

1 **LOUISIANA EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ASSOCIATION**
2 **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**
3 **April 1, 2016**
4 **BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA**
5 **MEETING MINUTES**
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7 **I. CALL TO ORDER**

8 President Scott Welchel called the meeting to order at 10:02 a. Scott Welchel led the
9 prayer led the pledge of allegiance. A quorum was present to conduct business.

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

11 Amy Dawson
12 Eric Deroche
13 Sean LaFleur
14 Jim Polk
15 Pat Santos
16 Scott Welchel
17 Christopher Guilbeaux
18 Joey Dugas
19 James Waskom
20 Alan Hunsberger
21 Terry Guidry
22 Mike Manning
23 Gene Dunnegan attending for Taylor Moss
24 Kenneth Graham proxy given to Dexter Accardo
25 Dawson Primes proxy given to Scott Welchel
26 Charles Hudson proxy given to Jim Polk
27 Sonya Wiley-Gremillion proxy given to Alan Hunsberger
28 Karen Price proxy given to Chris Guilbeaux
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30 **Members Excused:**

31 Robert Jump
32 Rick Webre
33 Lisa Vidrine
34 Earl Eues
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36 **Members Absent:**

37 Sandy Davis
38 Skip Breeden
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40 **Guests:**

41 Jennifer Constantin
42 Christina Dayries
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48 **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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A motion was made by Sonya Wiley Gremillion and seconded by Eric Deroche to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2016 as presented. The motion passed.

II. OFFICER REPORTS

A. President –Scott Whelchel

No report.

B. President Elect – Dawson Primes

No report.

C. Treasurer – Eric Deroche

Eric Deroche reported assets as of December 31, 2015 of \$156,728.78 and net assets of \$140,978.36. In 2015 golf tournament broke even and the conference lost around \$477.00. A motion made by Alan Hunsberger and seconded by Amy Dawson to approve. The motion passed.

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

Jenny Constantin reported that the office is working on the LEPA Conference.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. AWARDS – Amy Dawson

Amy reviewed the slate of award candidates for the board to vote on. Eric made the motion to approve and it was seconded by Jim with the additional of the Lafayette Police Officers . The motion passed as written and with the additional awards added.

James Waskom offered to help with the push out of the award nominations next year.

B. CERTIFICATION – Amy Dawson presented report on behalf of Rick Webre

No report.

C. CHARTER AND BYLAWS

Alan discussed the bylaws changes and they will be tables until the next meeting in June. Eric made a motion to table the changes and Dexter seconded. Motion approved. Alan mentioned that the LEPA office informed him that the bylaws are in conflict with the articles of incorporation. Bland explained the articles as he

98 understood them to be and the board decided the by laws are in agreement with
99 the articles.

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101 Alan discussed the idea of term limits. It would be proposed that board members
102 would serve 2 terms on then a year off and would be eligible to then serve 2 more
103 terms. If this would happen , by the end of 2018 12 of the current board members
104 would rotate off of the LEPA board. Dexter suggested asking the membership
105 what their opinions were on this subject and bringing the idea before the LEPA
106 membership.

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108 A roll call by vote was made by board member to discuss term limits.

109 Scott with Dawson Proxy – yes

110 Dexter with Ken proxy – yes

111 Eric- yes

112 Jim with Charles proxy – yes

113 Rick – no proxy

114 Chris with Karen proxy – yes

115 Skip – no proxy

116 Amy – no

117 Terry – yes

118 Alan with Sonya proxy – no

119 Charles – no proxy

120 James – yes

121 Gene – yes

122 Sean – no

123 Earl – no proxy

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125 The motion passed and this will be added to the agenda for the strategic meeting
126 in June.

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128 D. COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP –Karen Price

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130 No report.

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133 E. HAZMAT ALLIANCE – Sean Lafleur and Joey Dugas

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135 Sean told the board about Pipeline , 302 AWR (the Hazmat class) at the conference.
136 He will confirm with the office who is doing the certificates for the class.

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138 It would be good for LEPA to have a Hazmat day to give back to the membership
139 at some point in 2016.

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141 F. LEGISLATIVE – Scott Whelchel

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143 No report.

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145 G. MEMBERSHIP – Mike Manning

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147 Mike stated membership is currently at 520 members. The average the last 5 years
148 this time of year has been around 530.

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150 H. NOMINATING – Dawson Primes
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152 No report. Office mentioned the ballots have been sent out and will close on April
153 22,2016.

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155 I. WORKSHOP – Eric Deroche
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157 Set a date and time for an all board conference call. The conference is looking
158 very low in attendance. Gene asked about when would we make the decision to
159 cancel. The deadline has been set at April 15th. Eric and Jenny will get with the
160 hotel about the cancellation and room block extended. Chris will get with the rc's
161 and promote the conference. Bland said we need to evaluate all of the penalties
162 and the risk if we were to decide and cancel.

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165 J. REGIONAL DIRECTORS' REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE –
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167 No report. James Waskom discussed the disaster deductible being raised.
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169 **V. OLD BUSINESS**

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171 The office will begin working on an agenda after the conference for the strategic
172 planning meeting in June. Dee will incorporate all of the ideas and decisions made at
173 the fall planning session.

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176 **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

177 No report.
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181 **VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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183 James Waskom discussed the legislation he is currently working on trying to get in
184 this session. He will keep the LEPA board posted with any decisions
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187 **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

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189 The meeting adjourned at 11:58 pm on motion by Alan Hunsberger and second by
190 Jim Polk.

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193 Respectfully submitted,

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197 Bland O'Connor
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