LOUISIANA EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
February 19, 2010
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA
MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Jerry Monier called the meeting to order at 10:10 am. Pat Santos led the pledge of allegiance and Robert Jump led the prayer. A quorum was present to conduct business.

Members Present in Person or Proxy:
Dexter Accardo
John Boudreaux
Obie Cambre
Mark Cooper proxy to Pat Santos
Eric Deroche proxy to Sonya Wiley
Robert Jump
Jeffrey Meyers
Tuesday Mills
Ralph Mitchell proxy to Dewayne White
Jerry Monier
Cindy Montz
Michael Murphy proxy to Robert Jump
Jim Polk
Karen Price proxy to Jeff Meyers
Dawson Primes
Pat Santos
Tab Troxler
Rick Webre
Sonya Wiley

Members Excused:
Dave Brown
John Porter

Members Absent:
Tommy Thiebaud

 Guests:
Becky Adcock, DVM
Gene Dunagen
Jeremy Gerald
Bland O’Connor
Elizabeth Thornton
Melanie Talley
II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the December 4, 2009 Board meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Sonya Wiley and seconded by Jeff Meyers to approve the minutes as corrected for Cindy Montz being the Awards Chair. The motion passed.

III. SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY

Dr. Becky Adcock presented the activities of the Louisiana State Animal Response Team including training sessions and activities related to developing national standards for shelters and the transportation/evacuation. Dr. Adcock proposed that animal response programs be approved for LEM credit. The Board will take the matter under advisement for review. Dr. Adcock then discussed the new Animal Emergency Response unit, future training plans and other resources available for emergency managers. Dexter Accardo complimented Dr. Adcock’s and LSART’s efforts to be a help rather than a hindrance or drain on resources.

IV. OFFICER REPORTS

A. President – Jerry Monier

Jerry reported that Andy Mosher was delighted to hear that he was elected as a Life Member and may try to come in for the Workshop. Jerry also sent a letter thanking LTC Ralph Mitchell for his service to LEPA.

B. President Elect – Dawson Primes

No report.

C. Treasurer – Bland O’Connor for Eric Deroche

Bland presented the December 31, 2009 financial statements (Attachment 1). Total assets at December 31, 2009 were $214,851.65. Total fund balances at December 31, 2009 were $172,716.65. Bland pointed out that although a deficit had been budgeted for the 2009 year, LEPA was able instead to achieve a profit of $2,238.54. A motion was made by Sonya Wiley and seconded by Robert Jump to accept the Treasurer’s report. The motion passed.

D. Executive Director’s Report – Bland O’Connor

Deferred for discussion during topical items.
V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. AWARDS – Cindy Montz

Only one nomination is in, so we need to start emailing again and extend the due date to March 30th. Emails need to go to the membership weekly to generate nominations. The Office will follow-up with the email campaign.

B. CERTIFICATION – Robert Jump

The Certification program application form and criteria are going through a re-write by Jerry and his staff and will be presented to the Board when completed, hopefully the next Board meeting on April 9, 2010.

The Committee recommended the LEPA Board approve LEM re-certification for Jeff Meyers and Karen Price.
A motion was made by Robert Jump and seconded by Rick Webre to approve Jeff Meyers and Karen Price for re-certification. The motion passed.

The Committee recommended the LEPA Board approve Obie Cambre for certification pending receipt of the necessary recommendation letter.
A motion was made by Robert Jump and seconded by John Boudreaux to approve the recommendation for Obie Cambre. The motion passed.

The Committee recommended the LEPA Board approve Tommy Boyett, Jose Garcia, Michael Roberts, Eddie Watkins and William White for certification.
A motion was made by Robert Jump and seconded by Jim Polk to approve the recommended applicants for certification. The motion passed.

The Committee noted that applications were received from both Darrick Hesson and Kellie Andre that were not recommended for approval because the applicants had not yet obtained the necessary years of experience.

It was commented that Terry Heaton (re-certification) and George Guidry (initial certification) are believed to have submitted applications, but were not included in the report. The Office was directed to make a diligent search.

It was also noted that the list of names only in the Board binders was deficient and had been declared so several meetings ago. The Office was charged to provide the list, inclusively of name, title and years in current position.

C. CHARTER AND BYLAWS – Jeff Meyers

No changes or updates to the bylaws since the last meeting.

D. COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP – Karen Price

No applications for scholarships have been received. The Office was charged to start advertising the scholarship program on the website.
E. HAZMAT ALLIANCE – John Porter

No report.

F. LEGISLATIVE – Dexter Accardo

Dexter is monitoring what is being pre-filed. Dexter raised the issue of identifying emergency managers as first responders in an emergency. Sonya Wiley reported that this matter was discussed at length at the Regional Directors meeting. During this discussion it was noted that one of the concerns of the Governor’s office was the potential for financial implications in classifying EM’s as first responders. Sonya also noted that having minimum certification standards may alleviate some of the disparity with qualifications and duties. Sonya also noted that the statewide mutual aide agreement was discussed. Mary Ann Tuminello was to be in touch with Dexter regarding these two (2) pieces of legislation. John Boudreaux voiced concern that it will be difficult to overcome the fact that emergency managers at the parish level do not have consistent duties across the state during emergencies.

G. MEMBERSHIP – Tuesday Mills

Membership continues to be strong with a total of 568 members at February 18, 2010. The second dues mailing was sent at the end of December. It is expected that membership will catch up with registrations for the Workshop.

H. NEWSLETTER – Jerry Monier

We continue to need articles, although we aren’t accepting vendor articles.

I. NOMINATING – Dawson Primes

Dawson called the Board’s attention to the nominations. Lawrence Callendar will be added to the list of nominees.

A motion was made by Dawson Primes and seconded by John Boudreaux to put on the ballot all the eligible nominees received through the deadline. The motion passed.

J. WORKSHOP – Sonya Wiley for Eric Deroche

All past presidents are being contacted to attend this year’s Workshop and they will have their hotel room expenses picked up by LEPA for Tuesday night.

Registration brochures and vendor solicitations will be sent by mail next week.

Sonya noted that Jim Polk had been working on the speaker line up and asked him for any comments. Sonya also advised that a specific time slot had been allocated on Monday for the Parish Directors meeting and it was listed on the workshop.
agenda so that we were not trying to notify everyone on the fly and should have a better attendance of Directors. Approval from the hotel has been received to have a band on site for the Presidents Reception. Jerry Monier said the theme would be “Cinco de Mayo” with a little “Who Dat”. Also reported that the Bill Doran Band had been confirmed. Sonya asked for some Workshop & Vendor Brochures next week & advised that she would take them to the Police Jury Association Convention the end of next week in an attempt to increase our vendors and Parish Admin attendance.

Thursday will feature both a Hazmat Day and Planning 101 by GOHSEP.

A question was raised by John Boudreaux on the cost of the golf tournament as reported on the financial statements. Subsequent investigation determined that the 2008 greens fees had also been paid in 2009, causing the seeming discrepancy.

K. EMERGENCY MANAGER LEADERSHIP ACADEMY – Rick Webre

Rick is working on the program.

M. REGIONAL REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE – Sonya Wiley

In Tommy Thibeau’s absence Sonya advised that in addition to the Legislative issues discussed in the Legislative Committee report earlier, other items discussed during the Regional Directors meeting included the “Get a Game Plan for Children” campaign. Sonya noted that it would be rolled out with coloring books & mascot. Directors were advised to make request through their respective Coordinators however if they had room and wanted to store the coloring books for their parishes they could. Also, the Regional Mobile Water Tank concept was discussed and the Emergency Managers workshop & meeting scheduled for April 13-15.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. 2011 Workshop

Bland reported that the Hilton Riverside, Marriott and Sheraton in New Orleans have been contacted and several options close to the dates preferred should be available. Information has been difficult to obtain from Mississippi, but better information should be available from Alabama. Planning will continue and a contract may be signed in the next few months.

B. Website re-design

Jerry and Eric are working on an RFP.

VII. NEW BUSINESS
A. Funding for attendance at the Alabama Gulf States Hurricane Conference
   Item was tabled for next meeting.

B. Executive Session
   Jerry Monier called for a motion to enter into Executive Session at 11:55. The
   Board exited the Executive Session at 12:08; no further action was taken.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Brenda O'Connor
Executive Director
I. CALL TO ORDER

President Jerry Monier called the meeting to order at 10:10 am. Eric Deroche led the pledge of allegiance and Robert Jump led the prayer. A quorum was present to conduct business.

