

**LOUISIANA EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
April 15, 2011
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA
MEETING MINUTES**

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Dawson Primes called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Eric Deroche led the pledge of allegiance and Robert Jump led the prayer. A quorum was present to conduct business.

Members Present in Person or Proxy:

Obie Cambre
John Boudreaux
Pat Santos for Mark Cooper
Eric Deroche
Robert Jump
Jeffrey Meyers
Tuesday Mills proxy given to Obie Cambre
Jerry Monier proxy to Chris Guilbeaux
Cindy Montz
Michael Murphy
Jim Polk
John Porter
Karen Price
Dawson Primes
Tommy Thiebaud
Rick Webre
Taylor Moss for Dewayne White
Sonya Wiley-Gremillion

Members Excused:

Dexter Accardo
Dave Brown
Tab Troxler
Mark Cooper

Members Absent:

None

Guests:

Gene Dunegan
Melanie Talley
Jenny Constantin

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the February 18, 2011 Board meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Eric Deroche and seconded by Jim Polk to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed.

IV. OFFICER REPORTS

A. President –Dawson Primes

No report.

B. President Elect – Robert Jump

No report.

C. Treasurer – Eric Deroche

Eric Deroche presented the January 31, 2011 financial statement. Total assets at January 31, 2011 were \$203,405.04. Total fund balances at January 31, 2011 were \$202,741.36.

A motion was made by Sonya Wiley Gremillion and seconded by Dawson Primes to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion passed.

D. Executive Director's Report – Jennifer Constantin on behalf of Bland O'Connor)

No report.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. AWARDS – Cindy Montz

Cindy has received five nominations to date. The LEPA office has solicited the twice for nominations. The approvals will be done electronically. The nominations that have been received are solid nominations.

B. CERTIFICATION – Robert Jump

One application are under consideration for initial certification.

Timothy Gautreau, Coordinator II Jefferson Parish Emergency Management

Three applications are under consideration for re-certification.

Yvonne Murphy, Assistant Emergency Operations Director State of Louisiana

Department of Transportation and Development

Michael Murphy, Project Manager State of Louisiana GOHSEP

Ronald Cotton , 911 Director/Emergency Communications Director Livingston Parish

A motion was made by Dawson Primes to approve and seconded by Sonya Wiley – Gremillion.

C. CHARTER AND BYLAWS – Jeff Meyers

Nothing new to report.

D. COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP – Karen Price

Karen reported that the committee has met prior to the meeting and seven applications for scholarship had been received. Three were disqualified. Another two were disqualified due to not submitting proper documents and one non la resident

The remaining three were considered, Derrick Hesson will receive the \$1500.00 and the other two are waiting for their university to determine whether their current degree is a major or non major of disaster management the university of Mississippi is still submitting statements. The Northwestern University curriculum specifically states a specialty concentration, not a declared minor or major . there needs to be a review of the the program to accept these curriculums. Some fall within a minor at the university. They do offer a public health degree and a concentration in disaster management. North Western requires 9 credits in that concentration. Universities need to change the curriculum. Sonya agrees that the students in the field as employment is approved.

Karen made a motion to award Derrick Hesson and consider the other 2 applications once the universities provided more information on their curriculum. Eric seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

E. HAZMAT ALLIANCE – John Porter

Eric announced Dieter Heinz passed away last week . The board discussed a memorial tribute on the conference ,a moment of silence at the awards dinner , a picture on an easel and \$500.00 for a plaque and memorial. John boudreaux made the motion and it was seconded by Jim Polk. .

F. LEGISLATIVE – Dexter Accardo

Dexter pointed out that the budget process will be very challenging with lack of money this year. The EOC grant program will go away.

G. MEMBERSHIP – Tuesday Mills

Nothing to report.

H. NEWSLETTER – Michael Murphy

The LEPA office was instructed to work with Veronica Musgrove to obtain website articles.

A motion was made by Eric Deroche and seconded by Chris Guillbeaux to remove the newsletter subcommittee and the chairman will provide the LEPA office with a list of duties and responsibilities. At that time the email will be sent to the board. Amendment to the bylaws will need to be made.

I. NOMINATING – Robert Jump

A motion was made by Robert Jump and seconded by John Boudreaux to accept the list of LEPA 2011-2012 the motion was passed. Board members are Sonya Wiley-Gremillion, Jerry Monier, Sandy Davis, Skip Breeden, Cindy Montz. James Polk and Earl Eues will be the two board alternates.

J. WORKSHOP – Eric Deroche

Eric reviewed the list of exhibitors and sponsors that have signed up and paid for the 2011 GSHC. Eric reviewed the submitted presentations : 22 real presentations, all vendor submissions were nixed . The presentations will be 45 minute presentations and some will be double up based on the track.

K. EMERGENCY MANAGER LEADERSHIP ACADEMY – Rick Webre

Rick Webre reviewed the status of the command college. There are 11 students and it appears three will not make it through. The classes are going well. LEM re-certification will convert to an LEM basic unless you take the exam for the pro LEM. Everyone failed the anticipating weather class in which the National Weather Service provided a weather overview.

M. REGIONAL REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE – Tommy Thiebaud

No report

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

None

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting will be held at the LEPA/GOHSEP workshop on Monday May 30, 2011 at 3:00 pm at the Hilton Riverside New Orleans.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am on motion by Eric DeRoche.

Respectfully submitted,

Bland O'Connor
Executive Director