LHSRA | LOUISIANA HIGH SCHOOL RALLY ASSOCIATION

General Assembly of Principals (GAP) Meeting Minutes
Saturday, April 6, 2019

There were 64 principals or proxy representatives in attendance. Steve Penouilh presided over the meeting.

I.   Call to Order – *Called to order by Steve Penouilh at 9:10am*

II.   LSU Welcome – *Dr. Judy Wornat, Dean of the College of Engineering, provided the welcoming address to the attendees. Dr. Wornat discussed the new engineering building that was serving as Rally headquarters as well as the accomplishments of the College of Engineering. She finished by complementing principals and teachers on their impact to their students.*

III.   LHSRA Welcome & Introduction – *Steve Penouilh provided a review of the agenda and information provided to the attendees.*

IV.   2018 GAP Meeting Minutes – *Meeting minutes were provided along with a quick overview.*

V.   2018 Fall & Spring Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - *Meeting minutes were provided along with a quick overview.*

VI.   Items of Information & Discussion

   a. Membership Report – *Presented to the group that membership has been in rate of decline for several years. Belief is this attributed to not having a New Orleans district rally.*

   We have 345 Louisiana middle and high schools registered as active members of the LHSRA for 2018-19.

	18-19	17-18	16-17	15-16	14-15	13-14
Division I	63	66	63	63	62	65
Division II	71	75	77	80	79	82
Division III	81	80	78	87	84	81
Division IV	48	54	61	66	61	59
Division V	82	83	88	84	96	98
Totals	**345**	**358**	**367**	**380**	**382**	**385**

District	Div. I	Div. II	Div. III	Div. IV	Div. V	Total
Central Louisiana (La. College)	1	4	6	4	8	**23**
LSU Eunice	-	9	5	6	2	**22**
North Louisiana (LA Tech)	6	6	12	10	16	**50**
Northwest La. (Northwestern)	9	5	8	7	12	**41**

South Central La. (Nicholls)	8	8	6	5	4	**31**
Southeast La. (Southeastern)	24	20	20	7	11	**82**
Southern La. (Southern Univ.)	4	2	2	1	2	**11**
Southwest La. (McNeese)	4	7	10	3	17	**41**
UL - Lafayette	7	10	12	5	10	**44**
Totals	63	71	81	48	82	**345**

b. LHSRA Budget Summary – *A projected budget summary for the 2019 State Rally was presented. The budget summary projects a surplus for the year which will be reinvested through updating the test banks as well as attempting to raise the number of scholarships claimed.*

c. Scholarships Update & Eligibility – *Provided to the group that eligibility language has been cleaned up to emphasize that a student can only compete once in their high school career in a particular event. As such, they are only eligible to receive a scholarship once for a particular event.*
   i. A student may only represent their school once in a given literary event throughout their entire high school career. Also, they are only eligible to receive a scholarship once for a particular literary event.

d. District Rallies – *A short update was provided on the district rallies being held on Feb 23, 2019 with all districts doing a great job.*

e. New Orleans District Rally – *An update was provided that there is still no host location for a New Orleans Rally. Expressed that the Executive Committee will prepare a letter to be sent to several NO Universities to explore their interest.*

VII. Voting Items

a. Change of Date for 2020 to avoid dates where schools are closed
   i. Proposing to change the previously voted on date
      1. From
         a. 2/29 District   4/18 State
      2. To
         a. 3/7 District   4/4 State
   This item was voted down 30 to 17 due to 4/4 being an ACT date

    b. Proposed dates for 2021
        i. District Rally 2/27/2021
        ii. State Rally   4/17/2021
    This item was approved 36 to 4

    c. Proposed change to eligibility for Health literary event
        i. Two course codes currently listed for eligibility for health event. We would like to remove 190101, which is a Health & Physical Education course. 190500 will remain the sole eligible course, this is a Health Education course
    This item was voted down 33 to 10 due to the codes being used to distinguish between public and private school courses.

    d. Extend the deadline for Overall Winner Scholarships to April 1st
        i. Current deadline is October 15th. Due to the low number of students who claim the scholarship, the Executive Committee believes that pushing the deadline date will give students more time to apply and provide more time to remind students to apply.
        ii. Students will still need to show enrollment in their institution for the Fall and Spring semesters to claim the award.
    This item was approved 44 to 0.

VIII.   Open Discussion/ Announcements/ Miscellaneous
During this session of the meeting, a suggestion was made for the high school teachers to submit questions for the test bank. Steve Penouilh informed them that a conference call would be held in the coming weeks and the Executive Committee would discuss this matter.

IX.   Adjournment – *Steve Penouilh adjourned the meeting at 9:47am*