

1 **LOUISIANA EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ASSOCIATION**
2 **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**
3 **February 19, 2010**
4 **BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA**
5 **MEETING MINUTES**
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7 **I. CALL TO ORDER**
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9 President Jerry Monier called the meeting to order at 10:10 am. Pat Santos led the pledge
10 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 Obie Cambre
17 Mark Cooper proxy to Pat Santos
18 Eric Deroche proxy to Sonya Wiley
19 Robert Jump
20 Jeffrey Meyers
21 Tuesday Mills
22 Ralph Mitchell proxy to Dewayne White
23 Jerry Monier
24 Cindy Montz
25 Michael Murphy proxy to Robert Jump
26 Jim Polk
27 Karen Price proxy to Jeff Meyers
28 Dawson Primes
29 Pat Santos
30 Tab Troxler
31 Rick Webre
32 Sonya Wiley
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34 **Members Excused:**

35 Dave Brown
36 John Porter
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38 **Members Absent:**

39 Tommy Thiebaud
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41 **Guests:**

42 Becky Adcock, DVM
43 Gene Dunagen
44 Jeremy Gerald
45 Bland O'Connor
46 Elizabeth Thornton
47 Melanie Talley
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50 **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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52 The minutes from the December 4, 2009 Board meeting were reviewed. A motion was
53 made by Sonya Wiley and seconded by Jeff Meyers to approve the minutes as corrected
54 for Cindy Montz being the Awards Chair. The motion passed.

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56 **III. SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY**

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58 Dr. Becky Adcock presented the activities of the Louisiana State Animal Response Team
59 including training sessions and activities related to developing national standards for
60 shelters and the transportation/evacuation. Dr. Adcock proposed that animal response
61 programs be approved for LEM credit. The Board will take the matter under advisement
62 for review. Dr. Adcock then discussed the new Animal Emergency Response unit, future
63 training plans and other resources available for emergency managers. Dexter Accardo
64 complimented Dr. Adcock's and LSART's efforts to be a help rather than a hindrance or
65 drain on resources.

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67 **IV. OFFICER REPORTS**

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69 A. President –Jerry Monier

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71 Jerry reported that Andy Mosher was delighted to hear that he was elected as a
72 Life Member and may try to come in for the Workshop. Jerry also sent a letter
73 thanking LTC Ralph Mitchell for his service to LEPA.

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75 B. President Elect – Dawson Primes

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77 No report.

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79 C. Treasurer – Bland O'Connor for Eric Deroche

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81 Bland presented the December 31, 2009 financial statements (Attachment 1).
82 Total assets at December 31, 2009 were \$214,851.65. Total fund balances at
83 December 31, 2009 were \$172,716.65. Bland pointed out that although a deficit
84 had been budgeted for the 2009 year, LEPA was able instead to achieve a profit of
85 \$2,238.54. A motion was made by Sonya Wiley and seconded by Robert Jump to
86 accept the Treasurer's report. The motion passed.

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88 D. Executive Director's Report – Bland O'Connor

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90 Deferred for discussion during topical items.

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95 **V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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97 **A. AWARDS – Cindy Montz**

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99 Only one nomination is in, so we need to start emailing again and extend the due
100 date to March 30th. Emails need to go to the membership weekly to generate
101 nominations. The Office will follow-up with the email campaign.

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103 **B. CERTIFICATION – Robert Jump**

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105 The Certification program application form and criteria are going through a re-
106 write by Jerry and his staff and will be presented to the Board when completed,
107 hopefully the next Board meeting on April 9, 2010.

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109 The Committee recommended the LEPA Board approve LEM re-certification for
110 Jeff Meyers and Karen Price.

111 A motion was made by Robert Jump and seconded by Rick Webre to approve
112 Jeff Meyers and Karen Price for re-certification. The motion passed.

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114 The Committee recommended the LEPA Board approve Obie Cambre for
115 certification pending receipt of the necessary recommendation letter.

116 A motion was made by Robert Jump and seconded by John Boudreaux to approve
117 the recommendation for Obie Cambre. The motion passed.

