

1 **LOUISIANA EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ASSOCIATION**
2 **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**
3 **May 5, 2014**
4 **LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA**
5 **MEETING MINUTES**
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7 **I. CALL TO ORDER**
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9 President Jim Polk called the meeting to order at 3:34 pm. Skip Breeden led the prayer
10 and Jim Polk led the pledge of allegiance. A quorum was present to conduct business.
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12 **Members Present in Person or Proxy:**

13 Dexter Accardo
14 Skip Breeden
15 Kevin Davis
16 Amy Dawson
17 Eric Deroche
18 Kenneth Graham
19 Dick Gremillion
20 Chris Guilbeaux
21 Alan Hunsberger
22 Sean Lafleur
23 Jerry Monier
24 Jim Polk
25 Karen Price
26 Dawson Primes
27 Rick Webre
28 Scott Whelchel
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30 **Members Excused:**

31 Sonya Wiley-Gremillion
32 Angela Jouett
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34 **Members Absent:**

35 Robert Jump
36 Tracey Hilburn
37 Sandy Davis
38 David Brown
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40 **Guests:**

41 Gene Dunnegan
42 Terry Guidry
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46 **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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48 A motion was made by Alan Hunsberger and seconded by Scott Welchel to approve the
49 minutes of the February 7, 2014. The motion passed.

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51 **II. OFFICER REPORTS**

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53 A. President –Jim Polk

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55 Jim welcomed everyone and noted that work is being done toward diversifying
56 the membership.

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58 B. President Elect – Dexter Accardo

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60 Dexter Accardo complimented everyone involved in the program development for
61 the Conference.

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63 C. Treasurer – Eric Deroche

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65 Eric Deroche reported assets at December 31, 2013 of \$208,249.13. A motion
66 was made by Jerry Monier and seconded by Alan Hunsberger to approve the
67 Treasurer’s report. The motion passed.

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69 **IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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71 A. AWARDS – Jerry Monier

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73 Award ceremony is tomorrow.

74 Motion to accept from Eric Deroche and seconded by Chris Guilbeaux.

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76 B. CERTIFICATION – Rick Webre

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78 LEM Technical A motion was made by Dexter Accardo and seconded by Dawson
79 Primes to approve the award of the LEM-T to Colin Mulloy . The motion passed
80 and the award of the LEM-T to was approved.

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82 John Boudreaux on re-cert A motion was made by Skip Breeden and seconded by
83 Dexter Accardo to approve John Boudreaux’s re-certification as an LEM Pro.
84 The motion passed and John Boudreaux’s recertification was approved.

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86 Rick Webre application was considered for re-certification. A motion was made
87 by Amy Dawson and seconded by Dexter Accardo to approve Rick Webre for the
88 LEM-Pro subject to passing test. The motion passed and Rick Webre’s
89 recertification approved.

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91 C. CHARTER AND BYLAWS

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93 No report.

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95 D. COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP –Karen Price
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99 E. HAZMAT ALLIANCE – Sean Lafleur
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101 No report.
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103 F. LEGISLATIVE – Dexter Accardo
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105 Nothing upcoming.
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107 G. MEMBERSHIP – Eric Deroche
108 Total 658.
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110 H. NOMINATING – Eric Deroche
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112 Eric reported the election results.
113 **2014-2015 Board**
114 1. Sandy Davis 122
115 2. Kenneth Graham 118
116 3. Rick Webre 113
117 4. Sonya Wiley Gremillion 111
118 5. Skip Breeden 107
119 6. Terry Guidry 105
120 7. Karen Price 105
121 8. Pat Santos 100
122 9. Charles Hudson 98
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124 **Alternates**
125 1. Scott Whelchel 94
126 2. James Kelley 82
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128 **Rest of the candidates**
129 1. Frederick Thomas 65
130 2. Thomas Ignelzi 58
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133 Motion by Dexter, seconded by Rick, passed.
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136 I. WORKSHOP – Eric Deroche
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138 Pre-registered 186. Forty-eight paid exhibitors. Three complimentary exhibitors.
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143 J. REGIONAL DIRECTORS' REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE – Dick
144 Gremillion

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146 Nothing to report.

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149 **V. OLD BUSINESS**

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A. None.

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154 **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

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A. Officer Elections

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Nominations were open for an elected Board member who has served at least one year.

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Dawson Primes nominated Ken Graham for President. Dawson Primes seconded the nomination. Ken will need to clear ethics issues with federal government. Declined.

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Rick Webre nominated Skip Breeden for President. Amy Dawson seconded the nomination. Declined.

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Dexter Accardo nominated Dawson Primes. Dick Gremillion seconded the nomination. Declined.

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Jerry Monier nominated Scott Welchel. Alan Hunsberger seconded the nomination. Accepted.

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Dick Gremillion moved to close nominations, seconded by Alan Hunsberger. Nominations were closed and Scott was elected.

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Dick Gremillion suggested that the process begin earlier.

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Jerry Monier nominated Eric Deroche, seconded by Amy Dawson. Nominations closed and Eric elected.

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183 **VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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186 **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

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The meeting adjourned on motion by Dexter Accardo at 4:14 am and seconded by Jerry Monier.

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196 Bland O'Connor
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