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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

I hope this finds everyone well as we prepare for the upcoming 2012 softball season. I appreciate the opportunity to serve the members of the LSCA as President during the 2011-2013 school years. Each of you can do your part also by joining the LSCA and encouraging others to become part of one of the best coach's organizations in the state. Also, we must continue to get more people involved in the LSCA to make the organization better and stronger. We need your ideas and input. Please join TODAY!

Please be sure and mark your calendars with the important dates for the 2012 season. These dates can be found on the web site. Please pay close attention to the deadline to join the LSCA and to submit your Academic All State, All Star, and LSCA All State Nominations. Also, please familiarize yourself with the items that are on the January 2012 Convention agenda that pertain to the sport of softball. Some of those items may affect all of us this season if passed. Those items can be found on the LHSAA website.

If there is anything that I can do for you, please don't hesitate to ask.

Mark Suire

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION:

The deadline to join the LSCA for this school year is February 20th, 2012. Membership applications can be found on the LSCA website at www.lasoftball.net and all applications and payments should be mailed to Membership Committee chairman Bennie Daigle at the address found on the application.

COACH'S DIRECTORY:

Members who joined for the 2011-2012 school year prior to November 18, 2011 will receive their copy of the LSCA Directory at the January winter clinic in Baton Rouge. If you do not pick yours up there, we will mail it to you.

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JANUARY (WINTER) CLINIC:

This year's Winter Clinic has been scheduled for Saturday January 14th, 2012 at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. The clinic will be held in the Lawton Room at Tiger Stadium beginning at 9:00 am. There will be an executive committee meeting on Friday January 14th at 8pm at the Hampton Inn prior to the clinic. The clinic schedule will be as follows:

8:30-9:00	Registration
9:00-9:50	Tommy Dean, Concussion Solutions
10:00-10:50	Beth Torina, LSU Head Softball Coach
11:00-11:50	Lunch/LSCA Business Meeting
12:00-12:50	Howard Dobson, LSU Assistant Softball Coach
1:00-1:50	Lindsay Leftwich, LSU Assistant Softball Coach
2:00-2:50	Howard Dobson, LSU Assistant Softball Coach

Make your lodging reservations at:

Hampton Inn Baton Rouge at I-10 & College Drive
4646 Constitution Ave
Baton Rouge, LA 70808
(225) 926-9990
hamptoncollegedrive.com

Remember the clinic fees are covered in your membership. Please make plans to attend!

2011-2012 IMPORTANT DATES:

January:	LHSAA Online Rules Clinic – Mandatory for all head coaches
January 14th:	Winter Clinic @ LSU
January 16th:	First Team Practice
February 16th-19th:	Jamborees Played
February 20th:	First Contest and Deadline for LSCA Membership for 2011 Season
March 12th:	LHSCA All Star Nominations Due; Deadline for Academic All State Nominations LSCA Scholarship, Hall of Fame, and Distinguished Service Nominations Due
March 18th:	All Star Selection Committee Meeting – 2:00 PM – LHSAA Office
April 11th:	District Representatives Reported & Final District Standing Forms Due by 10:00 PM Last Regular Season Contest
April 12th:	Final Softball Results Posted Online
April 13th:	Softball Playoff Pairings Announced
April 17th:	Bi District Playoff Deadline
April 21st:	Regional Playoff Deadline
April 27th-28th:	State Tournament
May 18th-19th:	All Star Games and Luncheon
July 17th-19th:	LHSCA Coaching Clinic

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2012 SEASON REMINDERS:

- Power Ranking System to be used for seeding teams for the state playoffs beginning in 2012.
- Softball schedules must be submitted online and results must be posted/verified after each game. All schedules must be posted online by Saturday February 18, 2012.
- The LHSAA will now require a \$50 sanctioning fee for all Jamborees. Regular season tournaments must be sanctioned by the LHSAA, but there is no fee.
- January 16th Start of Practice Date

ALL-STAR UPDATE:

- This year's event will take place on May 18-19, 2012 at Louisiana College in Pineville
- Coaches for the 2012 Game will be:
West – Kenneth Vial (Hahnville) and Angie Little (Hackberry)
East – Becky Lambert (Hannan) and Nancy Ensminger (Dutchtown)

IMPORTANT ALL STAR NOTES:

Deadline for All Star nominations is March 12, 2012. Be sure to fill out all nomination forms correctly and with all the information needed. Failure to do so could void your nomination.

2012 All Star Selection Committees:

EAST:

5A – Tim Whitman, Ouachita
4A – Brad Woodward, Grant
3A – Jeffery Odom, Jena
2A – Kristy Hebert, Riverside
1A – Lauren Castle, Catholic-Pointe Coupee
B – Hillary Branch, Choudrant
C – Shelly Cothell, Family Christian

WEST:

5A – Mitzi Lalande, New Iberia
4A – Thad Dickey, Beau Chene
3A – Cason Robison, Iowa
2A – Sherilyn Mueller, Evangell Christian
1A – Theresa Lombardo, Hanson Memorial
B – Monica Ober, Glenmora
C – Jack Miller, Starks

****All Star selection committee members need to mark their calendars for March 18th, 2012. The selection meeting will take place at the LHSAA office at 2PM. You should receive a letter from them verifying this information. It is very important that you attend this meeting!*

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE:

LSCA Executive Committee meetings are open to the general membership, however, only Executive Committee members can vote on LSCA business. The Executive Committee consists of LSCA officers and class representatives. Anyone who is interested in getting more involved with the association is encouraged to attend the meetings on the following dates:

January 13th, 2012 – 8:00 pm @ Winter Clinic – Louisiana State University – Baton Rouge

March 14th, 2012 - 9:30 am @ The Quarters Restaurant – Opelousas

May 17th, 2012 – 8:00pm @ All Star Weekend - Pineville

LSCA OFFICERS

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Past President:	<i>Scott Nielson, St. Amant</i>

LSCA CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

5A	<i>Danny Roberts, Ruston</i>
4A	<i>Jeff Tannehill, Neville</i>
3A	<i>Ashlee Ducote, Parkview Baptist</i>
2A	<i>Jeri Beck, Catholic-NI</i>
1A	<i>Kirk Delatte, Ascension Catholic</i>
B	<i>Rachelle Monceaux, Grand Lake</i>
C	<i>Angie Little, Hackberry</i>

LSCA WEBPAGE:

Special thanks to coach Jeri Beck of Catholic High-New Iberia for taking on the task of updating our Website! The new design looks great and is very user friendly. I encourage you to visit often for LSCA news and updated information. The address is: <http://www.lasoftball.net>

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NEXT TENTATIVE NEWSLETTER RELEASE DATE:

March 15, 2012

The first newsletter of the year (September) is mailed to each school. All other newsletters throughout the year will be sent via email and posted on the LSCA website.

IN CLOSING:

If you have not already done so, I encourage you to **JOIN TODAY**. Encourage all the coaches in your district to join the LSCA and get involved. If you would like to serve on a committee or have ideas that could make our association better, please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the officers and we will be happy to help you get involved. Good Luck as you make preparations for the 2012 season.

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