

## **Governor's Reception and Banquet**

**June 2, 6:00 – 10:00 p.m.**

- 6:00 – 6:30 Reception in ballroom foyer
- 6:30 Ballroom doors open and guests are invited to take their seats for dinner. (I'll work with SGPB staff to make sure that any big sponsors – like Bill Yates, John McCullouch, Pete Correll – are at your table.)
- As soon as everyone is seated, the Color Guard will post the flags and we will say the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Jim Clinton will thank the Honor Guard, welcome everyone and introduce the attending governors (you, Henry and Huckabee). He will ask you to come up and give welcome.
- You go to front and:
- welcome everyone
  - thank, in general, conference sponsors. You will need to specifically recognize by name the major sponsors. SGPB is compiling this list and I'll have it for you Monday night.
  - explain that Governor Henry is incoming Chairman of SGPB, he takes over at end of conference, but he has to return to Oklahoma Monday evening after the banquet. You thank Governor Henry for his leadership and ask him to come up to give a few comments.
- Governor Henry speaks about his plans for next year. After he speaks, Jim Clinton takes the microphone and thanks you for your leadership.
- You return to microphone and:
- Say thank you
  - Thank the SGPB staff, Board and Councils for their work this past year
  - Reinforce how important it is for the region to work together
  - Recognize Pastor Eddie Hartwell of St. James Baptist Church in Gulfport to give the blessing
- Pastor Hartwell returns thanks.
- 7:00 – 8:30 Dinner (I think this might actually run shorter, so maybe 8:00)
- 8:30 – 10:00 Dancing (local band from Coast; my mailman from Pass Christian is in band)