish Councilmember, she had several accomplishments including but not limited to millions in road projects, drainage projects, and recreation projects. However she says her greatest accomplishments was to serve her constituents with integrity, honesty, dedication and for the betterment of citizens of the district and Parish. “Working together is a major component of serving St. Martin Parish and the citizens. We did not always agree on every issue, but we remained professional and moved forward,” Nelson says.

On the Police Jury Association Executive Board, she was a Member-At-Large for three years and later served as PJAL President then as PJAL Past President. An active member of the National Association of Counties, she was a member of Women of NACo, NABCO, NACo Health Steering Committee and past Board of Directors member. She was also a member on the State Parks and Recreation Commission for the State of Louisiana. Nelson says one of her favorite memories was when her father, Thomas Nelson, was elected as St. Martinville Mayor, and she casually mentioned running for his position on the Council to serve the remaining year of the term that was left to oversee a project he had started. When she mentioned it to him, it immediately changed from a thought to becoming a candidate! “After serving that one-year term, I realized that I was capable and interested in following in my father’s footsteps in serving the constituents of the District and Parish with ambition and integrity,” Nelson remembered.

Currently, she is a member of St. Martinville Rotary Club and a Policy Council member for Head Start, and Community Development Institute. “I am truly honored and humbled by the board’s confidence in me and look forward to serving as Treasurer of the PJAL,” Nelson said. “I also look forward to working with the new board members, Guy Cormier, Director and the staff. They are dedicated, knowledgeable and supportive and have a friendly and family-oriented office environment.”

In her free time, she enjoys shopping and travelling and plans to spend more time outdoors in her yard mowing the lawn, manicuring the shrubs, and flowering. She hasn’t made any definite decisions on her political future but will enjoy time with friends and family in the meantime. Nelson would like to thank Mr. Roy Mouch for his years of dedicated service. Please join us in welcoming Lisa Nelson as our new Treasurer! We know she will excel in this new role! Welcome aboard!

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**Health Tips from PGRMA & CCMSI**

Per the CDC, “If Everyone in the US Received recommended Clinical Preventative Care, we could save over 100,000 lives each year.” Preventative care includes routine annual check-ups, vaccinations, and screenings that are used to prevent or detect illness and disease to allow for early treatment.

The PGRMA Group Health Plan works with our partners to provide onsite health screenings and flu shots to our member parishes!
## 2020 CONVENTION SCHEDULE

### Wednesday, February 12
- 9:00 am - 12:00 pm: Exhibit Set-up  
  Exhibit Hall 1
- 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm: Registration Desk Opens  
  Exhibits Open  
  Exhibit Hall 1
- 3:00 pm: Coastal Parishes  
  MR 208
- 3:30 pm: Parish Engineers & Supervisors Association Meeting  
  MR 207
- 3:00 pm: Parish Attorneys & Continuing Legal Ed.  
  MR 202
- 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm: Welcome Event  
  BALLROOM A-B

### Thursday, February 13
- 7:00 am: Coffee and Refreshments  
  Exhibit Hall 1
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm: Registration  
  Exhibit Hall 1
- 7:00 am: Exhibits open  
  Exhibit Hall 1
- 8:00 am - 9:00 am: Educational Session I-Sexual Harassment  
  BALLROOM C-D
- 9:15 am - 10:15 am: Educational Session II - Ethics  
  BALLROOM C-D
- 10:30 am: Registration Administrative Officials Organization (Separate Ticket Required)  
  BALLROOM A
- 11:00 am: Parish Administrative Officials Meeting and Luncheon  
  BALLROOM A
- 11:00 am: Black Caucus Meeting  
  MR 203
- 11:30 am: Spousal/ Guest Function  
  BALLROOM B
- 12:00 pm: Exhibits Close  
  MR 206
- 1:00 pm: Agriculture  
  MR 206
- 2:00 pm: Criminal & Juvenile Justice  
  MR 207
- 3:00 pm: Governmental Affairs  
  MR 208
- 4:00 pm: Drainage, Public Works & Water Resources  
  MR 209
- 5:00 pm: Solid Waste  
  MR 210
- 6:00 pm: Parks, Recreation & Tourism  
  MR 206
- 7:00 pm: Environment & Energy  
  MR 207
- 8:00 pm: Emergency Preparedness  
  MR 208
- 9:00 pm: Veterans & Military Services  
  MR 209
- 10:00 pm: Wildlife & Fisheries  
  MR 210
- 11:00 pm: Fire Protection & EMS  
  MR 206
- 12:00 am: Health & Human Hospitals  
  MR 207
- 1:00 am: Highways  
  MR 208
- 2:00 am: Community Development  
  MR 209
- 3:00 am: Resolutions Committee  
  MR 202
- 4:00 am: Women in Politics  
  MR 203
- 5:00 am: 2020 Host Parish Reception – Bossier/Caddo  
  Bossier Convention Center

### Friday, February 14
- 7:30 am: Registration  
  PFA Level 2
- 7:30 am: Coffee and Refreshments  
  PFA Level 2
- 8:30 am: General Session and Business Meeting  
  BALLROOM C-D
- 12:00 pm: Governor’s Luncheon and Installation of Officers  
  BALLROOM A-B

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Newly Elected Officials Conference!

On January 16, 2020, The Newly Elected Officials Orientation was a great time for newly elected officials to learn and network with other parish government and statewide elected officials! There were many topics covered and speakers included officials from the National Association of Counties, Attorney General’s Office, Ethics Department, Legislative Auditors Office, and more! PJAL President Glenn Benton welcomed those in attendance and thanked them for their service to their parishes. Executive Director Guy Cormier gave a brief overview about what our Association can do for them and ways to get involved and better their parishes and the state of Louisiana. All presentations from this event are available on our website via Resources in the Latest News tab (www.lpgov.org/news).