

1 **LOUISIANA EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ASSOCIATION**
2 **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**
3 **May 4, 2009**
4 **LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA**
5 **MEETING MINUTES**
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7 **I. CALL TO ORDER**
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9 President Andy Mosher called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Jerry Monier led the
10 pledge of allegiance and Don Majure led the prayer. A quorum was present to conduct
11 business.

12 **Members Present in Person or Proxy:**

13 John Boudreaux
14 Dave Brown
15 Pat Santos for Mark Cooper
16 Eric Deroche
17 Chris Guilbeaux
18 Alan Hunsberger
19 Don Majure
20 Jeffrey Meyers
21 Dewayne White for Ralph Mitchell
22 Tuesday Mills
23 Jerry Monier
24 Cindy Montz
25 Andrew Mosher
26 John Porter
27 Karen Price
28 Dawson Primes
29 Pat Santos
30 Tommy Thiebaud
31 Sonya Wiley
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33 **Members Excused:**

34 Michael Murphy
35 Robert Jump
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37 **Members Absent:**

38 Mike Deroche
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40 **Guests:**

41 Skip Breeden
42 Jim Bridges
43 Gene Dunegan
44 Chief Lee Cahanin
45 Todd Hess
46 Jim Polk
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49 **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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51 The minutes from the April 3, 2009 meeting were reviewed and approved.

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53 **IV. OFFICER REPORTS**

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55 A. President –Andy Mosher

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57 Things have been very interesting for the past few weeks. The golf tournament
58 was very successful.

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60 B. Treasurer – Don Majure

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62 Don presented the March 31, 2009 financial statements (Attachment 1) reporting
63 assets of \$245,942.95 and total fund balances of \$237,202.95. Year-to-date
64 receipts are \$85,843.27 and expenditures are 19,697.22. A motion was made by
65 John Boudreaux and seconded by Eric Deroche to accept the Treasurer’s report as
66 presented. The motion passed.

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68 C. Executive Director’s Report – Bland O’Connor

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70 No report.

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72 **V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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74 A. AWARDS – Sonya Wiley

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76 Sonya reported that awards will be presented tomorrow night.

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78 B. CERTIFICATION – Andy Mosher for Michael Murphy

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80 The Certification committee has reviewed four (4) LEM applications since our
81 last Board meeting. All applications were reviewed and deemed to be complete
82 and demonstrate the requisite experience, have signed the Code of Conduct and
83 have also submitted the appropriate fees.

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85 The Committee recommends the LEPA Board approve LEM Certification for the
86 following:

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88 Russell Adams

89 Matthew Knoblauch (pending resolution of a certification committee issue)

90 James Polk

91 Jason Tastet

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93 Two candidates require further discussion and review of the certification process
94 will be addressed in the July meeting of the Board of Directors. Those candidates
95 are John Sells and Gray Young.

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97 A motion was made by John Boudreaux seconded by Tuesday Mills to approve
98 the Committee's recommendation. The motion passed.
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100 C. CHARTER AND BYLAWS – Jeff Meyers

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102 Jeff Meyers presented a recommended bylaws change to Article IV, Paragraph 2,
103 Page 3.
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105 The existing language is:

106 Election of the directors shall be by ballot mailed to all the active members. The
107 membership shall receive a brief resume of the nominees and a ballot to be
108 completed with names offered or write-in names as the members so desire. A
109 self-addressed stamped ballot shall be provided for the convenience of the
110 membership, and the ballot must be postmarked no later than the established
111 deadline in order to be counted. The nominees receiving the most votes shall be
112 elected.
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114 The proposed language is:

115 Election of the directors shall be by an online electronic ballot by the active
116 members. The membership shall receive a brief resume of the nominees
117 electronically by email with a notice to vote online at a secured and validated
118 website by an established deadline. At the time of new membership or
119 membership renewal, a member may choose to elect to vote by U.S. Postal
120 Service Mail. If so, a self-addressed stamped ballot shall be provided for the
121 convenience of that member and the ballot must be postmarked no later than the
122 established deadline in order to be counted. The nominees receiving the most
123 votes shall be elected.
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125 A motion was made by Jeff Meyers and seconded by Pat Santos to adopt the
126 proposed language. A discussion ensued and the following language was
127 proposed to replace the first two sentences of the amendment so as not to restrict
128 the method of electronic communication and balloting:
129 "Election of the directors shall be by an electronic ballot by the active members.
130 The membership shall receive a brief resume of the nominees electronically with
131 a notice to vote electronically by an established deadline."
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133 A motion was made by Jeff Meyers and seconded by John Boudreaux to adopte
134 the amended with the changes proposed. The amended proposal passed.
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136 D. COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP – Karen Price

