

1 **LOUISIANA EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ASSOCIATION**  
2 **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
3 **May 10, 2013**  
4 **BATON ROUGE, 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 10:00 am. Jim Polk led the pledge of  
10 allegiance and Skip Breeden led the prayer. A quorum was present to conduct business.  
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12 **Members Present in Person or Proxy:**

13 Dexter Accardo proxy to Kenneth Graham  
14 Skip Breeden  
15 Pat Santos attending for Kevin Davis  
16 Eric Deroche  
17 Kenneth Graham  
18 Chris Guilbeaux  
19 Robert Jump proxy to Jerry Monier  
20 Jeff Meyers proxy to Skip Breeden  
21 Jerry Monier  
22 Gene Dunnegan attending for Taylor Moss  
23 Jim Polk  
24 Karen Price  
25 Rick Webre  
26 Scott Welchel  
27 Sonya Wiley-Gremillion proxy to Eric Deroche  
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30 **Members Excused:**

31 Dave Brown  
32 Sandy Davis  
33 Tracey Hilburn  
34 Sean Lafleur  
35 Tuesday Mills  
36 Dawson Primes  
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38 **Members Absent:**

39 Dick Gremillion  
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41 **Guests:**

42 Jenny Constantin  
43 Bland O'Connor  
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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 A motion was made by Eric Deroche and seconded by Jim Polk to approve the minutes of  
52 February 28, March 1 and April 5, 2013 as corrected. The motion passed

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54 **II. OFFICER REPORTS**

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56 A. President –Rick Webre

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58 Rick reported.

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60 B. President Elect – Jim Polk

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62 No report.

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64 C. Treasurer – Eric Deroche

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66 Eric Deroche reported on the March 31, 2013 financial statements. Total assets at  
67 March 31, 2013 were \$278,562.99. Receipts for the three months ended March  
68 31, 2013 were \$78,496.77 and expenditures were \$38,292.54. Total fund  
69 balances at March 31, 2013 were \$270,512.99.

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71 A motion was made by Skip Breeden and seconded by Jerry Monier to accept the  
72 Treasurer’s report. The motion passed.

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74 **IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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76 A. AWARDS –Jerry Monier

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78 Two Leadership Awards:  
79 Fire Chief Thomas Stone, St. Bernard Parish Fire Department  
80 Emmet and Toni Stephenson

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82 Two Life Safety awards:  
83 Sergeant Shane Stuntz, St. Amant Volunteer Fire Department  
84 Firefighter Jake Blanchard, St. Amant Volunteer Fire Department

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86 Ten Dedication Awards:  
87 Sergeant Major Carl W. Hebert, Joint Directorate of Military Support, Louisiana  
88 National Guard  
89 Diana N. Edmonson, Terrebone Council on Aging  
90 Rosa Hill, American Red Cross  
91 Captain Bonnie Hines, Public Education Officer, Fire Prevention District of West  
92 Feliciana  
93 Earl Eues, Terrebone Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness  
94 Ed Flynn, Louisiana Chemical Association  
95 Ginger Laurent, Louisiana Bankers’ Association  
96 Matt Moreland, National Weather Service New Orleans/Baton Rouge  
97 Tim Erickson, National Weather Service New Orleans/Baton Rouge

98 Angel Montanez, National Weather Service New Orleans/Baton Rouge  
99 A motion was made by Jerry Monier and seconded by Skip Breeden to accept the  
100 awards as presented. The motion passed.

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102 B. CERTIFICATION – Rick Webre

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104 Rick Webre reported the following application submissions as complete and  
105 correct:

- 106 1. Kim Boudreaux, LEM-B, Assistant Director Acadia Parish OHSEP
- 107 2. Thomas D. Ignelzi, LEM-Pro, Ebbert and Associates, Vice President of Plans  
108 and Training.

109 A motion was made by Eric Deroche and seconded by Skip Breeden to approve  
110 the applicants for certification. The motion passed.

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112 C. CHARTER AND BYLAWS – Jeff Meyers

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114 No report.

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116 D. COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP –Karen Price

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118 Karen Price reported that we have two applicants at this time and that she has an  
119 inquiry from Daniel McDonnell who she would like to consider but whose grades  
120 are insufficient.

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122 A motion was made by Eric Deroche and seconded by Jim Polk for the College  
123 Scholarship Committee to consider Daniel McDonnell for a scholarship award and  
124 make their best judgment even if his credentials fall short of the normal grade  
125 level requirements for award of a scholarship. The motion passed.

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127 E. HAZMAT ALLIANCE –

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129 No report.

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131 F. LEGISLATIVE – Dexter Accardo

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133 No report.

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135 G. MEMBERSHIP – Jennifer Constantin on behalf of Tuesday Mills

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137 Jennifer Constantin reported that we currently have 568 members.

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139 H. NOMINATING – Jim Polk

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141 Voting closed on Wednesday April 10, 2013. The election results are:

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143 Chris Guilbeaux 90

144 Amy Dawson 86

145 Eric Deroche 86

146 Alan Husberger 74

147	Robert Jump	62
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149	Alternates:	
150	1. Terry Guidry	59
151	2. Angela Jouett	55
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153	Others receiving votes:	
154	Charles Hudson	52
155	Anthony Leblanc	52
156	Bert Prejean	32
157	John Voinche	22

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 159 A motion was made by Jerry Monier and seconded by Eric Deroche to certify the  
 160 election results and destroy the ballots. The motion passed.

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 162 I. WORKSHOP – Eric Deroche

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 164 Eric said that everything is down but the river. He stated that status has improved  
 165 over the past two weeks, but our contractual obligations currently exceed our  
 166 registered attendance and revenues booked to date. All Board members were  
 167 encouraged to assist in recruiting exhibitors.

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 169 J. REGIONAL DIRECTORS’ REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE

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 171 No report.

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 173 **V. OLD BUSINESS**

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 175 1. 2013 GSHC and LEPA/GOHSEP Workshop  
 176 Nothing further.  
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 178 2. Update on LEPA app – Jim Polk  
 179 Jim has attempted to contact and they have been hard to find.  
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 181 3. Review the Strategic Planning Meeting  
 182 Nothing further.  
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 184 4. LERC Appointment Finalized  
 185 Jim Polk and Pat Santos have been appointed.  
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187 **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

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 189 A. CERTIFICATES FOR LEM

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 191 Jenny reported that she has investigated the pricing for formal certificates for the  
 192 LEM Program. A setup fee of \$60 would be required and individual certificates  
 193 would be priced based on the number ordered each time. Frames can be purchased  
 194 by the recipient.  
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196 **VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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198 Sonya Wiley-Gremillion will be unavailable to attend the conference due to family  
199 health matters.

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201 Jenny will work on an appropriate gift for Sonya as well as for Sandy Davis, who is  
202 being treated for cancer.

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204 **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

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206 The meeting adjourned on motion by Jerry Monier at 10:43 am.

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209 Respectfully submitted,

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213 Bland O'Connor

214 Executive Director

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