Members Present in Person or Proxy:
- Dexter Accardo
- John Boudreaux
- Obie Cambre
- Mark Cooper proxy to Pat Santos
- Eric Deroche
- Robert Jump
- Jeffrey Meyers proxy to Karen Price
- Tuesday Mills
- Dewayne White proxy to G Dunegan
- Jerry Monier
- Cindy Montz
- Michael Murphy
- Jim Polk
- Karen Price
- Dawson Primes
- Pat Santos
- Tommy Thiebaud
- Tab Troxler
- Rick Webre
- Sonya Wiley

Members Excused:
- Dave Brown
- Jim Polk

Members Absent:
- John Porter

Guests:
- Gene Dunegen
- Bland O’Connor
- Melanie Talley
II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the February 19, 2010 Board meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Cindy Montz and seconded by Robert Jump to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed.

IV. OFFICER REPORTS

A. President – Jerry Monier

Jerry has been working with Eric and the Workshop Committee on plans for the Workshop. LEPA is co-sponsoring a function with Sheriff’s and Police Jury Associations for $2,000.

B. President Elect – Dawson Primes

Dawson attended the National Hurricane Conference and received a lot of benefit.

C. Treasurer – Eric Deroche

Eric presented the February 28, 2010 financial statements (Attachment 1). Total assets at February 28, 2010 were $227,639.81. Total fund balances at February 28, 2010 were $218,473.81. A motion was made by Dexter Accardo and seconded by Sonya Gremillion to accept the Treasurer’s report. The motion passed.

D. Executive Director’s Report – Bland O’Connor

Bland stated that the office sent out multiple emails and mailings for the upcoming workshop to both vendors and registrants. A notice had also been sent to members of online registration twice. He also stated that contracts for the 2011 Gulf States Hurricane Conference were in the binders for review. Last, the 2010-2011 online ballot system was up and running and an email had been sent out to members to go and vote. Voting would close April 23, 2010.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. AWARDS – Cindy Montz

Cindy announced 22 awards including four dedication, one valor, two leadership, one founder. Gordon is not available to act as master of ceremonies for the Awards Banquet. A motion was made by Robert Jump and seconded by Dawson Primes to accept the recommendations of the Awards Committee.
B. CERTIFICATION – Robert Jump

A motion by Robert Jump and seconded by Tommy Thiebaud to approve. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Robert Jump and seconded by Dawson Primes to notify those that expire in 2008, 2009 and 2010 by letter next week to recertify by the November 30, 2010. The motion passed.

C. CHARTER AND BYLAWS – Jeff Meyers

No report.

Cindy Montz raised the issue that the Director of GOHSEP should be named, not the Deputy Director. Staff was directed to research.

D. COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP – Karen Price

A couple of inquiries were received, but several problems were encountered with qualifications. Karen recommended extending the application deadline to April 15th.

E. HAZMAT ALLIANCE – John Porter

No report.

F. LEGISLATIVE – Dexter Accardo

Dexter has looked into legislation making emergency managers first responders but the supplemental pay issue keeps rising.

G. MEMBERSHIP – Tuesday Mills

Membership continues to be strong with a total of 611, up 43 members from the February meeting. Tuesday asked Sonya and others to take some membership brochures to the Directors’ meeting in order to encourage their membership. They will also be encouraged to attend the Workshop. Sonya Gremillion asked if there were any objections to purchasing the roll-out banner/stands. It was determined we would obtain two with Sonya’s approval and staff support.

H. NEWSLETTER – Jerry Monier

No report.
I. NOMINATING – Dawson Primes

Dawson called the Board’s attention to the nominations. A motion was made by Dawson Primes and seconded by Tab Troxler to accept the nominees and send out the ballots.

J. WORKSHOP – Eric Deroche

Eric reported that we have 99 full registrants to date, with 28 exhibitors. Tuesday has been working hard to obtain sponsorships and will continue to pursue.

Discussions ensued on several sponsor possibilities. Dawson Primes suggested that we may need to publish two separate agendas, one without the social activities listed, because of pushback from some supervisory personnel.

