

1 **LOUISIANA EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ASSOCIATION**
2 **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**
3 **May 2, 2016**
4 **LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA**
5 **MEETING MINUTES**
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7 **I. CALL TO ORDER**

8 President Scott Whelchel called the meeting to order at 3:32 Pm. Skip Breeden led the
9 prayer and Scott Whelchel led the pledge of allegiance. A quorum was present to
10 conduct business.

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

12 Dexter Accardo
13 Skip Breeden
14 Amy Dawson
15 Sandy Davis
16 Eric Deroche
17 Earl Eues
18 Kenneth Graham proxy to Dexter Accardo
19 Terry Guidry
20 Christopher Guilbeaux
21 Charles Hudson
22 Alan Hunsberger
23 Robert Jump
24 Sean Lafleur
25 Mike Manning
26 Gene Dunnegan attending for Taylor Moss
27 Jim Polk proxy to Eric Deroche
28 Karen Price proxy to Skip Breeden
29 Dawson Primes
30 Pat Santos
31 James Waskom
32 Scott Whelchel
33 Sonya Wiley-Gremillion

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35 **Members Excused:**

36 Rick Webre
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38 **Members Absent:**

39 Joey Dugas
40 Lisa Vidrine
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42 **Guests:**

43 Dee Pidgeon
44 Christina Dayries
45 Neal Fudge
46 John Thomas
47 Bland O'Connor
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49 **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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51 A motion was made by Dexter Accardo and seconded by Amy Dawson to approve the
52 minutes of the April 1, 2016 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 Scott welcomed all and thanked everyone for their service.

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60 B. President Elect – Dawson Primes

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62 Dawson expressed how much he is looking forward to the upcoming year.

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64 C. Treasurer – Eric Deroche

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66 Eric Deroche reported assets as of February 29, 2016 of \$187,208.53 and net
67 assets of \$181,723.11. The 2016 budget of \$156,400 in revenue and \$161,014 in
68 expenses, for net budgeted expenses in excess of revenue of \$4,614 was included
69 in the Board packets. A motion was made by Alan Hunsberger and seconded by
70 Dawson Primes to approve the Treasurer’s report as presented. The motion
71 passed.

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73 D. Executive Director – Bland O’Connor

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75 No report.

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77 **IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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79 A. AWARDS – Amy Dawson

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81 Amy thanked Chris for volunteering to emcee the Awards Luncheon, which will
82 be held at noon on Wednesday.

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84 B. CERTIFICATION – Amy Dawson

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86 Amy discussed providing an LEM prep class about once per quarter.

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88 C. TCHARTER AND BYLAWS – Alan Hunsberger

89 The proposed changes to the bylaws will be discussed in the Strategic Planning
90 session.

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92 D. COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP –Karen Price

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94 No report.

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96 E. HAZMAT ALLIANCE – Sean Lafleur and Joey Dugas

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98 Looking forward to Hazmat Day at the Conference.

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100 F. LEGISLATIVE – Scott Welchel

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102 Scott discussed ongoing legislative activity.

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104 G. MEMBERSHIP – Mike Manning

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106 Mike reported membership as of April 28, 2016 of 544.

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108 H. NOMINATING – Dawson Primes

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110 Dawson reported the following vote totals:

111 Eric Deroche 85

112 Neal Fudge 85

113 Amy Dawson 83

114 Dexter Accardo 75

115 Alan Hunsberger 73

116 Duval Arthur 62

117 John Thomas 60

118 Anthony Moran 58

119 Robert Jump 56

120 Mike Manning 56

121 Tracy Hilburn 54

122 Dustin Montelius 26

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124 Elected for the six vacancies are: Eric Deroche, Neal Fudge, Amy Dawson,
125 Dexter Accardo, Alan Hunsberger, and Duval Arthur. John Thomas is the first
126 alternate and Anthony Moran the second alternate.

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128 I. WORKSHOP – Eric Deroche

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130 Eric reported record numbers in the golf tournament and a typical number of
131 attendees and vendors. He encouraged all to visit with the vendors.

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133 J. REGIONAL DIRECTORS’ REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE – Earl Eues

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135 Earl reported that everyone has been helpful and cooperative .

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137 **V. OLD BUSINESS**

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139 None.

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141 **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

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143 A motion was made by Eric Deroche and seconded by Alan Hunsberger to accept
144 the election results. The motion passed.

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146 Eric Deroche was nominated for Treasurer by Alan Hunsberger. Nominations
147 were closed and Eric was elected.

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149 Alan Hunsberger was nominated for president elect by Sonya Wiley Gremillion.
150 Nominations were closed and Alan was elected.

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152 **VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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154 The Strategic planning will be held at Shell at 305 East highway 30 Gonzales LA.
155 Alan suggested everyone park out front and noted that badges are required for
156 entry. Start time is 0900 hours on Thursday, June 9.

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158 Alan needs the notes from the September planning session...the Office to provide.

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161 **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

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163 The meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm on motion by Dexter Accardo.

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166 Respectfully submitted,

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170 Bland O'Connor

171 Executive Director