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119 The Committee recommended the LEPA Board approve Tommy Boyett, Jose
120 Garcia, Michael Roberts, Eddie Watkins and William White for certification.

121 A motion was made by Robert Jump and seconded by Jim Polk to approve the
122 recommended applicants for certification. The motion passed.

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124 The Committee noted that applications were received from both Darrick Hesson
125 and Kellie Andre that were not recommended for approval because the applicants
126 had not yet obtained the necessary years of experience.

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128 It was commented that Terry Heaton (re-certification) and George Guidry (initial
129 certification) are believed to have submitted applications, but were not included in
130 the report. The Office was directed to make a diligent search.

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132 It was also noted that the list of names only in the Board binders was deficient and
133 had been declared so several meetings ago. The Office was charged to provide
134 the list, inclusively of name, title and years in current position.

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136 **C. CHARTER AND BYLAWS – Jeff Meyers**

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138 No changes or updates to the bylaws since the last meeting.

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140 **D. COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP – Karen Price**

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142 No applications for scholarships have been received. The Office was charged to
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E. HAZMAT ALLIANCE – John Porter

No report.

F. LEGISLATIVE – Dexter Accardo

Dexter is monitoring what is being pre-filed. Dexter raised the issue of identifying emergency managers as first responders in an emergency. Sonya Wiley reported that this matter was discussed at length at the Regional Directors meeting. During this discussion it was noted that one of the concerns of the Governor's office was the potential for financial implications in classifying EM's as first responders. Sonya also noted that having minimum certification standards may alleviate some of the disparity with qualifications and duties. Sonya also noted that the statewide mutual aide agreement was discussed. Mary Ann Tuminello was to be in touch with Dexter regarding these two (2) pieces of legislation. John Boudreaux voiced concern that it will be difficult to overcome the fact that emergency managers at the parish level do not have consistent duties across the state during emergencies.

G. MEMBERSHIP – Tuesday Mills

Membership continues to be strong with a total of 568 members at February 18, 2010. The second dues mailing was sent at the end of December. It is expected that membership will catch up with registrations for the Workshop.

H. NEWSLETTER – Jerry Monier

We continue to need articles, although we aren't accepting vendor articles.

I. NOMINATING – Dawson Primes

Dawson called the Board's attention to the nominations. Lawrence Callendar will be added to the list of nominees.

A motion was made by Dawson Primes and seconded by John Boudreaux to put on the ballot all the eligible nominees received through the deadline. The motion passed.

J. WORKSHOP – Sonya Wiley for Eric Deroche

All past presidents are being contacted to attend this year's Workshop and they will have their hotel room expenses picked up by LEPA for Tuesday night.

Registration brochures and vendor solicitations will be sent by mail next week.

Sonya noted that Jim Polk had been working on the speaker line up and asked him for any comments. Sonya also advised that a specific time slot had been allocated on Monday for the Parish Directors meeting and it was listed on the workshop

193 agenda so that we were not trying to notify everyone on the fly and should have a
194 better attendance of Directors. Approval from the hotel has been received to have
195 a band on site for the Presidents Reception. Jerry Monier said the theme would be
196 “Cinco de Mayo” with a little “Who Dat”. Also reported that the Bill Doran Band
197 had been confirmed. Sonya asked for some Workshop & Vendor Brochures
198 next week & advised that she would take them to the Police Jury Association
199 Convention the end of next week in an attempt to increase our vendors and Parish
200 Admin attendance.

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202 Thursday will feature both a Hazmat Day and Planning 101 by GOHSEP.

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204 A question was raised by John Boudreaux on the cost of the golf tournament as
205 reported on the financial statements. Subsequent investigation determined that
206 the 2008 greens fees had also been paid in 2009, causing the seeming
207 discrepancy.

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209 **K. EMERGENCY MANAGER LEADERSHIP ACADEMY – Rick Webre**

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211 Rick is working on the program.