Eric called everyone’s attention to the agenda. It was noted that CEM Pre-Certification Testing is the same time as the Golf Tournament. Eric pointed out that the EM 101 title is confusing people into believing that it is a repeat of a prior year program, but the material is new every year. We will need to clarify that next year. Tuesday Mills suggested a 45 minute block with some of the more experienced Emergency Managers sharing some best practices wisdom.

It was also pointed out that we need to clarify on our materials that people need to register with IAEM for the CEM pre-certification testing. Vendor bingo drawing will be done in the last session Wednesday afternoon. Every year since Hurricane Katrina we have broken our prior year attendance record from the year before. We are on track to break last year’s record. The past presidents project is still a work in progress.

The give-aways are navy blue t-shirts, with 250 ordered. Board shirts will be black long-sleeve. Board members coming to the Conference are needed to help with speakers and other tasks during the conference.

K. EMERGENCY MANAGER LEADERSHIP ACADEMY – Rick Webre

Rick is projecting having a package to be approved by the Board by the end of the year.

M. REGIONAL REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE – Tommy Thiebaud

Tommy thanked the Board for sponsoring the Parish Directors conference.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. 2011 Workshop

The Board reviewed the two proposals obtained thus far.
B. Website re-design

No update.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Funding for attendance at the Alabama Gulf States Hurricane Conference

Tuesday Mills recommended that LEPA send Sonya, Eric and Dawson to the Gulf States Hurricane Conference at the first of June. Eric pointed out that the current president would also be appropriate.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The meeting adjourned at 11:38 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Bland O’Connor
Executive Director
I. CALL TO ORDER

President Jerry Monier called the meeting to order at 3:33 pm. He led the pledge of allegiance and Robert Jump led the prayer. A quorum was present to conduct business.

Members Present in Person or Proxy:
- Dave Brown
- John Boudreaux
- Obie Cambre
- Eric Deroche
- Robert Jump
- Jeffrey Meyers proxy to Karen Price
- Tuesday Mills
- Ralph Mitchell proxy to Dewayne White
- Jerry Monier
- Cindy Montz
- Michael Murphy
  - Jim Polk
  - John Porter
  - Karen Price
- Dawson Primes
- Tommy Thiebaud
- Tab Troxler
- Rick Webre
- Sonya Wiley

Members Excused:
- Dexter Accardo
- Mark Cooper
- Pat Santos

Guests:
- Gene Dunegan
- Taylor Moss
- Bland O’Connor
II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the April 9, 2010 Board meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Robert Jump and seconded by Tommy Thiebaud to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed.

IV. OFFICER REPORTS

A. President – Jerry Monier

Jerry noted.

B. President Elect – Dawson Primes

Dawson announced that the Board of Directors election has been vacated due to the wrong people being identified as being up for re-election. It should have been Pat Santos, Jeff Meyers, Tuesday Mills and Eric Deroche. Discussion ensued regarding the date for election. A closing date of approximately the end of May. It was stated that an email needs to go out from the office to announce the Survey Monkey ballot.

A motion was made by John Boudreaux and seconded by Dawson Primes to have the new ballots sent out by Wednesday of next week and to precede the email from the office allowing people to opt out of the Survey Monkey email. The email will state that the election will be redone, they can contact the office and ask for a paper ballot. The motion passed.

C. Treasurer – Eric Deroche

Eric presented the March 31, 2010 financial statements (Attachment 1). Total assets at March 31, 2010 were $247,574.64. Total fund balances at March 31, 2010 were $233,828.64. Eric reported that a CD matured at April 23 and he opted for a check to be produced. A motion was made by Sonya Wiley-Gremillion and seconded by Robert Jump to accept the Treasurer’s report. The motion passed.

D. Executive Director’s Report – Bland O’Connor

Bland reported that

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. AWARDS – Cindy Montz

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B. CERTIFICATION – Robert Jump

Robert Jump moved to approve Sonya Wiley-Gremillion’s LEM, seconded by Tommy Thiebaud. The motion passed.

Darrick Hesson and another person should have an automatic approval pending.

C. CHARTER AND BYLAWS – Jeff Meyers

No report.

D. COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP – Karen Price

Karen Price announced the two people that were awarded scholarships.

E. HAZMAT ALLIANCE – John Porter

No report.

F. LEGISLATIVE – Dexter Accardo

No report.

G. MEMBERSHIP – Tuesday Mills

No report.

