

1 **LOUISIANA EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ASSOCIATION**
2 **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**
3 **March 20, 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 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 Sandy Davis proxy to Robert Jump
17 Amy Dawson
18 Christina Dayries attending for Kevin Davis
19 Eric Deroche
20 Gene Dunnegan attending for Taylor Moss
21 Earl Eues
22 Kenneth Graham
23 Terry Guidry
24 Chris Guilbeaux
25 Alan Hunsberger
26 Robert Jump
27 Sean LaFleur
28 Jim Polk
29 Karen Price proxy to Eric Deroche
30 Rick Webre proxy to Sonya Wiley Gremillion
31 Scott Whelchel proxy to Dexter Accardo
32 Sonya Wiley-Gremillion
33 Karen Price proxy to Eric Deroche
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35 **Members Excused:**

36 Charles Hudson
37 Dawson Primes
38 Pat Santos
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40 **Members Absent:**

41 Dave Brown
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43 **Guests:**

44 Jennifer Constantin
45 Bland O'Connor
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II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Sonya Wiley Gremillion and seconded by Sean Lafleur to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2015 amended to show Sonya Wiley Gremillion as having Alan Hunsberger’s proxy. The motion passed.

II. OFFICER REPORTS

A. President –Dexter Accardo

Dexter noted that it takes everyone on the Board to make a team. He complimented Eric Deroche on a great conference location and Jenny Constantin on her support.

B. President Elect – Scott Whelchel

No report.

C. Treasurer – Eric Deroche

Eric Deroche reported assets as of the year ended December 31, 2014 of \$208,613.54 and net assets of \$170,183.12. There was a net loss on operations for the year of \$3,280.59. A motion was made by Robert Jump and seconded by Jim Polk 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 conference and second membership invoices have been sent. Membership renewal pace is slightly ahead of last year. On motion by Skip Breeden the report was accepted.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. AWARDS – Amy Dawson

Amy reported the nominations. *Jenny to add nominees reported on*
Skip Breeden nominated Gordon Burgess for a Lifetime Achievement Award and moved approval of the nominations submitted. Sonya Wiley-Gremillion seconded the motion, which was passed.

B. CERTIFICATION – Jennifer Constantin for Rick Webre

Jenny reported that there are a couple of applications under consideration but she needs to get with Rick on them.

96 A motion was made by Robert Jump and seconded by Sonya Wiley Gremillion to
97 approve the application of Fred McCann for the designation of LEM-Pro. The
98 motion passed.
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101 C. CHARTER AND BYLAWS
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103 Alan Hunsberger will investigate the official creation of a lifetime achievement
104 award.
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106 D. COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP –Karen Price
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108 No report.
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110 E. HAZMAT ALLIANCE – Sean Lafleur
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112 Sean reported that Dave Brown has not been able to be active. Sean Lafleur
113 moved and Jim Polk seconded the motion to replace Dave Brown with Joey
114 Dugas. The motion passed and Joey Dugas was designated as the co-chair.
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116 F. LEGISLATIVE – Dexter Accardo
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118 Christina Dayries reported that GOHSEP is up for re-authorization in the
119 legislative session.
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121 G. MEMBERSHIP – No Membership Committee Chair
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123 Nothing further.
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125 H. NOMINATING – Eric Deroche for Scott Welchel
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127 Eric Deroche reported that everything is ready for the election in April. Dawson
128 Primes and Jim Polk, Michael Manning and Lisa Vidrine.
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130 I. WORKSHOP – Eric Deroche
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132 Eric reported that the plans for the Workshop are well set. The facility will be
133 excellent. Eric reported on the programming highlights for the Workshop.
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135 Sean Lafleur briefly discussed the rail car emergency training associated with
136 Hazmat Day.
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138 Jenny Constantin reported on the current planning status of the various sessions.
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140 The Workshop report was accepted on motion by Sonya Wiley Gremillion.
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142 J. REGIONAL DIRECTORS’ REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE – Earl Eues
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144 No report.

145 **V. OLD BUSINESS**

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147 A. Exhibiting at APCO/NENA Meetings

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149 Jenny Constantin reported that she will be exhibiting for LEPA at the
150 APCO/NENA Conference, April 13 and 14.

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153 **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

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155 A. 2015 LEPA/GOHSEP Workshop

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159 B. Merging GOHSEP Director Meeting with LEPA

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161 Christina Dayries raised the question of whether the Directors' meeting should be
162 planned in conjunction with the LEPA Workshop. It was noted that travel costs
163 and travel time involved may be overall reduced as a result of putting them
164 together. The Directors meeting would be on the afternoon Monday and all day
165 Tuesday.

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167 A motion was made by Sonya Wiley Gremillion and seconded by Robert Jump to
168 partner with GOHSEP to combine the two meetings and work out the logistics for
169 next year.

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171 **VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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173 A. Sonya Wiley Gremillion reported that arrangements have been made in Hammond
174 for one of the guardsmen killed in the recent crash in the gulf.

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176 B. Gene Dunnagen reported that the four LEPC workshops are scheduled this year.

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178 **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

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180 The meeting adjourned at 11:06 am on motion by Sonya Wiley Gremillion and second by
181 Eric Deroche.

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184 Respectfully submitted,

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188 Bland O'Connor

189 Executive Director