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213 **M. REGIONAL REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE – Sonya Wiley**

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215 In Tommy Thibeau’s absence Sonya advised that in addition to the Legislative
216 issues discussed in the Legislative Committee report earlier, other items discussed
217 during the Regional Directors meeting included the “Get a Game Plan for
218 Children” campaign. Sonya noted that it would be rolled out with coloring books
219 & mascot. Directors were advised to make request through their respective
220 Coordinators however if they had room and wanted to store the coloring books for
221 their parishes they could. Also, the Regional Mobile Water Tank concept was
222 discussed and the Emergency Managers workshop & meeting scheduled for April
223 13-15.

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226 **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

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228 **A. 2011 Workshop**

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230 Bland reported that the Hilton Riverside, Marriott and Sheraton in New Orleans
231 have been contacted and several options close to the dates preferred should be
232 available. Information has been difficult to obtain from Mississippi, but better
233 information should be available from Alabama. Planning will continue and a
234 contract may be signed in the next few months.

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236 **B. Website re-design**

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238 Jerry and Eric are working on an RFP.

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241 **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

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A. Funding for attendance at the Alabama Gulf States Hurricane Conference
Item was tabled for next meeting.

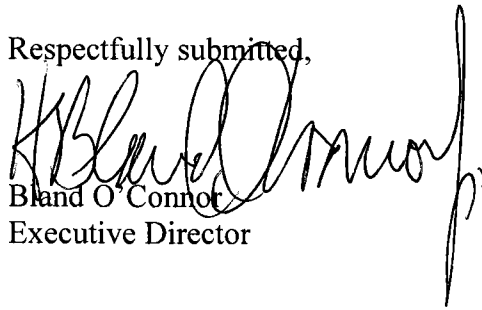
B. Executive Session

Jerry Monier called for a motion to enter into Executive Session at 11:55. The Board exited the Executive Session at 12:08; no further action was taken.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Bland O' Connor
Executive Director

1 **LOUISIANA EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ASSOCIATION**
2 **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**
3 **April 9, 2010**
4 **BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA**
5 **MEETING MINUTES**
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7 **I. CALL TO ORDER**
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10 pledge of allegiance and Robert Jump led the prayer. A quorum was present to conduct
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32 Rick Webre
33 Sonya Wiley
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36 Dave Brown
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39 **Members Absent:**

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42 **Guests:**

43 Gene Dunegen
44 Bland O'Connor
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48 **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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50 The minutes from the February 19, 2010 Board meeting were reviewed. A motion was
51 made by Cindy Montz and seconded by Robert Jump to approve the minutes as
52 presented. The motion passed.

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55 **IV. OFFICER REPORTS**

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57 A. President –Jerry Monier

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59 Jerry has been working with Eric and the Workshop Committee on plans for the
60 Workshop. LEPA is co-sponsoring a function with Sheriff's and Police Jury
61 Associations for \$2,000.

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63 B. President Elect – Dawson Primes

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65 Dawson attended the National Hurricane Conference and received a lot of benefit.

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67 C. Treasurer – Eric Deroche

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69 Eric presented the February 28, 2010 financial statements (Attachment 1). Total
70 assets at February 28, 2010 were \$227,639.81. Total fund balances at February
71 28, 2010 were \$218,473.81. A motion was made by Dexter Accardo and
72 seconded by Sonya Gremillion to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion
73 passed.

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75 D. Executive Director's Report – Bland O'Connor

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77 Bland stated that the office sent out multiple emails and mailings for the
78 upcoming workshop to both vendors and registrants. A notice had also been sent
79 to members of online registration twice. He also stated that contracts for the 2011
80 Gulf States Hurricane Conference were in the binders for review. Last, the 2010-
81 2011 online ballot system was up and running and an email had been sent out to
82 members to go and vote. Voting would close April 23, 2010.

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83 **V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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85 A. AWARDS – Cindy Montz

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87 Cindy announced 22 awards including four dedication, one valor, two leadership,
88 one founder. Gordon is not available to act as master of ceremonies for the
89 Awards Banquet. A motion was made by Robert Jump and seconded by Dawson
90 Primes to accept the recommendations of the Awards Committee.

