

1 **LOUISIANA EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ASSOCIATION**
2 **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**
3 **July 25, 2014**
4 **BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA**
5 **MEETING MINUTES**
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7 **I. CALL TO ORDER**
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9 President Dexter Accardo called the meeting to order at 10:05 pm. Skip Breeden led the
10 prayer and Dexter Accardo led the pledge of allegiance. A quorum was present to
11 conduct business.
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13 **Members Present in Person or Proxy:**

14 Dexter Accardo
15 Skip Breeden
16 Amy Dawson
17 Eric Deroche
18 Chris Guilbeaux
19 Alan Hunsberger
20 Jim Polk
21 Rick Webre
22 Scott Whelchel
23 Sonya Wiley-Gremillion
24 Robert Jump
25 Terry Guidry
26 Pat Santos
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28 **Members Excused:**

29 Dawson Primes
30 Kenneth Graham
31 Karen Price
32 David Staton
33 Richard Gremillion
34 Sean Lafleur
35 Dave Brown
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37 **Members Absent:**

38 Sandy Davis
39 Kevin Davis
40 Charles Hudson
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42 **Guests:**

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There was an introduction of members. The board currently has one new board member.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Sonya Wiley-Gremillion and seconded by Skip Breeden to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2014. The motion passed.

II. OFFICER REPORTS

A. President –Dexter Accardo

Dexter welcomed everyone as the new LEPA President and stated he is encouraged that the board is headed in a good direction.

B. President Elect – Scott Whelchel

Scott asked if we could look at another way to encourage and the workshop evaluation since participation was so low. It was discussed that the evaluations were handed out at the conference and then was sent out after the conference via surveymonkey with three email blasts.

C. Treasurer – Eric Deroche

Eric Deroche reported assets from the June draft financial statement from June 30, 2014 of \$209,433.68. A motion was made by Sonya Wiley-Gremillion and seconded by Skip Breeden to approve the Treasurer’s report. The motion passed.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. AWARDS – Amy Dawson

Nothing to report.

B. CERTIFICATION – Rick Webre

LEM Basic to be awarded to Bernard Plaia. A motion was made by Jim Polk and seconded by Eric Deroche to approve the LEM Basic to Bernard Plaia. The motion passed and the award of the LEM-B to was approved.

C. CHARTER AND BYLAWS

Alan Hunsberger is reviewing the current by=laws ans will have some suggestions for revisions and updates at the next board meeting.

D. COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP –Karen Price

97 We currently do not have any money in the budget for scholarships other than
98 Hazmat. When the 2015 budget is completed it is suggested that we use the
99 money for the Haz Mat Scholarships if that is the next return on investment.

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101 E. HAZMAT ALLIANCE – Sean Lafleur

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103 No report.

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105 F. LEGISLATIVE – Dexter Accardo

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107 Eric Deroche and Rick Webre reported on the recent legislation

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109 G. MEMBERSHIP – No Membership Committee Chair

110 Total 695. In the future the office will include in the binders and monthly report
111 with the past meetings membership totals and the past year (at that time)
112 membership totals.

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114 H. NOMINATING – Scott Whelchel

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116 No report.

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119 I. WORKSHOP – Eric Deroche

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121 Eric Deroche informed the board that LEPA is looking into moving to the Golden
122 Nugget for the 2015 Workshop. The casino and hotel is scheduled to open in
123 January 2015. Eric is waiting on a contract and a decision will be made by the
124 next board meeting. The group is looking at the first week of May 2015.

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127 J. REGIONAL DIRECTORS’ REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE – Dick
128 Gremillion

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130 Nothing to report.

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133 **V. OLD BUSINESS**

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135 A. LEPA App update – Jim Polk

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137 Jim stated that the app is dead in the water. It would take a lot of money to be
138 updated. Skip Breeden updated the board that when he looked into the
139 possibility of a graduate student from ULL updating the app, LEPA would
140 need to pay a semester of a graduate student college and the APP update would
141 be the semester project.

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VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Rick Webre discussed the possibility of LEPA forming an adhoc Petro – Chemical Subcommittee. The committee would organize a one day meeting that would bring everyone in the industry together to discuss the industry. Scott and Alan will help with this committee.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned on motion by Jim Polk at 11:44 am and seconded by Pat Santos.

Respectfully submitted,

Bland O'Connor
Executive Director