

1 **LOUISIANA EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ASSOCIATION**
2 **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**
3 **January 16, 2015**
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 10:07 pm. Skip Breeden led the
10 prayer and led the pledge of allegiance. A quorum was present to conduct business.
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12 **Members Present in Person or Proxy:**

13 Dexter Accardo
14 Skip Breeden
15 Amy Dawson
16 Eric Deroche
17 Kenneth Graham
18 Chris Guilbeaux
19 Terry Guidry
20 Charles Hudson
21 Sean LaFleur
22 Gene Dunnegan for Taylor Moss
23 Dawson Primes
24 Pat Santos
25 Scott Whelchel proxy to Dexter Accardo
26 Sonya Wiley-Gremillion
27 Kevin Davis
28 Robert Jump
29 James Kelley
30 Jim Polk proxy to Sonya Wiley-Gremillion
31 Karen Price proxy to Kenneth Graham
32 Sandy Davis proxy to Dawson Primes
33 Earl Eues
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35 **Members Excused:**

36 Taylor Moss
37 Richard Webre
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39 **Members Absent:**

40 Dave Brown
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42 **Guests:**

43 Bland O'Connor
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II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Sonya Wiley Gremillion and seconded by Dawson Primes to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2014 once amended. The motion passed.

II. OFFICER REPORTS

A. President –Dexter Accardo

No report.

B. President Elect – Scott Whelchel

No report.

C. Treasurer – Eric Deroche

Eric Deroche reported assets from the 2014 financial statement from November 30, 2014 of \$197,779.93. A motion was made by Pat Santos and seconded by Sonya Wiley Gremillion to approve the Treasurer’s report. The motion passed.

D. Executive Director – Jenny Constantin for Bland O’Connor

Jenny Constantin reported that the office is working on beginning the IMUS computer software conversion but it would not be ready in time for registration to begin for the 2015 LEPA conference. Second membership invoices went out this week.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. AWARDS – Amy Dawson

Amy noted that the award nomination form went out to the members earlier this week. The office noted that it will send out the award nomination form next week to the board. Board members are welcome to send out the form to anyone that might be able to nominate someone for an award. They do not have to be LEPA members. Jerry Monier has volunteered to help on the award committee. The deadline will initially be February 28, 2015.

B. CERTIFICATION – Jennifer Constantin for Rick Webre

Fed McAnn: Disapproved until the the missing classes are acquired. He has passed the exam. He can currently qualify as an LEM-T with his current packet under ESF 4 Fire Services.

98 Jose Garcia needs to pass the exam and submit an essay. Otherwise he meets all
99 qualifications and is approved once those two items are met.
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101 Charles Hudson meets all qualifications if he has passed the exam.
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103 Gina Meyer's packet was not reviewed in time and will be reviewed and might be
104 presented before the next meeting.
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106 A motion was made by Dawson Primes to approve as directed by Rick Webre and
107 seconded by Terry Guidry. The motion passed.
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109 C. CHARTER AND BYLAWS
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111 No report.
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114 D. COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP –Karen Price
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116 No report.
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119 E. HAZMAT ALLIANCE – Sean Lafleur
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121 Sean discussed the 2015 LEPA Hazmat day. Sean is working with Steve
122 McNealy, Kansas City Southern Railroad and will be coordinating the LEPA
123 Hazmat day. The event will be Thursday May 7th. At this time they are
124 considering the morning session will be at the Golden Nugget and the afternoon
125 session will be at an offsite location.
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127 F. LEGISLATIVE – Dexter Accardo
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129 Nothing to report.
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131 G. MEMBERSHIP – No Membership Committee Chair
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133 Jenny reported that the second dues renewals have gone out this week. The
134 current membership levels are right on track with past years history.
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136 H. NOMINATING – Eric Deroche for Scott Whelchel
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138 Eric Deroche noted that the two board members up for re-election will be Dawson
139 Primes and Jim Polk. Both have agreed to run again.
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142 I. WORKSHOP – Eric Deroche
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144 Eric discussed that both himself and the office went to Lake Charles earlier in the
145 week to meet with the Golden Nugget.
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147 Chris Guilbeaux asked if Jestic can have a free exhibitor table. Eric said that
148 would be fine.

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150 J. REGIONAL DIRECTORS' REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE – Earl Eues

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152 Earl said the Regional Directors will not be meeting at the LEPA meeting but
153 have a scheduled meeting currently for Tuesday May 12, 2015.

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156 **V. OLD BUSINESS**

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158 A. IDCE Meeting- The office reported that LEPA will have some handouts in the
159 GOHSEP booth. Scott and Dexter will attend on behalf of LEPA.

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161 Dawson and Sonya will represent LEPA at the Police Jury meeting at the end of
162 January.

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164 LEPA will be represented at a booth at the APCO/NENA meeting. Any board
165 members attending are invited to help assist with the booth.

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167 B. The LEPA/GOHSEP day will be held Tuesday January 20th at the Holiday Inn
168 Crowne Plaza. LEPA cards and save the date cards will be given out. Chris
169 reported that there is close to 300 people RSVP'D.

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171 **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

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173 No new business was addressed.

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175 **VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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177 A. Ken discussed the changes at the either office in Slidell and announced that Matt
178 Mooreland recently left to become the head of the Key West office.

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180 B. Amy discussed the Shelter Taskforce that was recently re-engaged and is excited
181 about the renewed interest in the taskforce.

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183 **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

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185 The meeting adjourned at 11:18 am on motion by Pat Santos and second by Amy
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194 Bland O'Connor

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