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B. CERTIFICATION – Robert Jump

A motion by Robert Jump and seconded by Tommy Thiebaud to approve. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Robert Jump and seconded by Dawson Primes to notify those that expire in 2008, 2009 and 2010 by letter next week to recertify by the November 30, 2010. The motion passed.

C. CHARTER AND BYLAWS – Jeff Meyers

No report.

Cindy Montz raised the issue that the Director of GOHSEP should be named, not the Deputy Director. Staff was directed to research.

D. COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP – Karen Price

A couple of inquiries were received, but several problems were encountered with qualifications. Karen recommended extending the application deadline to April 15th.

E. HAZMAT ALLIANCE – John Porter

No report.

F. LEGISLATIVE – Dexter Accardo

Dexter has looked into legislation making emergency managers first responders but the supplemental pay issue keeps rising.

G. MEMBERSHIP – Tuesday Mills

Membership continues to be strong with a total of 611, up 43 members from the February meeting. Tuesday asked Sonya and others to take some membership brochures to the Directors' meeting in order to encourage their membership. They will also be encouraged to attend the Workshop. Sonya Gremillion asked if there were any objections to purchasing the roll-out banner/stands. It was determined we would obtain two with Sonya's approval and staff support.

H. NEWSLETTER – Jerry Monier

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I. NOMINATING – Dawson Primes

Dawson called the Board’s attention to the nominations. A motion was made by Dawson Primes and seconded by Tab Troxler to accept the nominees and send out the ballots.

J. WORKSHOP – Eric Deroche

Eric reported that we have 99 full registrants to date, with 28 exhibitors. Tuesday has been working hard to obtain sponsorships and will continue to pursue. Discussions ensued on several sponsor possibilities. Dawson Primes suggested that we may need to publish two separate agendas, one without the social activities listed, because of pushback from some supervisory personnel.

Eric called everyone’s attention to the agenda. It was noted that CEM Pre-Certification Testing is the same time as the Golf Tournament. Eric pointed out that the EM 101 title is confusing people into believing that it is a repeat of a prior year program, but the material is new every year. We will need to clarify that next year. Tuesday Mills suggested a 45 minute block with some of the more experienced Emergency Managers sharing some best practices wisdom.

It was also pointed out that we need to clarify on our materials that people need to register with IAEM for the CEM pre-certification testing. Vendor bingo drawing will be done in the last session Wednesday afternoon. Every year since Hurricane Katrina we have broken our prior year attendance record from the year before. We are on track to break last year’s record. The past presidents project is still a work in progress.

The give-aways are navy blue t-shirts, with 250 ordered. Board shirts will be black long-sleeve. Board members coming to the Conference are needed to help with speakers and other tasks during the conference.

K. EMERGENCY MANAGER LEADERSHIP ACADEMY – Rick Webre

Rick is projecting having a package to be approved by the Board by the end of the year.

M. REGIONAL REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE – Tommy Thiebaud

Tommy thanked the Board for sponsoring the Parish Directors conference.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. 2011 Workshop

The Board reviewed the two proposals obtained thus far.

186 B. Website re-design

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188 No update.

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191 **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

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193 A. Funding for attendance at the Alabama Gulf States Hurricane Conference

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195 Tuesday Mills recommended that LEPA send Sonya, Eric and Dawson to the Gulf
196 States Hurricane Conference at the first of June. Eric pointed out that the current
197 president would also be appropriate.

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199 **VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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201 The meeting adjourned at 11:38 am.

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203 Respectfully submitted,

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207 Bland O'Connor

208 Executive Director

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1 **LOUISIANA EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ASSOCIATION**
2 **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**
3 **May 3, 2010**
4 **BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA**
5 **MEETING MINUTES**
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7 **I. CALL TO ORDER**
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9 President Jerry Monier called the meeting to order at 3:33 pm. he led the pledge of
10 allegiance and Robert Jump led the prayer. A quorum was present to conduct business.
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12 **Members Present in Person or Proxy:**

13 Dave Brown
14 John Boudreaux
15 Obie Cambre
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30 Rick Webre
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33 **Members Excused:**

34 Dexter Accardo
35 Mark Cooper
36 Pat Santos
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38 **Guests:**

39 Gene Dunegan
40 Taylor Moss
41 Bland O'Connor
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45 **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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47 The minutes from the April 9, 2010 Board meeting were reviewed. A motion was made
48 by Robert Jump and seconded by Tommy Thiebaud to approve the minutes as presented.
49 The motion passed.