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138 A full time scholarship of \$1,500 and a \$500 part time scholarship will be
139 awarded. The two scholarships will be awarded tomorrow night. Karen stated
140 that she would like to add discussion of scholarships and the overall scholarship
141 program to the strategic planning retreat agenda.
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144 E. HAZMAT ALLIANCE – John Porter
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 146 John Porter reported that Hazmat Day is ready to go with chemicals donated for
 147 explosions.
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149 F. LEGISLATIVE – Sonya Wiley and Eric Deroche
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 151 Proposed legislation has been and will continue to be monitored and the
 152 membership will be notified as needed for action. John Boudreaux moved and
 153 Tuesday Mills seconded voting on opposing HB 340 as written at 5-4-2009 by
 154 email or verbal recorded vote of the Board by Thursday, May 7, 2009. The
 155 motion passed with Jerry Monier’s abstention.
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 157 A discussion ensued regarding the consideration of forming a separate
 158 organization of parish emergency managers to address matters of this nature.
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 160 HB 279 is also being scrutinized. SB 140 amends the definition of careless
 161 handling of chemicals, lowers fines and limits small business liability.
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163 G. MEMBERSHIP – Alan Hunsberger
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 165 Total membership at 733. An all time high in membership was achieved last year
 166 and this year should also be a good year.
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168 H. NEWSLETTER – Jerry Monier
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 170 The Spring Newsletter, the first joint GOHSEP and LEPA newsletter is out and
 171 more are expected. Jerry is looking for a chair as of July 1, 2009.
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173 I. NOMINATING – Jerry Monier
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 175 Elections were held and the results are as follows:
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177	Karen Price	180	Elected
178	Rick Webre	173	Elected
179	John Boudreaux	162	Elected
180	Dexter Accardo	150	Elected
181	Tab Troxler	128	Elected
182	Obie Cambre	117	Elected
183	Jim Polk	109	First Alternate
184	Alan Hunsberger	103	Second Alternate
185	John Thomas	81	
186	Chris Guilbeaux	78	
187	Keith Cranford	62	
188	Scott Hess	47	
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190 A motion made by Jerry Monier and seconded by Sonya Wiley to accept the
 191 election and results and destroy the ballots. The motion passed.
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193 J. WORKSHOP – Eric Deroche

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195 The current Workshop is a high-water mark for pre-registration numbers.
196 Furthermore, every year since 2006 we have seen an increase in registrations. It
197 is getting difficult to find appropriate venues for the Workshop. The swine flu
198 has had an impact on the programming that will be actually delivered for the
199 Workshop.

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201 K. EMERGENCY MANAGER LEADERSHIP ACADEMY – Chris Guilbeaux

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203 An MD will be included in the program tomorrow.

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205 M. REGIONAL REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE – Tommy Thiebaud

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207 No report.

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209 **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

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213 **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

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215 A. Officers

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217 John Boudreaux nominated Dawson Primes for president-elect. The motion was
218 seconded by Tuesday Mills. Nominations were closed and Dawson Primes was
219 elected.

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221 Don Majure nominated Eric Deroche for Treasurer. The motion was seconded by
222 Sonya Wiley. Nominations were closed and Eric Deroche was elected.

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224 **VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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226 Jerry Monier noted that topics of discussion for the Strategic Planning Retreat on
227 July 16 and 17, 2009, would include LEM Certification, the Scholarship
228 Program, and 990 Policies.

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230 Don Majure moved that the meeting be adjourned and the meeting adjourned at
231 4:25 pm.

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233 Respectfully submitted,

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237 H. Bland O'Connor, Jr.

238 Executive Director

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