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### **LABI Announces 2016 Officers and Board of Directors at 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting**

**Baton Rouge, LA (Jan. 14, 2016)** – The Louisiana Association of Business and Industry (LABI) has announced its officers and board members for 2016, along with the inaugural members of the newly created LABI Emerging Leaders Council, a group of 40 distinguished entrepreneurs from each region of Louisiana that will meet regularly and offer unique insight to the organization on issues facing the state. The slate represents some of the top talent from the Louisiana business community and other organizations across the state.

**John Finan**, president and CEO of the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady Health System (FMOL), will serve as the chair of LABI for 2016. He replaces **Jay Lapeyre**, president and CEO of Laitram, LLC, who becomes the immediate past chair. **Art Favre**, president of Performance Contractors, will serve as the board's vice chair.

**Additional LABI 2016 officers include:**

**Secretary: Tim Stine**, CFO, Stine Lumber Company (Sulphur)

**Treasurer: Sonia Perez**, President, AT&T Louisiana (Baton Rouge)

### **The following includes the 18 new members on the 2016 LABI Board of Directors:**

**Jamie Burgess**

Senior Vice President, Whitney Bank (Baton Rouge)

**Michael Echols**

Director of Business Development, Vantage Health Plan (Monroe)

**Mark Joslin**

CFO, Pool Corporation (Covington)

**Gary Littlefield**

President, Gulf Coast Bank and Trust (Baton Rouge)

**Danny Montelaro**

South Louisiana Area President, Regions Bank (Baton Rouge)

**Spencer Murphy**

General Counsel, Canal Barge Company (New Orleans)

**Mark Myrtue**

Treasurer and Corporate Secretary, Hornbeck Offshore Services, Inc. (Covington)

**Frederick B. Palmer**

State Government Relations Manager – Southeast U.S., Shell Oil Company (New Orleans)

**Nial Patel** (Serving in the capacity of 2016 Chair of the Emerging Leaders Council)

Vice President, Cornerstone Government Affairs (Baton Rouge)

**David Roberts**

CEO, Excel Group (Baton Rouge)

**Phillip Rozeman**

President, Cardiovascular Consultants (Shreveport)

**Donna Saurage**

Manager, Community Coffee Company Holding, LLC (Baton Rouge)

**Tony Simmons**

CEO, McIlhenny Company (Avery Island)

**Erich Sternberg**

CEO, Starmount Life Insurance (Baton Rouge)

**Jennifer Vosburg**

President, Louisiana Generating LLC and Senior Vice President, NRG Energy Inc. (New Roads)

**April Wehrs** (Serving in the capacity of 2016 President of the Louisiana Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives)

President, Livingston Parish Chamber of Commerce (Denham Springs)

**John Williams** (Serving in the capacity of 2016 Trade Association Representative)

Executive Director, Beer Industry League of Louisiana (Baton Rouge)

**Bill Windham**

Owner, Windham, LLC (Bossier City)

**Current members of the 2016 LABI Board of Directors (not listed above) include:****Clay M. Allen**

Managing Partner, Allen & Gooch, A Law Corporation (Lafayette)

**Robert Angelico**

Attorney, Liskow & Lewis (New Orleans)

**Joe Arroyo**

President, Fire Extinguisher & Supply Company, Inc. (New Orleans)

**James A. Babst**

Attorney, Wegmann & Babst, LLC (New Orleans)

**Ron Ballman**

Plant Manager, Sapa Extrusions, Inc. (Delhi)

**Bobby Barousse**

Chief Financial Officer, Elmer Candy Corporation (Ponchatoula)

**Terry Baugh**

Chief Financial Officer, D&J Construction Company, Inc. (West Monroe)

**Adrienne Baumgartner**

Partner, Porteous, Hainkel & Johnson (Covington)

**Andree Begneaud**

Owner, Begneaud Manufacturing, Inc. (Lafayette)

**C. J. Blache**

Attorney, Roedel, Parsons, Koch, Blache, Balhoff & McCollister (Baton Rouge)

**Boyd Boudreaux**

President & CEO, J.D. Bank (Jennings)

**Greg Bowser**

Executive Vice President, Louisiana Chemical Association/Louisiana Chemical Industry Alliance (Baton Rouge)

**Ayres Bradford**

Business Development Director, Lincoln Builders, Inc. (Ruston)

**Jane Brown**

CFO, Steel Fabricators of Monroe, LLC (Monroe)

**J.S. Brown III**

President, Bruce Foods Corporation (New Iberia)

**James B. Bulliard**

Owner, Cajun Chef Products, Inc. (St. Martinville)

**J.H. Campbell, Jr.**

Executive Chairman, Associated Grocers, Inc. (Baton Rouge)

**Karl J. Connor**

Director of Government Affairs – Louisiana, BP (New Orleans)

**Emile Cordaro**

Government Affairs, American Electric Power (Shreveport)

**Jaime DeLaCruz**

HR Manager, Marathon Petroleum Company, LP (Garyville)