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52 **IV. OFFICER REPORTS**

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54 A. President –Jerry Monier

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56 Jerry noted .

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58 B. President Elect – Dawson Primes

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60 Dawson announced that the Board of Directors election has been vacated due to
61 the wrong people being identified as being up for re-election. It should have
62 been Pat Santos, Jeff Meyers, Tuesday Mills and Eric Deroche. Discussion
63 ensued regarding the date for election. A closing date of approximately the end
64 of May. It was stated that an email needs to go out from the office to announce
65 the Survey Monkey ballot.

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67 A motion was made by John Boudreaux and seconded by Dawson Primes to
68 have the new ballots sent out by Wednesday of next week and to precede the
69 email from the office allowing people to opt out of the Survey Monkey email.
70 The email will state that the election will be redone, they can contact the office
71 and ask for a paper ballot. The motion passed.

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73 C. Treasurer – Eric Deroche

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75 Eric presented the March 31, 2010 financial statements (Attachment 1). Total
76 assets at March 31, 2010 were \$247,574.64. Total fund balances at March 31,
77 2010 were \$233,828.64. Eric reported that a CD matured at April 23 and he opted
78 for a check to be produced. A motion was made by Sonya Wiley-Gremillion and
79 seconded by Robert Jump to accept the Treasurer’s report. The motion passed.

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

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85 **V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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87 A. AWARDS – Cindy Montz

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- 91 B. CERTIFICATION – Robert Jump
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93 Robert Jump moved to approve Sonya Wiley-Gremillion’s LEM, seconded by
94 Tommy Thiebaud. The motion passed.
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98 C. CHARTER AND BYLAWS – Jeff Meyers
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102 D. COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP – Karen Price
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104 Karen Price announced the two people that were awarded scholarships.
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106 E. HAZMAT ALLIANCE – John Porter
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110 F. LEGISLATIVE – Dexter Accardo
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114 G. MEMBERSHIP – Tuesday Mills
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116 No report.
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118 H. NEWSLETTER – Michael Murphy
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120 No report.
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122 I. NOMINATING – Dawson Primes
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124 It was noted that the election of officers must be held again as stated above in
125 the President-Elect report.
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128 J. WORKSHOP – Eric Deroche
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130 Eric called everyone’s attention to the summary of the registration status for the
131 Workshop. He noted that we had a decline in Vendor participation and in
132 sponsorships, but member pre-registration has held its own. Eric noted that the
133 unwritten policy that allows refunds for people responding to emergencies will be
134 followed and refunds will be issued accordingly. The question of filing a claim
135 for additional expenses and loss of revenue to BP relative to the Disaster was also
136 raised. John Boudreaux stated that he would consider such a claim to be a bad
137 precedent and by consensus the Board concurred with his suggestion to not seek
138 reimbursement.

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A motion was made by Mike Murphy and seconded by Sonya Wiley-Gremillion to refund the fees of anyone who was unable to attend due to their responsibilities related to the response to the well blowout disaster. The motion passed.

K. EMERGENCY MANAGER LEADERSHIP ACADEMY – Rick Webre

Rick reported that he was making progress and would have more to cover in the future.

M. REGIONAL REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE – Tommy Thiebaud

Tommy thanked LEPA for hosting the morning session of Parish Directors. A chemical fire presentation by Livingston Parish was well-received.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. 2011 Workshop

Dawson Primes reported that a contract has been secured with the Hilton Riverside for the Memorial Day week of the conference. It was noted that cancellation insurance also needs to be purchased for this particular conference.

