COUNCIL APPOINTS MOST MEMBERS

Nine-Member Board Named For Cajundome

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The Lafayette City Council named five citizens to a new Cajundome Management Board last night, rounding out a nine-member commission which will oversee the operation of the Cajundome and Municipal Auditorium.

Three other members were appointed by USL president Ray Authement, and one commissioner was appointed by the Lafayette Convention and Visitors Commission, the Lafayette Hotel and Motel Association and Great Lafayette Chamber of Commerce.

Terms of Cajundome Management Board members are staggered. They were determined by a random drawing at yesterday's meeting.

Duties and powers of the board will be decided later, along with details about related committees, meetings, records and reports.

Members Announced

Cajundome Management Board members are:
- Wallace Breaux, businessman, three-year term, appointed by District 1 Councilman Bob Domingue;
- Dr. Kenneth Brown, physician, five-year term, appointed by District 2 Councilman Wilfred Pierre;
- Jerry Brents, banker, two-year term, appointed by District 3 representative.
- W.M. "Dub" Hudson;
- Louis Mann, businessman, one-year term, appointed by District 4 Councilman Al Simon, and;
- W.W. Rucks III, businessman, four-year term, named by District 5 representative W.M. "Dub" Hudson.

Gerald Breaux, director of the Lafayette Convention and Visitors Commission, was appointed by that commission, the Hotel and Motel Association and Chamber of Commerce.

Authement named Mario Mamanakis, former head of the USL news bureau and public relations consultant, to a one-year term; Dr. James Caillier, USL dean, to a three-year term; and William Broadhurst, an attorney, to a five-year term.

Ending A Squabble

The appointment of Auditorium-Dome Commission members ended a seven-month squabble between the Council and Mayor Dud Lastrapes.

At first, Lastrapes had the right to name Commission members, with the advice and consent of the Council. But Council members disagreed with some of his nominees.

When Lastrapes refused to submit substitute names, the Council stripped him of the power to appoint board and commission members by strictly following the city's Home Rule charter.

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Simon agreed. Now that the Auditorium-Dome Commission has been established, "I think we can be more compatible about the method of appointments," he said.

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