

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  
16 Eric Deroche  
17 Robert Jump  
18 Jeffrey Meyers proxy to Karen Price  
19 Tuesday Mills  
20 Ralph Mitchell proxy to Dewayne White  
21 Jerry Monier  
22 Cindy Montz  
23 Michael Murphy  
24 Jim Polk  
25 John Porter  
26 Karen Price  
27 Dawson Primes  
28 Tommy Thiebaud  
29 Tab Troxler  
30 Rick Webre  
31 Sonya Wiley  
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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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83 Bland reported that

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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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96 Darrick Hesson and another person should have an automatic approval pending.  
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98 C. CHARTER AND BYLAWS – Jeff Meyers  
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100 No report.  
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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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108 No report.  
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110 F. LEGISLATIVE – Dexter Accardo  
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112 No report.  
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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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