

1 LOUISIANA EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ASSOCIATION  
2 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
3 January 20, 2012  
4 BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA  
5 MEETING MINUTES  
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7 I. CALL TO ORDER  
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9 President Robert Jump called the meeting to order at 10:15 am. Eric Deroche led the  
10 pledge of allegiance and Robert Jump led the prayer. A quorum was present to conduct  
11 business.  
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13 Members Present in Person or Proxy:

14 Dexter Accardo

15 John Boudreaux

16 Eric Deroche

17 Chris Guilbeaux

18 Robert Jump

19 Jeffrey Meyers

20 Jerry Monier

21 Gene Dunegan for Taylor Moss

22 Jim Polk

23 Karen Price

24 Dawson Primes

25 Kevin Davis

26 Pat Santos

27 Rick Webre

28 Sonya Wiley-Gremillion

29 Skip Breeden

30 Obie Cambre  
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32 Members Excused:

33 Dave Brown

34 Sandy Davis

35 Tommy Thiebaud  
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37 Members Absent:

38 Tuesday Mills

39 Tab Troxler

40 John Porter  
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42 Guests:

43 Jenny Constantin

44 Melanie Talley  
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46 II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

47 Robert motion approved

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49 III. OFFICER REPORTS

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51 A. President –Robert Jump

52 The minutes from the November 18, 2011 Board meeting were reviewed. A  
53 motion was made by Eric Deroche and seconded by Dawson Primed to approve  
54 the minutes. The motion passed.

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56 B. President Elect – Rick Webre

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58 No report.

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60 C. Treasurer – Eric Deroche

61 Eric Deroche presented the November 30, 2011 financial statements (Attachment  
62 Total assets November 30, 2011 were \$259,795.32. Total fund balances at  
63 November 30, 2011 were \$254,545.32. For the Eleven months ended November  
64 30, 2011 receipts exceeded expenditures by \$102,887.70

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66 A motion was made by Sonya Wiley-Gremillion and seconded by Dawson Primes  
67 to accept the Treasurer’s report. The motion passed.

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69 D. Executive Director’s Report – Bland O’Connor

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71 No report.

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73 IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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75 A. AWARDS – Jerry Monier

76 Jerry is working on reworking the 2012 nomination form and it will be sent out to  
77 the LEPA members no later February 1st with a deadline of February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012.  
78 Jerry will present the nominees at the March 16<sup>th</sup> LEPA board meeting. At that time  
79 we will review and vote on this year’s awards outside of the president award

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81 It was discussed that the Director of National Hurricane Center might be a good  
82 candidate for the founders award, Bill Reed. Jerry will send the invite and we will  
83 need to follow up on the travel and hotel rooms. The office will send three email  
84 reminder blasts in February.

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86 B. CERTIFICATION – Rick Webre

87 There are two people who qualify for recertification and they are Robert Jump and  
88 Tommy Boyett , A motion was made by Dexter Accardo to approve the  
89 certifications and a second was made by Dawson Primes. The motion passed.

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91 Sandy Davis will need to take the pilot test for his recertification to maintain an  
92 LEM pro status.

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94 Rick advised that the application of Arriane Deruise does qualify for the LEMT.

95 The Office will Remove the list of courses from the website and put the list for pro  
96 that is needed. A motion was made to grant the LEMT to Arriane today and Rick  
97 will have a discussion with Arriane to see about the getting the LEM pro. A  
98 motion was made by Eric Deroche and seconded by Jim Polk on the approval of the  
99 LEMT for the application submitted and hold the funding and check on further  
100 intent and inform that is needed to grant the LEMpro. The motion passed. John  
101 Boudreaux and Jerry Monier opposed the motion.

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103 Rick stated that Test.com will take 30 – 60 days to go online.

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105 C. CHARTER AND BYLAWS – Jeff Meyers

106 Jeff made a motion to make the following changes to the bylaws. Under Tab 4,  
107 page 3, remove from the bylaws all certification fees. Also, on page 5 remove the  
108 sentence “The Treasurer shall present financial reports at each scheduled meeting  
109 of the Board of Directors and a Financial Report to the membership annually in the  
110 newsletter. Jeff made the motion and it was seconded by Dexter Accardo.

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112 One item that was changed in 2009 and not updated is the removal of “Deputy”  
113 Director, this is only a typographical change and was made by Sonya Wiley  
114 Gremillion and seconded by Eric Deroche.

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116 D. COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP – Karen Price

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118 No report

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120 E. HAZMAT ALLIANCE – Eric Deroche for John Porter

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124 Eric Deroche stated that John Porter was to name a replacement for the  
125 HAZMAT alliance but it was discussed that the LERC has changed, state police  
126 is the lead but LERC is now under the fire marshal. LERC is to appoint the rep to  
127 the LEPA board. Rick is the LERC rep and will bring to the next meeting

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130 F. LEGISLATIVE – Dexter Accardo

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132 Dexter reported on the litigation issue in his parish.

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134 Rick discussed that he has been approached by LEPA members for the option of  
135 LEPA to explore the LEM and the Command College working together for  
136 legislation for supplemental pay like first responders. Dexter has looked into the  
137 issue in the past and will continue to look into the matter.

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139 Robert Jump is willing to present the LEM and the Command College and have  
140 Davis to present to the State Directors and at the meeting in May. This would be  
141 an issue for 2013 legislation. Dexter Accardo will get points together talking  
142 points that will be helpful for Kevin Davis to use.

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G. MEMBERSHIP – Obie Cambre for Tuesday Mills

The LEPA office read the current membership numbers.

Eric mentioned the research, letter of warning and if they have not attended that meeting, if they fail to attend the next meeting they will be kicked off of the board. What is your intent?

Jeff Meyers made a motion and it was seconded by James Polk to send a letter (according to the bylaws) to all of the board members that have missed more than half the meetings in the last six months. He will ask them on their intent as a current board member.

Website – nothing

H. NOMINATING – Rick Webre

No report.

I. WORKSHOP – Eric Deroche

Eric discussed the tentative schedule to the LEPA/GOHSEP workshop and the Tabletop exercise on Thursday.

The 2013 Gulf States Conference was discussed and it was mentioned that Pat was working to secure more information and a possible location. Eric and the committee will need to begin working soon to secure a 2013 location to be advertised at the 2012 LEPA/GOHSEP workshop.

The 2012 Gulf States conference is being run by MEMA.  
Terry Lighhardt is the conference contact listed on the website.

J. EMERGENCY MANAGER LEADERSHIP ACADEMY – Rick Webre

Rick questioned the long term range commitment to the Command College , pushed back the one starting February college to late March. Jerry will work with the new people in place at GOHSEP to get the program rolling.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. LEM BASIC PROGRAM REVIEW & NEW REQUIREMENTS

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VI. NEW BUSINESS

Rick reviewed the LERC meeting recap of the email that was sent from LEPA.

Eric reviewed the LEPA app android, iphone and in coordination with GOHSEP

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting will be held on March 16, 2012 and will be held at the main office.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 pm on motion by Jerry .

Respectfully submitted,

Bland O'Connor  
Executive Director