The format is anticipated to be LEPA first, followed by the Gulf States Hurricane Conference. The office also will work with the Hotel for weekend packages. The New Orleans CVB has indicated support for spousal activities and family discounts.

B. Website re-design

No update.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of President-elect and Treasurer.

A motion was made by Sonya Wiley-Gremillion and seconded to add this item to the agenda.

A motion was made by Dawson Primes and seconded by John Boudreaux to elect Robert Jump. Nominations were closed and Robert Jump elected.

A motion was made by Tuesday Mills and seconded unanimously to nominate Eric Deroche. Nominations were closed and Eric Deroche elected.

187 **VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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189 Sonya Wiley-Gremillion announced that she would not be travelling to the Gulf
190 States Conference in Alabama, but expressed appreciation for the opportunity.

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192 The meeting adjourned at 4:26 pm. on motion by John Boudreaux.

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194 Respectfully submitted,

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198 Bland O'Connor

199 Executive Director

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1 **LOUISIANA EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ASSOCIATION**
2 **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**
3 **August 13, 2010**
4 **BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA**
5 **MEETING MINUTES**
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7 **I. CALL TO ORDER**
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9 President Dawson Primes called the meeting to order at 10:07 am. Dawson Primes led
10 the pledge of allegiance and Robert Jump led the prayer. A quorum was present to
11 conduct business.
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13 **Members Present in Person or Proxy:**

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30 **Members Excused:**

31 John Boudreaux
32 Dave Brown
33 Tuesday Mills
34 John Porter
35 Tab Troxler
36 Rick Webre
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38 **Members Absent:**

39 None
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41 **Guests:**

42 Pat Santos
43 Bland O'Connor
44 Jenny Constantin
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47 **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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49 The minutes from the May 3, 2010 Board meeting were reviewed. A motion was made
50 by Robert Jump and seconded by Sonya Gremillion to approve the minutes as presented.
51 The motion passed.

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54 **IV. OFFICER REPORTS**

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56 A. President –Dawson Primes

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58 Dawson noted that he and several others attended a planning meeting at GOHSEP
59 for the 2011 LEPA and Gulf States Hurricane Conference(s).

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61 B. President Elect – Robert Jump

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63 No report.

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65 C. Treasurer – Eric Deroche

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67 Eric presented the June 30, 2010 financial statements (Attachment 1). Total
68 assets at June 30, 2010 were \$198,127.98. Total fund balances at June 30, 2010
69 were \$193,541.98. Eric reported that two CDs have been purchased with better
70 interest rates.

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72 A motion was made by Jerry Monier and seconded by Robert Jump to accept the
73 Treasurer’s report. The motion passed.

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75 It was noted that the Office needs to circulate the paperwork for the CDs to add
76 Dawson Primes and Sonya Gremillion as signers.

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

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80 Bland reported that Melanie Talley would be returning to the office next week
81 and she and Lindsey Deseamus would be assisting with supporting LEPA while
82 Jenny Constantin is on maternity leave.

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85 **V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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87 A. AWARDS – Cindy Montz

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89 No report.

