

1 **LOUISIANA EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ASSOCIATION**
2 **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**
3 **March 1, 2013**
4 **KINDER, LOUISIANA**
5 **MEETING MINUTES**
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7 **I. CALL TO ORDER**
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9 President Rick Webre called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Skip Breeden led the
10 pledge of allegiance and Rick Webre led the prayer. A quorum was present to conduct
11 business.
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13 **Members Present in Person or Proxy:**

14 Skip Breeden
15 Pat Santos attending for Kevin Davis
16 Sandy Davis
17 Eric Deroche
18 Dick Gremillion
19 Robert Jump proxy to Sandy Davis
20 Sean Lafleur
21 Jerry Monier
22 Gene Dunnegan attending for Taylor Moss
23 Jim Polk
24 Karen Price proxy to Sonya Wiley-Gremillion
25 Rick Webre
26 Sonya Wiley-Gremillion
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28 **Members Excused:**

29 Dexter Accardo
30 Kenneth Graham
31 Chris Guilbeaux
32 Tracey Hilburn
33 Dawson Primes
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35 **Members Absent:**

36 Dave Brown
37 Tuesday Mills
38 Jeff Meyers
39 Scott Welchel
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41 **Guests:**

42 Bland O'Connor
43 Jenny Constantin
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46 It was noted that Dawson Primes is on military leave of absence.
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49 **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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51 The minutes from the January 18, 2013 Board meeting were addressed. A motion was
52 made by Eric Deroche and seconded by Sean Lafleur to approve the minutes as
53 presented. The motion passed.

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55 **II. OFFICER REPORTS**

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57 A. President –Rick Webre

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59 President Rick Webre welcomed all to the meeting. He thanked everyone for
60 their participation in the retreat and said he will be sending his notes to the office.

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62 B. President Elect – Jim Polk

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64 No report.

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66 C. Treasurer – Eric Deroche

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68 Eric Deroche presented the October 31, 2012 financial statements (Attachment 1).
69 Total assets at October 31, 2012 were \$255,656.54. Total fund balances at
70 October 31, 2012 were \$250,406.54. For the ten months ended October 31, 2012
71 receipts exceeded expenditures by \$2,501.81.

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73 A motion was made by Eric Deroche and seconded by Sonya Wiley-Gremillion to
74 accept the Treasurer’s report. The motion passed.

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76 **IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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78 A. AWARDS –Jerry Monier

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80 Skip Breeden and Sonya Wiley-Gremillion volunteered to assist in awards
81 review. Nominations will be accepted for about two more weeks and ten
82 nominees have been received thus far. Lifesaving/Valor is an area that we
83 particularly need nominees.

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85 B. CERTIFICATION – Rick Webre

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87 Rick Webre presented the applications that the Committee has reviewed.

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89 Ross Liner, LEM-T, Senior Project Manager, Digital Engineering, Jefferson
90 Parish has completed all requirements. A motion was made by Skip Breeden,
91 seconded by Jerry Monier to approve Ross Liner as an LEM-T. The motion
92 passed.

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94 Ian Snelgrove, LEM-B, has applied to convert from LEM legacy to LEM-B and
95 has completed all requirements. A motion was made by Sandy Davis, seconded
96 by Eric Deroche to approve Ian Snelgrove as an LEM-B. The motion passed.

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98 Melinda Austin, LEM-B, Administrative Assistant to the Director, Sabine Parish
99 OHSEP. She has completed all requirements but the exam, because we haven't yet
100 sent her the link. A motion was made by Jim Polk and seconded by Dick Gremillion
101 to approve her as an LEM-B, conditional on her passing the examination. The motion
102 passed. Rick Webre will be sending Melinda the link soon.

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104 C. CHARTER AND BYLAWS – Jeff Meyers

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106 No report.

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108 D. COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP – Rick Webre for Karen Price

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110 Scholarships have been publicized.

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112 E. HAZMAT ALLIANCE – Sean Lafleur

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114 Dave Brown will be giving up his position and is working on a replacement.
115 There are questions on training issues and infrastructure. There are public and
116 private entities seeking certification. LSU can provide a working certificate but it
117 is questionable whether or not they can provide pro-board certification.

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119 F. LEGISLATIVE – Dexter Accardo

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121 No report.

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123 G. MEMBERSHIP – Rick Webre

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125 Rick noted that Corporate membership and increasing membership in general are
126 areas requiring attention. Should list corporate members on the website,
127 acknowledge at the Conference and possibly others.

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129 H. NOMINATING – Jim Polk

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131 Thirteen nominees. The ballot will close on April 10th and will be ratified at the
132 May 10th, 2013 LEPA board meeting.

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134 I. WORKSHOP – Eric Deroche

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136 Eric reported on the decisions made last evening regarding scheduling and
137 programs. Jim Polk will work with UP on a railroad-related program.
138 Counterintelligence – New York or Phoenix. An idea for the Wednesday general
139 session is the Isaac/Sandy effect.

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141 Jerry is working on the breakouts and some ideas are telecommunications, FEMA
142 Regions 4 and 6, Cyber security program and Active Shooter panel. Connecting
143 the dots on why information is collected.

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145 Eric, Sonya and Jerry will review the proposals in detail and select the breakout
146 sessions.

147 Pat Santos will draft a letter and send to the New Jersey and New York Directors of
148 HSEP to invite them to the Workshop.

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150 **J. REGIONAL DIRECTORS' REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE**

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152 Dick Gremillion reported that the looming budget issue is a concern. The State of
153 Louisiana receives a \$5.5 million emergency performance grant and in the past
154 pushed down 80% to the parishes. Now, the State will retain 80% of the grant
155 this year and push down only 20% to the parishes. For example, Calcasieu will
156 go from \$105k to \$33k as a result. Some parishes will receive as little as \$9,000.
157 This is expected to cause many parishes to eliminate the OHSEP as an effective
158 function. Some parishes may refuse the money, but if they do where will the
159 money go?

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161 **V. OLD BUSINESS**

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163 **A. ACTION ITEM REVIEW FROM PRIOR MEETING**

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165 1. 2013 LEPA/GOHSEP Workshop and 2013 Gulf States Hurricane Conference
166 Nothing further.

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168 2. Update on LEPA app
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172 **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

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174 **A. REVISED BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE**

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176 Next Board meetings are April 5, May 10 and June 10.

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VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pat Santos reported a total of 125 registrants for the elected officials' conference by region.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned on motion by Sonya Wiley-Gremillion at 11:35 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Bland O'Connor
Executive Director