**Christopher Dicharry**

Partner, Kean Miller, LLP (Baton Rouge)

**Maura Donahue**

Executive Vice President, DonahueFavret Contractors, Inc. (Mandeville)

**Eduardo DoVal**

Louisiana Operations Site Director, The Dow Chemical Company (Plaquemine)

**Keith P. Duet**

Owner, Duet Wealth Management (Covington)

**Denise Evans**

CFO, Training Logic, Inc. (Ruston)

**Ronald Evans**

Owner, International Packaging Company, LLC (Gretna)

**Courtney A. Fenet, Jr.**

Vice President and Special Assistant to CEO and President, R. E. Heidt Construction Company, LLC (Sulphur)

**William Fenstermaker**

Chairman/CEO, Fenstermaker (Lafayette)

**Wayne J. Fontana**

Attorney, Fontana & Seelman, LLP (New Orleans)

**Patrick Fontenot**

CEO, Williams Progressive Life Insurance (Opelousas)

**Justin Furnace**

Corporate Manager of External Affairs, Hilcorp Energy Company (Houston, TX)

**Todd Gregory**

Vice President of South Central Group, Cintas Corporation (Mandeville)

**Lane Grigsby**

Chairman of the Board, Cajun Industries, LLC (Baton Rouge)

**George H. Guidry, Jr.**

Regional Manager, State Government Affairs, Koch Companies Public Sector, LLC (Baton Rouge)

**Gregory J. Hamer**

President, B & G Food Enterprises, LLC (Morgan City)

**Stephen J. Hamilton**

Process Division Manager, ExxonMobil Chemical Company (Baton Rouge)

**Lester Hart**

General Manager, Nucor Louisiana (Convent)

**Chris Haskew**

Louisiana Market President, Capital One Bank Louisiana (Baton Rouge)

**Tom Hawkins**

President, Atmos Energy (Baton Rouge)

**Mike Hayes**

Public Affairs Manager, Sasol Chemicals USA, LLC (Westlake)

**Mike Huber**

Manager, Environmental Remediation, Axiall Corporation (Lake Charles)

**Thomas E. Iles**

Director, State Public Affairs, John Deere Thibodaux, Inc. (Washington, DC)

**Michael T. Johnson**

Founder/Owner, Johnson Siebeneicher & Ingram, Attorneys at Law (Pineville)

**John F. Jones**

Vice President, Policy & Federal Legislative Affairs, CenturyLink (Monroe)

**Steve M. Jordan**

CEO, Central Crude, Inc. (Lake Charles)

**J. William Kight**

President, Euroboard, Inc. (Monroe)

**Christopher M. Kinsey**

CEO, Kinsey Interests, Inc. (Shreveport)

**Greg Luna**

Senior Counsel of Legislative Affairs, CITGO Petroleum Corporation (Houston, TX)

**Felicia Manuel**

Vice President, Ville Platte Iron Works, Inc. (Ville Platte)

**Martin Mayer**

President, Stirling Properties, Inc. (Covington)

**Marjorie McKeithen**

Partner, Jones, Walker, Waechter, Poitevent, Carrere & Denegre (New Orleans)

**Jude Melville**

President, Business First Bank (Baton Rouge)

**Ralph R. Miller**

Vice President, Freeport-McMoRan (New Orleans)

**Mike Mitternacht**

President, Factory Service Agency, Inc. (Metairie)

**Jessica Monroe**

Director, State Government Affairs, Johnson & Johnson HCS (Baton Rouge)

**Jody Montelaro**

Vice President – Louisiana Governmental Affairs & Regulatory Affairs, Entergy Corporation (Baton Rouge)

**Tom O'Neal**

President, O'Nealgas, Inc. (Choudrant)

**John Overton** (Serving in the capacity of 2016 Small Business Representative)

Owner and CFO, Turn Key Solutions, LLC (Baton Rouge)

**Reldon Owens**

Marketing & Sales Director, Diamond B Construction LLC and Affiliated Companies (Alexandria)

**Ronald W. Petree**

Senior Vice President, St. Martin Bank & Trust Co. (Jennings)

**Loulan Pitre**

Attorney, Kelly, Hart & Pitre, LLP (New Orleans)

**Scott Poole**

Chief Executive Officer, Roy O. Martin Lumber, LLC (Alexandria)

**E. Fredrick Preis, Jr.**

Partner, Labor & Employment Law Section, Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, LLP (New Orleans)

**Arthur Price**

Vice President – Finance, Badger Oil Corporation (Lafayette)

**Molly Quirk**

Public Affairs Specialist, State Farm Insurance Company (Baton Rouge)

**Kenneth L. Ross**

Managing Partner, Seale & Ross (Hammond)

**Gordon E. Rountree**

Senior Vice President/General Counsel, Lafayette General Medical Center (Lafayette)

**Rena Roy**

Area Manager, Chase Business Banking, Chase Bank Baton Rouge Market (Baton Rouge)

