



# LOUISIANA HIGH SCHOOL RALLY ASSOCIATION

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## General Assembly of Principals

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**General Assembly of Principals Annual Meeting Minutes**  
**Saturday, April 21, 2018**  
**9:00 AM – 9:36 AM**

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**Presiding Officers:** Steve Penouilh, LHSRA Executive Director

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There were 50 principals or proxy representatives who attended this meeting.

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Steve Penouilh, LHSRA Executive Director, who welcomed everyone to LSU and State Rally before introducing Dr. Randy Duran.

**II. LSU Welcome**

Dr. Randy Duran, Executive Director and Chair of the Gordon A. Cain Center, officially welcomed everyone to LSU and thanked them for coming to campus for State Rally. He shared some information about the new Mike the Tiger LSU had welcomed. He discussed the recently awarded Nobel Prize that was shared with one professor from LSU for the discovery of gravitational waves. Finally, he ended with a description of LSU's dual enrollment program and its offerings.

**III. LSU Transition**

Steve provided a brief overview of the transition that occurred at LSU which moved State Rally from the Office of Enrollment Management to the Cain Center. This transition was effective 7/1/17. Steve thanked everyone for their patience as the Cain Center went through learning bumps during the year. Steve informed everyone that a new position was being created to handle the day to day Rally activities.

**V. Meeting Minutes**

Minutes from 2017 GAP and Fall Executive Committee meetings were provided to everyone.

**VII. Items of Discussion**

a. Membership Report

An overview of LHSRA membership was provided. The total membership for 17-18 was 358. This was a slight down tick based on previous years. The transition at LSU probably contributed to this.

b. Membership Dues

Steve presented a proposal to increase the membership fees by \$30 to all divisions. The proposal was in response to State Rally operating at a loss each year. Voting cards were provided to each principle/proxy to vote yes or no on the proposal. The proposal passed 43-7.

c. LHSRA Budget Summary

Summary was not available at the meeting but would be provided at a later date.

d. Scholarship Update

8 of the 49 eligible recipients claimed their scholarships. This is a decline from previous years.



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- e. District Rallies  
Were held Feb. 24, 2018 and were a great success
- f. Literary Events  
Updates to the test banks were put on hold due to the transition. The State and District exams were switched from the previous year to ensure no one took the same test again.
- g. Performance Events  
Speech Dramatic Duo was not offered on State Rally Day due to a lack of registration for the event.
- h. New Orleans District Rally  
LHSRA is committed to having a district rally in New Orleans. We have had no interest in New Orleans universities to host. We are exploring options of other hosting sites.
- i. Future Rally Dates  
Proposed dates of 2/29/20 for District and 4/18/20 for State were presented and were accepted 29 to 4.

### **VIII. Open Discussion/Announcements/Miscellaneous**

Steve presented the group with the new officers for consideration. They were Jamey Arnette from ULL for President and Jessica Landry from McNeese for Vice President. They were voted into their positions 47 to 1.

No other topics were brought up for discussion.

### **IX. Adjournment**

Steve Penouilh adjourned the meeting at 9:36am.