

1 **LOUISIANA EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ASSOCIATION**
2 **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**
3 **April 9, 2010**
4 **BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA**
5 **MEETING MINUTES**
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7 **I. CALL TO ORDER**
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9 President Jerry Monier called the meeting to order at 10:10 am. Eric Deroche led the
10 pledge of allegiance and Robert Jump led the prayer. A quorum was present to conduct
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13 **Members Present in Person or Proxy:**

14 Dexter Accardo
15 John Boudreaux
16 Obie Cambre
17 Mark Cooper proxy to Pat Santos
18 Eric Deroche
19 Robert Jump
20 Jeffrey Meyers proxy to Karen Price
21 Tuesday Mills
22 Dewayne White proxy to G Dunegan
23 Jerry Monier
24 Cindy Montz
25 Michael Murphy
26 Jim Polk
27 Karen Price
28 Dawson Primes
29 Pat Santos
30 Tommy Thiebaud
31 Tab Troxler
32 Rick Webre
33 Sonya Wiley
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35 **Members Excused:**

36 Dave Brown
37 Jim Polk
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39 **Members Absent:**

40 John Porter
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42 **Guests:**

43 Gene Dunegen
44 Bland O'Connor
45 Melanie Talley
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48 **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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50 The minutes from the February 19, 2010 Board meeting were reviewed. A motion was
51 made by Cindy Montz and seconded by Robert Jump to approve the minutes as
52 presented. The motion passed.

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55 **IV. OFFICER REPORTS**

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57 A. President –Jerry Monier

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59 Jerry has been working with Eric and the Workshop Committee on plans for the
60 Workshop. LEPA is co-sponsoring a function with Sheriff's and Police Jury
61 Associations for \$2,000.

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63 B. President Elect – Dawson Primes

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65 Dawson attended the National Hurricane Conference and received a lot of benefit.

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67 C. Treasurer – Eric Deroche

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69 Eric presented the February 28, 2010 financial statements (Attachment 1). Total
70 assets at February 28, 2010 were \$227,639.81. Total fund balances at February
71 28, 2010 were \$218,473.81. A motion was made by Dexter Accardo and
72 seconded by Sonya Gremillion to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion
73 passed.

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75 D. Executive Director's Report – Bland O'Connor

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77 Bland stated that the office sent out multiple emails and mailings for the
78 upcoming workshop to both vendors and registrants. A notice had also been sent
79 to members of online registration twice. He also stated that contracts for the 2011
80 Gulf States Hurricane Conference were in the binders for review. Last, the 2010-
81 2011 online ballot system was up and running and an email had been sent out to
82 members to go and vote. Voting would close April 23, 2010.

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83 **V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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85 A. AWARDS – Cindy Montz

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87 Cindy announced 22 awards including four dedication, one valor, two leadership,
88 one founder. Gordon is not available to act as master of ceremonies for the
89 Awards Banquet. A motion was made by Robert Jump and seconded by Dawson
90 Primes to accept the recommendations of the Awards Committee.

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B. CERTIFICATION – Robert Jump

A motion by Robert Jump and seconded by Tommy Thiebaud to approve. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Robert Jump and seconded by Dawson Primes to notify those that expire in 2008, 2009 and 2010 by letter next week to recertify by the November 30, 2010. The motion passed.

C. CHARTER AND BYLAWS – Jeff Meyers

No report.

Cindy Montz raised the issue that the Director of GOHSEP should be named, not the Deputy Director. Staff was directed to research.

D. COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP – Karen Price

A couple of inquiries were received, but several problems were encountered with qualifications. Karen recommended extending the application deadline to April 15th.

E. HAZMAT ALLIANCE – John Porter

No report.

F. LEGISLATIVE – Dexter Accardo

Dexter has looked into legislation making emergency managers first responders but the supplemental pay issue keeps rising.

G. MEMBERSHIP – Tuesday Mills

Membership continues to be strong with a total of 611, up 43 members from the February meeting. Tuesday asked Sonya and others to take some membership brochures to the Directors' meeting in order to encourage their membership. They will also be encouraged to attend the Workshop. Sonya Gremillion asked if there were any objections to purchasing the roll-out banner/stands. It was determined we would obtain two with Sonya's approval and staff support.

H. NEWSLETTER – Jerry Monier

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I. NOMINATING – Dawson Primes

Dawson called the Board’s attention to the nominations. A motion was made by Dawson Primes and seconded by Tab Troxler to accept the nominees and send out the ballots.

J. WORKSHOP – Eric Deroche

Eric reported that we have 99 full registrants to date, with 28 exhibitors. Tuesday has been working hard to obtain sponsorships and will continue to pursue. Discussions ensued on several sponsor possibilities. Dawson Primes suggested that we may need to publish two separate agendas, one without the social activities listed, because of pushback from some supervisory personnel.

Eric called everyone’s attention to the agenda. It was noted that CEM Pre-Certification Testing is the same time as the Golf Tournament. Eric pointed out that the EM 101 title is confusing people into believing that it is a repeat of a prior year program, but the material is new every year. We will need to clarify that next year. Tuesday Mills suggested a 45 minute block with some of the more experienced Emergency Managers sharing some best practices wisdom.

It was also pointed out that we need to clarify on our materials that people need to register with IAEM for the CEM pre-certification testing. Vendor bingo drawing will be done in the last session Wednesday afternoon. Every year since Hurricane Katrina we have broken our prior year attendance record from the year before. We are on track to break last year’s record. The past presidents project is still a work in progress.

The give-aways are navy blue t-shirts, with 250 ordered. Board shirts will be black long-sleeve. Board members coming to the Conference are needed to help with speakers and other tasks during the conference.

K. EMERGENCY MANAGER LEADERSHIP ACADEMY – Rick Webre

Rick is projecting having a package to be approved by the Board by the end of the year.

M. REGIONAL REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE – Tommy Thiebaud

Tommy thanked the Board for sponsoring the Parish Directors conference.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. 2011 Workshop

The Board reviewed the two proposals obtained thus far.

186 B. Website re-design

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191 **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

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193 A. Funding for attendance at the Alabama Gulf States Hurricane Conference

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195 Tuesday Mills recommended that LEPA send Sonya, Eric and Dawson to the Gulf
196 States Hurricane Conference at the first of June. Eric pointed out that the current
197 president would also be appropriate.

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199 **VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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201 The meeting adjourned at 11:38 am.

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207 Bland O'Connor

208 Executive Director

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