

1 **LOUISIANA EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ASSOCIATION**
2 **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**
3 **September 11, 2015**
4 **BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA**
5 **MEETING MINUTES**
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7 **I. CALL TO ORDER**
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9 President Scott Welchel called the meeting to order at 10:03 am. Skip Breeden led the
10 prayer and Scott Welchel led the pledge of allegiance. A quorum was present to
11 conduct business.

12 **Members Present in Person or Proxy:**

13 Skip Breeden
14 Amy Dawson
15 Eric Deroche
16 Gene Dunnegan attending for Taylor Moss
17 Kenneth Graham
18 Terry Guidry
19 Eric Deroche
20 Sean LaFleur
21 Jim Polk
22 Karen Price
23 Pat Santos
24 Rick Webre
25 Scott Welchel
26 Dawson Primes
27 Dexter Accardo
28 Christopher Guilbeaux
29 Early Eues
30 Joey Dugas
31 Kevin Davis
32 Robert Jump
33 Lisa Vidrine
34 Sonya Wiley-Gremillion proxy given to Dawson Primes
35 Charles Hudson proxy to Jim Polk
36 Alan Hunsberger proxy given to Eric Deroche
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38 **Members Excused:**

39 Mike Manning
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41 **Members Absent:**

42 Sandy Davis
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44 **Guests:**

45 Jennifer Constantin
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49 **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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51 A motion was made by Pat Santos and seconded by Dawson Primes to approve the
52 minutes of the July 17,2015 as presented. The motion passed.

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54 **II. OFFICER REPORTS**

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56 A. President –Scott Whelchel

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58 No report , Scott reported that the board meeting would be short today and the
59 group would focus on the strategic planning after the board meeting.

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61 B. President Elect – Dawson Primes

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63 No report.

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65 C. Treasurer – Eric Deroche

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67 Eric Deroche reported assets as of July 31, 2015 of \$240,060.04 and net assets of
68 \$240,124.62. Motion made by Dawson Primes and seconded by Dexter Accardo
69 to approve. The motion passed.

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72 D. Executive Director – Jennifer Constantin on behalf of Bland O’Connor

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74 Jenny Constantin reported that the office will be converting LEPA to the new
75 association management software and website in the next few months.

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77 **IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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79 A. AWARDS – Amy Dawson

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81 No report.

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83 B. CERTIFICATION – Rick Webre

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85 Rick discussed that he will be getting with the LEPA office to review the
86 outstanding LEM renewals for 2015.

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88 C. CHARTER AND BYLAWS

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90 Alan Hunsberger was not present. Eric Deroche reviewed the membership price
91 bylaw changes and then made a motion to approve, motion was seconded by Skip
92 Breeden and approved. Alan will present the remaining by laws changes at the
93 November meeting.

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- 98 D. COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP –Karen Price
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100 The scholarship committee will continue to look at the scholarship program and
101 investigate ways to have the program without spending a lot of money on the
102 program. They will review the possibility of having internships with a scholarship
103 at the end of the internship. These internships might even be offered within
104 private industry.
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- 107 E. HAZMAT ALLIANCE – Sean Lafleur and Joey Dugas
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109 Sean discussed the Hazmat Alliance day at the 2015 LEPA Workshop. Sean and
110 Joey are looking for topics for the 2016 Hazmat class at the workshop but they
111 might be interested in offering an outside venue or a track.
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- 113 F. LEGISLATIVE – Scott Welchel and Guest Hunt Downer
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115 Scott mentioned that there have been some discussions about how LEPA can
116 target legislative members for the upcoming session. Scott mentioned that LEPA
117 will be developing an outreach strategy for the 2016 Legislative session.
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- 119 G. MEMBERSHIP – Mike Manning and Skip Breeden
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121 Skip Breeden discussed the membership and ways to grow the membership in
122 2016. The membership committee has been looking into the curriculum at the
123 state emergency preparedness programs and will make an attempt to go visit the
124 programs and introduce LEPA to the emergency preparedness students. Skip
125 also discussed the possibility of having a store setup in 2016 and located on the
126 website. LEPA Members would be able to purchase items such as LEPA pins,
127 LEM certificates and much more. An example would be the IAEM type store.
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- 129 H. NOMINATING – Dawson Primes
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131 Nothing to report.
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- 133 I. WORKSHOP – Eric Deroche
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- 135 J. REGIONAL DIRECTORS’ REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE – Earl Eues
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137 No report.
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- 139 **V. OLD BUSINESS**
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141 None.
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145 **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

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147 No new business.

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149 **VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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153 **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

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155 A strategic planning session was held after the LEPA Board meeting.

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157 The meeting adjourned at 3:25 pm on motion by Jim Polk and second by Skip
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161 Respectfully submitted,

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165 Bland O'Connor

166 Executive Director