**Christel C. Slaughter**

Partner, SSA Consultants, Inc. (Baton Rouge)

**Ed Smith**

NLA Timberlands Region Manager, Weyerhaeuser (Natchitoches)

**Terry Spruill**

General Manager of Marketing, Cleco Corporation (Pineville)

**Dana Stumpf**

Chief Administrative Officer, Durr Heavy Construction, LLC (Harahan)

**Brian Verrette**

Credit & Risk Manager, ArcelorMittal LaPlace

**Scott Viator**

Complex General Manager – International Paper (Bogalusa and Lafayette)

**Stephen Waguespack (Ex Officio)**

President, LABI (Baton Rouge)

**David H. Welch**

President & CEO, Stone Energy Corporation (Lafayette)

**Hicks Winters**

Land, Environment and Public Affairs, LaFarge Corporation (Washington, DC)

**Brent Wood**

State Government Affairs Manager, Chevron Corporation (Covington)

## The 40 members of the newly created LABI Emerging Leaders Council include:

**Ross Abraham**

Special Products Director, Big Easy Foods (Lake Charles)

**Jeff Andry**

Business Developer, Cleco Corporation (Alexandria)

**Ann Barilleaux**

Marketing Consultant Center Point Energy (Lake Charles)

**John Blackledge**

General Manager Shreveport/Bossier Market, Cintas Corporation (Shreveport)

**Sarah Broome**

Executive Director, Thrive Academy (Baton Rouge)

**Harold Callais**

Managing Director, Callais Capital (Thibodaux)

**David Cavell**

District Director, Office of Congressman Garrett Graves (Thibodaux)

**Cloyce Clark**

Assistant District Attorney, DeSoto Parish (Mansfield)

**Blake Cooper**

Executive Director, Central Louisiana Regional Port (Alexandria)

**Kim Cusimano**

Senior Public and Government Affairs Specialist, Sasol North America (Lake Charles)

**Allyson D'Aquin**

Chief Financial Officer, All-Star Automotive (Baton Rouge)

**Eric Dexter**

Director of Business Development, Civil Solutions Consulting Group (Baton Rouge)

**Ragan Dickens**

Communications Director, Louisiana Oil and Gas Association (Shreveport)

**Jacob Dickson**

Director of Sales and Marketing, Morris Dickson (Shreveport)



**Brooks Duplessis**

President, BD Consulting (New Orleans)

**Tommy Fauchaux**

Government Affairs Leader, The Dow Chemical Company (Hahnville)

**Rachel Fousch**

Director of Business Development and Marketing, The Lemoine Company (New Orleans)

**Seth Guidry**

Program Manager, Danos (Houma)

**Bryan Hodnett**

Project Manager, DonahueFavret Contractors, Inc. (Mandeville)

**Michael Howard**

Chief Executive Officer, Gulf Energy Fabricators (Broussard)

**Bryan Jones**

Associate Vice President, HNTB (Baton Rouge)

**Mike Levy**

Capital Stewardship Advisor, Chevron (Covington)

**Jared Loftus**

Chief Operating Officer, MasteryPrep (Baton Rouge)

**James Moore, III**

Partner, Intermountain Hotels (Monroe)

**Darryl Monroe**

Treasurer, RoyOMartin (Alexandria)

**Patrick Mulhearn**

Executive Director, Celtic Media Centre (Baton Rouge)

**Nial Patel (2016 Chair)**

Vice President, Cornerstone Government Affairs (Baton Rouge)

**Amy Ponson**

Director of Development, Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center (Houma)

**Jerry Prejean**

Senior Vice President, Iberia Bank (Lafayette)

**Wynn Radford**

Associate Director of Communications and External Affairs, BP America (New Orleans)

**Jim Raines**

Partner, Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, LLP (New Orleans)

**Christian Rhodes**

Attorney, Roedel, Parsons, Koch, Blache, Balhoff & McCollister (New Orleans)

**James Rhodes**

Co-Founder, Rhodes Property and Development (Natchitoches)

**Jonathan Ringo**

Associate General Counsel, Lake Charles Harbor & Terminal District (Lake Charles)

**Brian Rodriguez**

President, GatorWorks (Baton Rouge)

**Nick Speyrer**

President, Emergent Method (Baton Rouge)

**Amy Thibodeaux**

President, Crowley Chamber of Commerce (Crowley)

**Marjorie Torres**

Hunt, Guillot & Associates (Baton Rouge)

**Kelli Bondy Troutman**

Director of Communications and Community Relations, LUBA Workers' Comp (Baton Rouge)

**Meagan Messina Woodard**

Counsel, CenturyLink (Monroe)

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**About the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry**

As the state's chamber of commerce and manufacturer's association, the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry (LABI) represents more than 2,200 member companies of every size, in every sector and region. Under the policy direction of its membership, LABI's professional staff works year round with policymakers and government officials to advocate for pro-business reforms in taxation, civil justice, energy, health care, workers' and unemployment compensation, workforce development and public education. [www.labi.org](http://www.labi.org).