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91 B. CERTIFICATION – Robert Jump
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93 A motion was made by Robert Jump and seconded by Tommy Thiebaud to
94 approve the following for recertification:
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96 LTC Gene Barattini, Assistant Director of Operations & Logistics, Caddo-Bossier
97 OHSEP
98 F.Ray Chidester, President, Bayou Railcar Services
99 Brian A. Crawford, Fire Chief, Shreveport Fire Department
100 Robert Muller, Emergency Manager and Disaster Preparedness Coordinator,
101 Ochsner Medical Center - Northshore
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103 The motion passed.
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105 A motion was made by Jerry Monier and seconded by Sony Gremillion to
106 approve recertification for Lawrence E. Callender, Assistant Chief of Police
107 (retired), French Settlement Police Department, pending receipt of a letter from
108 his employer. The motion passed.
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110 A motion was made by Robert Jump and seconded by Mike Murphy to approve
111 Nicole Peace Coarsey for initial certification. The motion passed.
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113 A motion was made by Eric Deroche and seconded by Chris Guilbeaux to
114 approve Lynn W. Fletcher, Police Lieutenant, New Orleans Police Department
115 and Jeffrey Winn, Police Captain, New Orleans Police Department-Orleans Parish
116 and to table action on Gwendolyn M. Clement, Grant Coordinator, The Road
117 Home, pending receipt of documentation supporting her employment position as
118 qualifying as an emergency management position. The motion passed.
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120 C. CHARTER AND BYLAWS – Jeff Meyers
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122 No report.
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124 D. COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP – Karen Price
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126 Karen Price stated that she would like pamphlets developed for the scholarship
127 program.
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129 E. HAZMAT ALLIANCE – Eric Deroche
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131 A motion was made by Robert Jump and seconded by Eric Deroche to approve
132 \$10,000 in scholarships for Hotzone. The motion passed.
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134 F. LEGISLATIVE – Dexter Accardo
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136 No report.
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138 G. MEMBERSHIP – Tuesday Mills
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140 No report.
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142 H. NEWSLETTER – Michael Murphy
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144 No report.
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146 I. NOMINATING – Dawson Primes
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148 It was noted that the election of officers must be held/ratified.
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150 J. WORKSHOP – Eric Deroche
151
152 Eric reported the draft schedule for the LEPA and Gulf States Hurricane
153 Conferences. The LEPA Board meeting will be on Monday, the Labor Day
154 Holiday, as will the President’s reception. The LEPA Workshop will begin on
155 Tuesday morning and exhibitors will set up on Tuesday. The Awards Dinner will
156 be held on Tuesday night. The LEPA Workshop will continue Wednesday
157 morning and exhibits will open Wednesday morning and will remain open all day
158 Wednesday and all or most of the day Thursday. The LEPA Workshop will
159 conclude at noon and the opening session for the Gulf States Hurricane
160 Conference will begin in the middle of the day Wednesday with a general session.
161 A welcome reception, possibly at the D-Day Museum or Aquarium of the
162 Americas, would be held on Wednesday. Thursday would feature concurrent
163 sessions by tracks and possibly a shorter reception in the late afternoon or
164 evening. Friday may include some concurrent sessions, as well as a concluding
165 general session.
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167 The golf tournament is cancelled.
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169 Dawson Primes reported that Dexter Accardo was working on a spousal package
170 with Saks 5th Avenue.
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172 Mark Cooper mentioned that neighboring states will also be invited.
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174 Sonya noted that we need to send an automated survey out after the Conference
175 for evaluations.
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177 Eric reported that Hazmat Day may be moved to earlier in the year as a one-day
178 program. The CEM testing may also be pulled into the one day program.
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180 K. EMERGENCY MANAGER LEADERSHIP ACADEMY – Rick Webre
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182 No report
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185 M. REGIONAL REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE – Tommy Thiebaud
186
187 Meetings are being held. The round robin discussion at Workshop was
188 worthwhile.
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191 **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

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193 A. 2011 Workshop

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195 Nothing further.

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197 B. Website re-design

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199 A motion was made by Sonya Wiley and seconded by Obie Cambre to empower
200 Chris Guilbeaux to work with a website designer to redesign the website at a cost
201 not to exceed \$10,000. The motion passed.
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204 C. Election Certification

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206 A motion was made by Eric Deroche to email the election results to the Board and
207 ratify the results online. The motion was seconded by Mike Murphy and passed.
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211 **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

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213 National Preparedness month is September and will be advertised on the new website.
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216 **VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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218 The next meeting will be held at the Office in Baton Rouge on Friday, October 1, 2010.
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221 Dawson Primes thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve as President. Sonya
222 Gremillion suggested that we need someone dedicated to taking pictures at the Workshop
223 and Conference. Dawson reported that his assistant Vicki could be the workshop
224 photographer and is excellently qualified.
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227 The meeting adjourned at 11:20 am on motion by Sonya Gremillion.
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230 Respectfully submitted,
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235 Bland O'Connor

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