

1 **LOUISIANA EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ASSOCIATION**  
2 **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
3 **November 14, 2014**  
4 **BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA**  
5 **MEETING MINUTES**  
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7 **I. CALL TO ORDER**  
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9 President Dexter Accardo called the meeting to order at 10:04 pm. led the prayer and  
10 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 Sandy Davis  
16 Amy Dawson  
17 Eric Deroche  
18 Kenneth Graham proxy to Eric Deroche  
19 Richard Gremillion  
20 Chris Guilbeaux  
21 Terry Guidry  
22 Charles Hudson  
23 Alan Hunsberger  
24 Sean LaFleur  
25 Gene Dunnegan for Taylor Moss  
26 Jim Polk  
27 Karen Price  
28 Dawson Primes  
29 Pat Santos  
30 Rick Webre  
31 Scott Whelchel proxy to Alan Hunsberger  
32 Sonya Wiley-Gremillion  
33 Earl Eues  
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35 **Members Excused:**

36 Kevin Davis  
37 Robert Jump  
38 Taylor Moss  
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40 **Members Absent:**

41 Robert Jump  
42 Dave Brown  
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44 **Guests:**

45 James Kelley  
46 Bland O'Connor  
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**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Eric Deroche and seconded by Rick Webre to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2014. The motion passed.

**II. OFFICER REPORTS**

A. President –Dexter Accardo

No report.

B. President Elect – Scott Whelchel

Nothing to report.

C. Treasurer – Eric Deroche

Eric Deroche reported assets from the September, 2014 financial statement from September 30, 2014 of \$198,201.07. He noted that cash should be coming in from dues very soon. A motion was made by Sonya Wiley-Gremillion and seconded by Jim Polk to approve the Treasurer’s report. The motion passed.

D. Executive Director – Jenny Constantin for Bland O’Connor

Jenny Constantin reported that the office just completed that the LEPA membership renewals went out this week.

**IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. AWARDS – Amy Dawson

Amy noted that the award nominee contact information is being added to the actual nomination form. The deadline will initially be February 28, 2015.

B. CERTIFICATION – Rick Webre

It was noted that the application is difficult to follow and will be revised.

C. CHARTER AND BYLAWS

Alan Hunsberger noted that the notification and discussion requirements for amendments to the bylaws have been met. The changes under consideration are:

97 A motion was made by Skip Breeden and seconded by to adopt the changes as  
98 presented.  
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100 The vote was as follows:  
101 Dexter Accardo  
102 Skip Breeden  
103 Sandy Davis  
104 Amy Dawson  
105 Eric Deroche  
106 Kenneth Graham proxy to Eric Deroche  
107 Richard Gremillion  
108 Chris Guilbeaux  
109 Alan Hunsberger  
110 Jim Polk  
111 Karen Price  
112 Dawson Primes  
113 Rick Webre  
114 Scott Whelchel proxy to Alan Hunsberger  
115 Sonya Wiley-Gremillion  
116 Terry Guidry  
117 Pat Santos  
118 Kevin Davis  
119 Charles Hudson  
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122 D. COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP –Karen Price  
123 No report.  
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126 E. HAZMAT ALLIANCE – Sean Lafleur  
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128 Sean discussed some additions he would like to have to the website. .  
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130 F. LEGISLATIVE – Dexter Accardo  
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132 Nothing to report.  
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134 G. MEMBERSHIP – No Membership Committee Chair  
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136 Jenny reported that the logos of the Corporate sponsors and large corporate  
137 members will be added to the website.  
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139 H. NOMINATING – Eric Deroche for Scott Whelchel  
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141 Eric Deroche noted nominations need to be sought in January.  
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143 I. WORKSHOP – Eric Deroche  
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145 Eric noted that the Committee will meet in January and will do another site visit  
146 at the Golden Nugget after the first of the year. An email blast notification has  
147 been sent and the call for programs is out. Sandy Davis suggested that we offer  
148 Oklahoma a few complimentary registrations and the subject will be further  
149 discussed at the next meeting.

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151 J. REGIONAL DIRECTORS' REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE – Earl Eues

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153 Earl said he would like to see more OEP directors involved.

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## 156 **V. OLD BUSINESS**

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158 A. IDCE Meeting

159 Eric Deroche noted that LEPA has been exhibiting at the IDCE meeting, but up  
160 until this week they were asking us to pay for a booth. LEPA printed some  
161 material for the booth last year and did not get a return on its investment. The  
162 question of what is the purpose for us to be at the meeting. Dexter and Jenny  
163 worked the vendor floor and picked up only Picadilly from that effort. It was  
164 decided to co-locate with GOHSEP's booth. Alan Hunsberger offered for Shell to  
165 pay for a \$500 sponsorship on LEPA's behalf at the IDCE meeting.

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167 LEPA normally sends out a few emails to the membership on IDCE's behalf prior  
168 to the meeting.

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170 Dawson will represent LEPA at the Police Jury meeting. Sonya Wiley-Gremillion  
171 is the president of APCO/NENA.

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178 actual nomination form. The deadline will initially be February 28, 2015.

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180 B. 2015 Proposed LEPA Budget – Eric Deroche

181 Eric Deroche presented the 2015 budget and noted that the conference registration  
182 fees will be increased by \$20. Also included are software fees for conversion  
183 costs to a new AMS of \$3,500 and. The golf tournament is break even.

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185 A motion was made by Sonya Wiley-Gremillion and seconded by Dawson Primes  
186 to adopt the proposed 2015 budget of \$169,290 in revenue and \$169,052 in  
187 expenses. The motion passed.

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## 189 **VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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191 Alan noted that Shell had a and about 100 responders .

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193 Sean Lafleur noted that he has an offsite idea for Hazmat Training related to  
194 Workshop.

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197 **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

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199 The meeting adjourned at 11:20 am on motion by Jim Polk and second by Pat Santos.

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206 Bland O'Connor

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