AT ANNUAL MEETING

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Arts Council Elects Officers

Officers and board members for the Acadiana Arts Council were elected recently at the annual meeting which was held at the Old Public Library.

Leslie Owen Hayes, who was one of the original founders of the organization, was elected President, with Lulu Hillard, Vice President; Marilyn Tardy, Vice President - programming; Nadra Androuts, Vice President - Fundraising; Terry Veron, Secretary, and Lee Bob Cox, Treasurer.

Board members elected were Ray Desormeaux, John Fierro, Susan Lafferty, Ann LeJeune, Christine Moncus, Kent Wall, Rita Stuart, and Beverly Littlefield. Re-elected for 3 year terms were George Crochet, Melinda Lynn, Ed McGlasson, Mario Mamakaba, Marilyn Tardy, and Melinda Walton.

Hayes reported that the Council had presented over 75 performances, workshops, demonstrations, and other programs with attendance at over 24,000 during the past year. Over one hundred fifteen local artists and 171 touring artists and groups were used.

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"THANKS WALTER" — Walter Dubois, outgoing president of the Acadiana Arts Council, receives a plaque from Leslie Owen Hayes, new president of the Council, expressing appreciation for his leadership over the past two years.

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