



New Orleans Chapter Newsletter
Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists
January 2015

Chairman's Column

Last month thirty-five members and guests enjoyed our annual "no speaker" lunch.

This month, our speaker will be State Representative Neil Abramson. His talk will concentrate on the current status of the legacy lawsuit problem, which has plagued the industry in recent years.

The dates for the rest of our meetings are listed in this newsletter.

On a somber note, we learned that longtime member, Jim Echzabel died in early December while in Houston. A private memorial service for Jim was held on January 4, 2015.

Notices for spring dues have gone out. Response for fall dues was excellent – keep up the good work!

Louis E. Lemarié

Future Sipes Meetings

Winter-Spring 2015

Jan 20

Feb 17

March 17

April 21

May 19 (dinner meeting)

State Rep. Neil C. Abramson

The Legacy Lawsuit Problem



Tuesday, January 20th
Andrea's - Metairie

Registration & Networking - 11:30 AM

Lunch and Talk - Noon

Reservations and guests: Carol St. Germain - 504-267-3466

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Dartmouth College, B.A. Government; Four Years College Football

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Government

Page for Louisiana Senate; Office Assistant for LA Senator Joseph Sevario
Internships: U.S. Senator J. Bennett Johnston & U.S. Representative Jimmy Hayes

State Representative

Re-Elected for District 98 in 2011, with 74% of the vote again.
District encompasses Uptown and Broadmoor

Elected for District 98 in 2007, first run for political office, with 74% of the vote.
District encompassed Uptown, Broadmoor and Central City

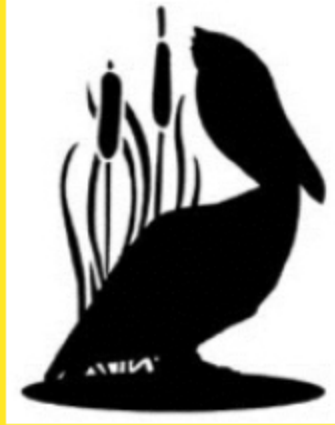
Committees:

Civil Law and Procedure, Chairman
La. Hurricane Recovery Committee, first person to be chairman of committee
Health & Welfare, former member
Judiciary, former member
La. Legislative Audit Advisory Council, former member
Hurricane Katrina Memorial Committee, former member

Awards:

Alliance for Good Government, Legislator of the Year, 2009
New Orleans City Business, Leadership in Law Award, 2009
New Orleans Magazine, People to Watch, 2008
In Top 10 of legislators for number of bills passed from 2008-11 (First Term in Office).
No. 1 of state representatives for number of bills passed from 2012-14 (Second Term in Office).

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