

LHSRA | LOUISIANA HIGH SCHOOL RALLY ASSOCIATION

General Assembly of Principals (GAP) Meeting Minutes April 5, 2022

- I. Call to Order
Harald Leder called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm.
- II. LSU Welcome
- III. LHSRA Welcome & Introduction
- IV. 20 GAP Meeting Minutes
- V. 2021-22 Fall & Spring Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
- VI. Items of Information & Discussion
 - a. Executive Committee Members

| Name | District | Title |
|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Renee Melder | Central LA | Director |
| Chad Jones | LSU-Eunice | Director |
| Tina Oubre | LSU-Eunice | Assistant Director |
| Joan Edinger | North LA | Director |
| Emily Poole | North LA | Assistant Director |
| Jana Lucky | Northwest LA | Director |
| Amy Delatte | South Central LA | Director |
| Amber Siless | Southeast LA | Director |
| vacant | Southern LA | Director |
| Kourtney Istre | Southwest LA | Director |
| Ruben Henderson | UL-Lafayette | Director |
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| President | Vacant | |
| Vice President | Vacant | |
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| Harald Leder | LSU | Executive Director |
| Megan Stone | LSU | Associate Director |
| Robert Dufrene | LSU | Assistant Director |

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b. Membership Report

We have **298** Louisiana middle and high schools registered as active members of the LHSRA for 2021-22.

| | 21-22 | 18-19 | 17-18 | 16-17 | 15-16 | 14-15 | 13-14 |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Division I | 54 | 63 | 66 | 63 | 63 | 62 | 65 |
| Division II | 63 | 71 | 75 | 77 | 80 | 79 | 82 |
| Division III | 59 | 81 | 80 | 78 | 87 | 84 | 81 |
| Division IV | 50 | 48 | 54 | 61 | 66 | 61 | 59 |
| Division V | 72 | 82 | 83 | 88 | 84 | 96 | 98 |
| Totals | 298 | 345 | 358 | 367 | 380 | 382 | 385 |

| District | Div. I | Div. II | Div. III | Div. IV | Div. V | Total |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Central Louisiana (La. College) | 2 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 9 | 22 |
| LSU Eunice | - | 8 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 21 |
| North Louisiana (LA Tech) | 4 | 7 | 11 | 10 | 14 | 46 |
| Northwest La. (Northwestern) | 10 | 3 | 7 | 6 | 11 | 37 |
| South Central La. (Nicholls) | 9 | 8 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 30 |
| Southeast La. (Southeastern) | 19 | 17 | 15 | 10 | 8 | 69 |
| Southern La. (Southern Univ.) | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Southwest La. (McNeese) | 4 | 3 | 7 | 5 | 13 | 32 |
| UL - Lafayette | 6 | 11 | 9 | 4 | 11 | 41 |
| Totals | 54 | 63 | 59 | 50 | 72 | 298 |

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c. LHSRA Budget Summary

Current Account Balance:

| La High School Rally Financial Statement As of April 5, 2022 | | |
|--|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Account | Balance | |
| Club Checking | 92,538.29 | |
| Savings | 6,918.77 | |
| Certificate of Deposit #5 | 56,050.31 | Maturity Date 12/16/2022 |
| Certificate of Deposit #10 | 16,802.43 | Maturity Date 05/30/2022 |
| Certificate of Deposit #11 | 15,777.07 | Maturity Date 07/13/2022 |
| Total | 188,086.87 | |

Current expenditures for salaries and ongoing expenses are covered by an LSU account. We did not hire a graduate assistant this year and therefore have not had any expenses. For projected expenses, Harald Leder presented the following budget:

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2021-22 Operating Budget

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|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Membership Dues Collected | 52,020.00 |
| Executive Committee Expenses -Est | 100.00 |
| Test Creation Stipends -Est | 1,000.00 |
| Programming | - |
| Rally Day Entertainment | - |
| Rally Day Judges -Est | 4,000.00 |
| Rally Day Rentals - Est | 2,000.00 |
| Rally Day Food - Est | 8,000.00 |
| Printing - Est | 10,000.00 |
| Supplies -Est | 2,000.00 |

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|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Student and Proctor Help - Est | 6,000.00 |
| Awards - Est | 5,000.00 |
| Police & Parking - Est | 4,000.00 |
| 2022 Scholarships - Est | 1,000.00 |
| <i>Total Expenses</i> | 43,100.00 |
| Estimated Final Balance | 8,920.00 |

A final budget will be presented when all Rally Day Expenses are accounted for.

d. Scholarships Update & Eligibility

We have two scholarship applicants for this year. State Winners can apply for a \$500 scholarship if they attend a university of college in Louisiana. Details are on the website: <https://lhsra.org/honors-and-scholarships/>

e. District Rallies

District Rallies went very well in all districts. North and Northwest districts had weather related issues which prevented some schools from participating. Three schools did not participate because of weather. Southwest and Southeast districts had very good events. Two schools were qualified in the wrong divisions in the Southwest, but the issue was resolved quickly. The only issue was unusually cold weather.

VII. Voting Items

Amber Silessy offered to be a candidate for President of LSHRA. After a brief introduction she was elected unanimously.

Harald Leder mentioned that the date of the GAP meeting before or on Rally Day is problematic. First, it is logistically difficult to organize a meeting for principals on the same day and to present a budget because finances are still in flux. Amber explained that the decision to hold the GAP meetings before rally day was made to help newcomers navigate their way and assist them with questions they may have. This turned out to be very useful for the preparation of district rallies. One solution might be to hold a GAP meeting before and one after Rally Day. One issue that was discussed was that the information provided in the zoom meeting could have been sent by e-mail. Another issue is that usually, schools from northern districts are not represented well because the principals are less likely to travel to Baton Rouge and therefore do not participate in GAP meetings. The expectation was that more schools from north Louisiana would have participated in the zoom meeting, but that did not materialize.

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The electronic format of the meeting found favor with participants. It was pointed out that there were no more participants in the zoom meeting than usually attend the GAP meeting in person. However, participation may also have been limited by the fact that the meeting took place during dismissal time for many schools. It was suggested that late morning would be a better time for scheduling the meetings. An in-person GAP meeting may still be desirable and necessary for principals.

The principals accepted **February 4, 2023** as the date for district rallies, **March 4, 2023** for State Rally. There was some discussion about the possibility of taking dates of sporting events into consideration, but that would make it impossible to schedule a date. As in the past, students will have to choose which events they want to participate in. Some principals may not be happy because of the early date, but this time it was impossible to schedule Rally Days at later dates. Prime dates were already taken by ACT testing.

Dates for 2024 are impossible to determine because there are no calendars from other organizations and schools available at this time.

VIII. Open Discussion/ Announcements/ Miscellaneous

The participants decided to introduce a training session for new Rally Association members. It will be introduced in fall, possibly in October or early November. The membership drive for 2022-23 will open in September.

State Rally preparation:

LSU had posted parking and transportation instructions on the LHSRA website. All information in regard to rooms and open event locations was available on the website. Rally coordinators also received registration letters for their students which contained information about the location of the different events. The letters contained information for filling out scantron sheets. This year there were two different routes for unloading students, one for buses and one for cars. There was a reception in Howe-Russell Hall with a welcome by the LSU Provost and a reception. Information tents were set up for the visitors. Students were encouraged to download the FindMyClass app. Principals were informed that we sent a second set of letters because the first set of letters had incorrect location information. Letters were sent to rally coordinators and principals with all essential information. The LSU interactive map was available, but we created specific maps for rally day with specific parking instructions. Harald Leder advised participants that test results would be published on April 20th.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:52.