

1 **LOUISIANA EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ASSOCIATION**
2 **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**
3 **May 4, 2015**
4 **LAKE CHARLES, 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 3:34 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 Kevin Davis
18 Eric Deroche
19 Gene Dunnegan attending for Taylor Moss
20 Earl Eues
21 Kenneth Graham
22 Terry Guidry
23 Chris Guilbeaux
24 Charles Hudson
25 Alan Hunsberger proxy to Eric Deroche
26 Robert Jump
27 Sean LaFleur
28 Jim Polk
29 Karen Price
30 Pat Santos
31 Rick Webre
32 Scott Welchel
33 Sonya Wiley-Gremillion
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35 **Members Excused:**

36 Sandy Davis
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38 **Members Absent:**

39 Dave Brown
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41 **Guests:**

42 Mike Manning
43 Bland O'Connor
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45 **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
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47 A motion was made by Sonya Wiley Gremillion and seconded by Robert Jump to
48 approve the minutes of the March 20, 2015 as presented. The motion passed.

49 **II. OFFICER REPORTS**

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51 A. President –Dexter Accardo

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53 Dexter noted that it takes everyone on the Board to make a team. He thanked the
54 Board for the opportunity to serve as president for the past year.

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56 B. President Elect – Scott Whelchel

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58 Scott voiced his pleasure at being here and thanked the Board for the opportunity
59 to serve.

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61 C. Treasurer – Eric Deroche

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63 Eric Deroche reported assets as of March 31, 2015 of \$208,613.54 and net assets
64 of \$170,183.12. Eric noted that this past year we operated at a loss and we need
65 to have some serious conversations regarding raising revenue. He noted that
66 Hotzone scholarships have been cut and we have cut back on a few things in the
67 conference, but we are going to have to make some hard decisions in the future.
68 A motion was made by Dawson Primes and seconded by Amy Dawson to
69 approve the Treasurer’s report. The motion passed.

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71 A discussion ensued on conference exhibitors, conference attendance and
72 membership. One suggestion was to develop relationships with other public
73 safety organizations.

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75 D. Executive Director – Bland O’Connor

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77 Bland O’Connor reported that Jenny Constantin has been working hard on the
78 Conference and the office will be converting LEPA to the new association
79 management software and website in the next few months.

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81 On motion by Skip Breeden the report was accepted.

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84 **IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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86 A. AWARDS – Amy Dawson

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88 Amy reported that the awards are here.

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90 B. CERTIFICATION – Rick Webre

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92 Rick Webre asked for approval for John Hay for LEM-T and Dustin Montelius
93 for LEM-T and EFF 5, 10 and 13.

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95 A motion was made by Robert Jump and seconded by Dawson Primes to approve
96 the applications of John Hay for LEM-T and Dustin Montelius for the designation
97 of LEM-T and EFF 5, 10 and 13. The motion passed.

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98 C. CHARTER AND BYLAWS
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100 No report.
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102 D. COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP –Karen Price
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104 No report.
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106 E. HAZMAT ALLIANCE – Sean Lafleur
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108 No report.
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110 F. LEGISLATIVE – Dexter Accardo
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112 Nothing other than fiscal issues to discuss.
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114 G. MEMBERSHIP – No Membership Committee Chair
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116 Nothing further.
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118 H. NOMINATING – Eric Deroche
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120 Eric Deroche reported that Dawson Primes and Jim Polk were elected, Lisa
121 Vidrine is the first alternate and Michael Manning second alternate. On motion
122 by Eric Deroche and second by Amy Dawson, the election results were accepted.
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124 I. WORKSHOP – Eric Deroche
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126 Eric reported that the facility will be excellent. Eric noted that Wednesday
127 afternoon should be particularly interesting. Sonya will need assistance with door
128 prizes.
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130 Eric noted the Board members can pick their shirts up tomorrow from Jenny.
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132 The Workshop report was accepted on motion by Sonya Wiley Gremillion.
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134 J. REGIONAL DIRECTORS’ REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE – Earl Eues
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136 No report.
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138 **V. OLD BUSINESS**
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140 None.
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144 **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

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146 A. 2015 LEPA/GOHSEP Workshop

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148 Eric noted that he needs to have further discussions with Christina on the logistics
149 details. Eric asked for the Board's preference on May or June for the Conference.

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151 B. Officer Elections

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153 A motion was made by Eric Deroche and seconded by Jim Polk to open the
154 nominations for President and Treasurer. The motion passed.

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156 Sonya Wiley-Gremillion nominated Dawson Primes for the office of President.
157 Robert Jump seconded the nomination. Nominations were closed and Dawson
158 Primes was elected by acclamation.

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160 Scott Welchel nominated Eric Deroche for the office of Treasurer. Sonya Wiley-
161 Gremillion seconded the nomination. Nominations were closed and Eric Deroche
162 was elected by acclamation.

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165 **VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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167 A. Amy Dawson reported that the class this morning was well received. Gene
168 Dunnegan reported that the four LEPC workshops are scheduled this year.

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170 **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

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172 The meeting adjourned at 4:31 pm on motion by Sonya Wiley Gremillion and second by
173 Eric Deroche.

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176 Respectfully submitted,

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180 Bland O'Connor
181 Executive Director