H. NEWSLETTER – Michael Murphy

No report.

I. NOMINATING – Dawson Primes

It was noted that the election of officers must be held again as stated above in the President-Elect report.

J. WORKSHOP – Eric Deroche

Eric called everyone’s attention to the summary of the registration status for the Workshop. He noted that we had a decline in Vendor participation and in sponsorships, but member pre-registration has held its own. Eric noted that the unwritten policy that allows refunds for people responding to emergencies will be followed and refunds will be issued accordingly. The question of filing a claim for additional expenses and loss of revenue to BP relative to the Disaster was also raised. John Boudreaux stated that he would consider such a claim to be a bad precedent and by consensus the Board concurred with his suggestion to not seek reimbursement.
A motion was made by Mike Murphy and seconded by Sonya Wiley-Gremillion to refund the fees of anyone who was unable to attend due to their responsibilities related to the response to the well blowout disaster. The motion passed.

K. EMERGENCY MANAGER LEADERSHIP ACADEMY – Rick Webre

Rick reported that he was making progress and would have more to cover in the future.

M. REGIONAL REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE – Tommy Thiebaud

Tommy thanked LEPA for hosting the morning session of Parish Directors. A chemical fire presentation by Livingston Parish was well-received.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. 2011 Workshop

Dawson Primes reported that a contract has been secured with the Hilton Riverside for the Memorial Day week of the conference. It was noted that cancellation insurance also needs to be purchased for this particular conference.

The format is anticipated to be LEPA first, followed by the Gulf States Hurricane Conference. The office also will work with the Hotel for weekend packages. The New Orleans CVB has indicated support for spousal activities and family discounts.

B. Website re-design

No update.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of President-elect and Treasurer.

A motion was made by Sonya Wiley-Gremillion and seconded to add this item to the agenda.

A motion was made by Dawson Primes and seconded by John Boudreaux to elect Robert Jump. Nominations were closed and Robert Jump elected.

A motion was made by Tuesday Mills and seconded unanimously to nominate Eric Deroche. Nominations were closed and Eric Deroche elected.
VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sonya Wiley-Gremillion announced that she would not be travelling to the Gulf States Conference in Alabama, but expressed appreciation for the opportunity.

The meeting adjourned at 4:26 pm. on motion by John Boudreaux.

Respectfully submitted,

Bland O’Connor
Executive Director
LOUISIANA EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

August 13, 2010

BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Dawson Primes called the meeting to order at 10:07 am. Dawson Primes led the pledge of allegiance and Robert Jump led the prayer. A quorum was present to conduct business.

Members Present in Person or Proxy:

Dexter Accardo proxy to Dawson Primes

Obie Cambre
Mark Cooper
Eric Deroche
Robert Jump
Chris Guilbeaux
Jeffrey Meyers proxy to Karen Price

Jerry Monier
Cindy Montz
Michael Murphy
Jim Polk
Karen Price
Dawson Primes
Tommy Thiebaud
Sonya Wiley-Gremillion

Members Excused:

John Boudreaux
Dave Brown
Tuesday Mills
John Porter
Tab Troxler
Rick Webre

Members Absent:

None

Guests:

Pat Santos
Bland O’Connor
Jenny Constantin
II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the May 3, 2010 Board meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Robert Jump and seconded by Sonya Gremillion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed.

IV. OFFICER REPORTS

A. President – Dawson Primes

Dawson noted that he and several others attended a planning meeting at GOHSEP for the 2011 LEPA and Gulf States Hurricane Conference(s).

B. President Elect – Robert Jump

No report.

C. Treasurer – Eric Deroche

Eric presented the June 30, 2010 financial statements (Attachment 1). Total assets at June 30, 2010 were $198,127.98. Total fund balances at June 30, 2010 were $193,541.98. Eric reported that two CDs have been purchased with better interest rates.

A motion was made by Jerry Monier and seconded by Robert Jump to accept the Treasurer’s report. The motion passed.

It was noted that the Office needs to circulate the paperwork for the CDs to add Dawson Primes and Sonya Gremillion as signers.

