



PRESIDENT

Carolyn E. Lewis

New Orleans, LA

Carolyn E. Lewis was elected President of the Delta Research & Educational Foundation (DREF) Board of Directors in 2015. Professionally, Ms. Lewis is a business consultant with more than four decades of experience in business, tax law, finance, auditing, and real estate. She retired with honors from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as a Senior Manager, Local Taxpayer Advocate, after 38 years of distinguished service. She received the National Taxpayer Advocate Award for her dedication to reestablishing advocate service for the taxpayers of Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina occurred in 2005.

Ms. Lewis has held numerous national leadership positions with the distinction of serving as National Treasurer of two major women's organizations: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (2006-2010) and The Links, Inc. (2014-18). Ms. Lewis is a charter member of the Pontchartrain Chapter of The Links, Inc. Her leadership on the Sorority's National Executive Board also included serving as Chair of the National Finance Committee (2000-04) and Chair of the National Internal Audit Committee (2011-13). The DREF President is a member of the New Orleans Alumnae Chapter, where she has served as its local president.

Ms. Lewis earned her B.A. degree at Xavier University and the Master of Business Administration (MBA) from the University of Phoenix (Louisiana Campus). She holds a Louisiana Real Estate License and has served as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Phoenix (Louisiana Campus). She is a member of the New Zion Baptist Church.