

Annual PABI Installation English Turn Golf & Country Club

The Officers and Board of Directors of the Plaquemines Association of Business & Industry were officially installed at the Annual Installation Banquet held January 25, at English Turn Golf and Country Club. Governor John Bel Edwards was the keynote speaker. He was introduced by Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser. Governor Edwards he discussed oil prices, coastal restoration, transportation infrastructure and the recently announced Venture Global project set to begin construction in 2018. He thanked President Cormier for his public service. He also discussed the state's budget deficit. Outgoing Chairman Robert Hopkins highlighted PABI's work during the past year and introduced Incoming Chairman Michael Van Haverbeke, who spoke on his plans for the upcoming year. The following Officers, Directors, Committee Chairs and Community Representative will lead PABI during 2017: Michael Van Haverbeke, Southland Rental Tools, Inc., will serve as Chairman of the Board; Robert Hopkins, Whitney Bank, Immediate Past Chairman; Jeff DiMarco, Plaquemines Pharmacy, Chairman Elect; Michelle Herbert, Trigon Associates, LLC, First Vice Chair; Ed Camnetar, Camnetar & Company, CPA's, Treasurer. Board Members for 2017: Lee Alexander, Daybrook Fisheries, Inc.; Jacob Braud, Ballay, Braud & Colon, PLC; Chad Madere, Madere & Sons Towing; Robert Morgan, Severn Trent Services; Tim Schotsch, Riverside Recycling, LLC; Brandon Taylor, Cossich Sumich, Parsiola & Taylor, LLC; Shannon Vogt, Phillips 66 Alliance Refinery; and Philip Watt, Stolthaven New Orleans.

Committee Chairs for 2017 are: Danica Ansardi, Ansardi Financial Services, Membership/Economic Development; Greg Abdelnoor, Chevron Oronite, Education/Workforce; Jeff White, Subway, Military; George Pivach, Pivach, Pivach, Hufft, Thriffiley & Dunbar, LLC, Energy/Maritime; Michelle Herbert, Trigon Associates, LLC, Transportation/Infrastructure; Dale Benoit, Print-All, Inc., Governmental Affairs; Ryan Daul, Daul Insurance Agency, Inc., Insurance; and Richie Blink, National Wildlife Federation, Coastal Restoration.

Bruce Keller, Naval Air Station Belle Chasse, will serve as Community Representative to the Board for 2017.





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