D. Executive Director’s Report – Bland O’Connor

Bland reported that Melanie Talley would be returning to the office next week and she and Lindsey Deseamus would be assisting with supporting LEPA while Jenny Constantin is on maternity leave.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. AWARDS – Cindy Montz

No report.
B. CERTIFICATION – Robert Jump

A motion was made by Robert Jump and seconded by Tommy Thiebaud to approve the following for recertification:

LTC Gene Barattini, Assistant Director of Operations & Logistics, Caddo-Bossier OHSEP
F. Ray Chidester, President, Bayou Railcar Services
Brian A. Crawford, Fire Chief, Shreveport Fire Department
Robert Muller, Emergency Manager and Disaster Preparedness Coordinator, Ochsner Medical Center - Northshore

The motion passed.

A motion was made by Jerry Monier and seconded by Sony Gremillion to approve recertification for Lawrence E. Callender, Assistant Chief of Police (retired), French Settlement Police Department, pending receipt of a letter from his employer. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Robert Jump and seconded by Mike Murphy to approve Nicole Peace Coarsey for initial certification. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Eric Deroche and seconded by Chris Guilbeaux to approve Lynn W. Fletcher, Police Lieutenant, New Orleans Police Department and Jeffrey Winn, Police Captain, New Orleans Police Department-Orleans Parish and to table action on Gwendolyn M. Clement, Grant Coordinator, The Road Home, pending receipt of documentation supporting her employment position as qualifying as an emergency management position. The motion passed.

C. CHARTER AND BYLAWS – Jeff Meyers

No report.

D. COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP – Karen Price

Karen Price stated that she would like pamphlets developed for the scholarship program.

E. HAZMAT ALLIANCE – Eric Deroche

A motion was made by Robert Jump and seconded by Eric Deroche to approve $10,000 in scholarships for Hotzone. The motion passed.

F. LEGISLATIVE – Dexter Accardo

No report.
G. MEMBERSHIP – Tuesday Mills

No report.

H. NEWSLETTER – Michael Murphy

No report.

I. NOMINATING – Dawson Primes

It was noted that the election of officers must be held/ratified.

J. WORKSHOP – Eric Deroche

Eric reported the draft schedule for the LEPA and Gulf States Hurricane Conferences. The LEPA Board meeting will be on Monday, the Labor Day Holiday, as will the President’s reception. The LEPA Workshop will begin on Tuesday morning and exhibitors will set up on Tuesday. The Awards Dinner will be held on Tuesday night. The LEPA Workshop will continue Wednesday morning and exhibits will open Wednesday morning and will remain open all day Wednesday and all or most of the day Thursday. The LEPA Workshop will conclude at noon and the opening session for the Gulf States Hurricane Conference will begin in the middle of the day Wednesday with a general session. A welcome reception, possibly at the D-Day Museum or Aquarium of the Americas, would be held on Wednesday. Thursday would feature concurrent sessions by tracks and possibly a shorter reception in the late afternoon or evening. Friday may include some concurrent sessions, as well as a concluding general session.

The golf tournament is cancelled.

Dawson Primes reported that Dexter Accardo was working on a spousal package with Saks 5th Avenue.

Mark Cooper mentioned that neighboring states will also be invited.

Sonya noted that we need to send an automated survey out after the Conference for evaluations.

Eric reported that Hazmat Day may be moved to earlier in the year as a one-day program. The CEM testing may also be pulled into the one day program.

K. EMERGENCY MANAGER LEADERSHIP ACADEMY – Rick Webre

No report
M. REGIONAL REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE – Tommy Thiebaud

Meetings are being held. The round robin discussion at Workshop was worthwhile.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. 2011 Workshop

Nothing further.

B. Website re-design

A motion was made by Sonya Wiley and seconded by Obie Cambre to empower Chris Guilbeaux to work with a website designer to redesign the website at a cost not to exceed $10,000. The motion passed.

C. Election Certification

A motion was made by Eric Deroche to email the election results to the Board and ratify the results online. The motion was seconded by Mike Murphy and passed.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

National Preparedness month is September and will be advertised on the new website.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting will be held at the Office in Baton Rouge on Friday, October 1, 2010.

Dawson Primes thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve as President. Sonya Gremillion suggested that we need someone dedicated to taking pictures at the Workshop and Conference. Dawson reported that his assistant Vicki could be the workshop photographer and is excellently qualified.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 am on motion by Sonya Gremillion.

Respectfully submitted,

Bland O’Connor
Executive Director