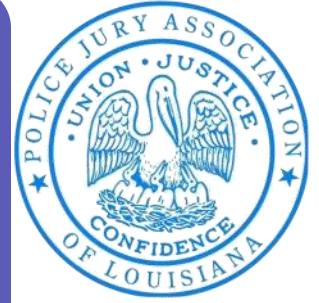


# LA Parish Government Monthly Newsletter



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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Legislative Update**
- **New President Elected**
- **Convention Scrapbook**

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## Legislative Update

The Police Jury Association is making some changes to save money and provide you with the most up-to-date information possible! We are excited to announce we will begin issuing only one magazine instead of two per year and begin sending an email newsletter each month. We will continue the commemorative After Convention Issue that features our President on the cover and the photos and summary from our Annual Convention's many informative events. The newsletter will be issued the last Thursday of every month except for December's issue which will be in the middle of the month due to everyone's holiday festivities.



Louisiana State Capitol

We are very excited to have you receive the information from across the state each month in an informative yet fun format! We are eager to have some items featured in every issue such as Member Spotlights, Parish News, Parish

Government Accolades, Upcoming Events/Calendar, Your Month in Photos, and General PJAL News. We are formatting the newsletter to make it easy to print from your offices and distribute to members in case you prefer printed versions of newsletters.

We hope you will help make our monthly newsletter successful by submitting photos, story ideas, accolades and anything else you would like to see included in our newsletter! We want to share your news with our members! Please send any information to Contract Communications Director Sunny St. Romain via email to [sunny@lpgov.org](mailto:sunny@lpgov.org).

## Parish Government Accolades

Officers with the Bossier Parish Police Jury's Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit (CVEU) work daily to insure heavy rigs moving across parish roads meet safety standards. The primary duty of the department is to regulate com-

mercial motor vehicle traffic on all roadway systems in Bossier Parish.

Primary concerns of the Police Jury CVEU is the safety of the residents and the commercial vehicles that travel the more than

800 miles of Bossier Parish roads, and to help maintain safe roads in the parish. In addition to enforcing the standards, CVEU officers also assist in escorting properly permitted vehicles to an ultimate work destination.

# Inside Scoop: New President Elected



Immediate Past President Guy Cormier passes the gavel to new PJAL President Joe Bishop

2016-2017 PJAL President Guy Cormier of St. Martin Parish passed the gavel to 2017-2018 PJAL President Joe Bishop of Rapides Parish during the banquet portion of our 2017 PJAL Convention at the Golden Nugget in Lake Charles on February 17. Bishop has hit the ground running discussing several issues important to our state and local government and will do a phenomenal job during his year of presidency.

“I am honored to represent Rapides Parish and the Police Jury Association. Together we can continue to bring parish government to the forefront of public service for our fellow citizens,” PJAL President Joe Bishop.

To be included in this section in an upcoming issue, please submit your story to [sunny@lpov.org](mailto:sunny@lpov.org).

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## Upcoming Events

- April 1 April Fools Day
- April 9 Palm Sunday
- April 14 Good Friday
- April 16 Easter Sunday
- April 18 Tax Day and Hilton Cut-off day for Legislative Day
- April 22 Earth Day
- April 26 Administrative Professional’s Day
- April 28 Arbor Day

# Convention Candidats

Attendees of our 2017 PJAL Convention enjoying themselves during the many different functions!

The Police Jury Association 2018 Annual Convention will take place January 18-20, 2018, at the New Orleans Sheraton! We hope to see you there!

**“Let us not seek the Republican answer or the Democratic answer, but the right answer. Let us not seek to fix the blame for the past. Let us accept our own responsibility for the future.” -Former President John F. Kennedy**





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This newsletter is only possible with help from YOU. Please send all story ideas, news from your parish and monthly photos to PJAL Contract Communications Director Sunny St. Romain via email ([sunny@lpgov.org](mailto:sunny@lpgov.org)).

If you would like to nominate a member for us to spotlight, please send in their name, parish, contact information and why we should showcase them.

## General PJAL News

Registration is now open our **PJAL Annual Legislative Day**. Please turn in your registration for the event that takes place on Wednesday, May 3, 2017.

A block of rooms is available at the Hilton Capitol Center for Tuesday, May 2.

For more information, including a registration form, please visit our website ([www.lpgov.org](http://www.lpgov.org)) or call our PJAL Office (225-343-2835).



**Top:** Ascension Parish President Kenny Matassa

**Bottom:** East Baton Rouge Mayor-President Sharon Weston-Broome

## Task Forces



The Police Jury Association and its members are on a variety of different Task Forces. These Task Forces were appointed by Governor John Bel Edwards.

In the bottom photo, East Baton Rouge Mayor-President Sharon Weston-Broome addresses Restore Louisiana Task Force on local government issues related to the flood events of 2016.

In the top photo, Ascension Parish President Kenny Matassa gives a parish update and hosts the Restore Louisiana Task Force.

The PJAL is proud to have such hard working members for their parishes and their state!