

LHSRA | LOUISIANA HIGH SCHOOL RALLY ASSOCIATION

**General Assembly of Principals
Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2023
Lod Cook Alumni Center**

Member Attendance

Kyle Bourque, Catholic High School of New Iberia
Deana Cole, Faith Training Christian Academy
Darden Gladney, Glenbrook School
Yvette Johnson, St. John High School
Sherri LaCoste, Midland High School
Walt Lemoine, Brusly High School
Colin Miller, North DeSoto High School
Denise Nero, St. Thomas More Catholic School
James Shoff, Liberty Magnet High School
John Webre, Jesuit High School
Rebecca Wilson, Minden High School

Guest Attendance

Vanessa Begat, LSU Gordon A. Cain Center for STEM Literacy

Call to Order

Megan Stone, LHSRA Associate Director, called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

LSU Gordon A. Cain Center for STEM Literacy Presentation

Vanessa Begat provided an overview of four programs offered by the Gordon A. Cain Center for STEM Literacy: Dual Enrollment, STEM Pathways, the Quality Science and Math Grant, and pre-college programs and summer camps offered during the summer of 2023. For more information, visit lsu.edu/caincenter.

Approval of 2022 GAP Meeting Minutes

A motion to accept the minutes was made by Darden Gladney. The motion, seconded by Yvette Johnson, carried.

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Membership Discussion

The Executive Committee Vice President is still vacant.

We have **322** Louisiana middle and high schools registered as active members of the LHSRA for 2022 – 2023. This is an increase from last year, but we have not yet reached the pre-COVID participation.

| | 22-23 | 21-22 | 18-19 | 17-18 | 16-17 | 15-16 | 14-15 | 13-14 |
|---------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Division I | 58 | 54 | 63 | 66 | 63 | 63 | 62 | 65 |
| Division II | 65 | 63 | 71 | 75 | 77 | 80 | 79 | 82 |
| Division III | 69 | 59 | 81 | 80 | 78 | 87 | 84 | 81 |
| Division IV | 56 | 50 | 48 | 54 | 61 | 66 | 61 | 59 |
| Division V | 74 | 72 | 82 | 83 | 88 | 84 | 96 | 98 |
| Totals | 322 | 298 | 345 | 358 | 367 | 380 | 382 | 385 |

| District | Div. I | Div. II | Div. III | Div. IV | Div. V | Total |
|--|--------|---------|----------|---------|--------|------------|
| All | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| Central Louisiana (La. College) | 1 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 9 | 20 |
| LSU Eunice | 0 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 3 | 22 |
| North Louisiana (LA Tech) | 7 | 4 | 10 | 12 | 14 | 47 |
| Northwest La. (Northwestern) | 6 | 5 | 10 | 8 | 10 | 39 |
| South Central La. (Nicholls) | 10 | 9 | 4 | 7 | 2 | 32 |
| Southeast La. (Southeastern) | 23 | 18 | 16 | 7 | 13 | 77 |
| Southern La. (Southern Univ.) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Southwest La. (McNeese) | 3 | 5 | 10 | 5 | 14 | 37 |
| UL - Lafayette | 7 | 12 | 10 | 7 | 9 | 45 |
| Totals | 57 | 64 | 68 | 55 | 74 | 322 |

LHSRA Budget Summary

The following financial statement and 2022 – 2023 budget update were presented during the meeting. The majority of expenses related to State Rally have not yet been recorded. Harald Leder, LHSRA Executive Director, will email a final expenditure report by the end of the school year. 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.

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Current Account Balance:

| LA High School Rally Financial Statement | |
|---|-------------------|
| As of February 28, 2023 | |
| Account | Balance |
| Club Checking | 111,243.02 |
| Savings | 6,924.00 |
| Certificate of Deposit | 15,945.22 |
| Certificate of Deposit | 56,283.97 |
| Certificate of Deposit | 16,844.35 |
| Total | 207,240.56 |

2022-2023 Budget

| Revenue | Budget | LHSRA Actual | LSU Actual | Total | Difference |
|--|------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Membership Dues / LSU Contribution | \$ 59,180 | \$ 49,840 | \$ 4,165 | \$ 54,005 | \$ 5,175 |
| Expenses | Budget | LHSRA Actual | LSU Actual | Total | Difference |
| Executive Committee Expenses | \$ 1,000 | \$ 210 | \$ - | \$ 210 | \$ 790 |
| Test Creation Stipends | \$ 4,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 4,000 |
| Programming (test processing) | \$ 1,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 1,000 |
| Rally Day Entertainment | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Rally Day Judges | \$ 4,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 4,000 |
| Rally Day Rentals and supply purchases | \$ 2,000 | \$ 13 | \$ - | \$ 13 | \$ 1,987 |
| Rally Day Food | \$ 15,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 15,000 |
| Printing | \$ 5,000 | \$ - | \$ 820 | \$ 820 | \$ 4,180 |
| GAP Meeting | \$ 1,000 | \$ 400 | \$ - | \$ 400 | \$ 600 |
| Website and Communications Management | \$ 2,000 | \$ - | \$ 690 | \$ 690 | \$ 1,310 |
| Postage and Postage supplies | \$ 2,000 | \$ 636 | \$ - | \$ 636 | \$ 1,364 |
| Student and Proctor Help | \$ 8,000 | \$ 150 | \$ - | \$ 150 | \$ 7,850 |
| Awards | \$ 6,000 | \$ 4,821 | \$ - | \$ 4,821 | \$ 1,179 |
| Police & Parking | \$ 4,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 4,000 |
| 2023 Scholarships | \$ 4,000 | \$ 2,500 | \$ - | \$ 2,500 | \$ 1,500 |
| Total Expenses | \$ 59,000 | \$ 8,731 | \$ 1,510 | \$ 10,241 | \$ 48,759 |
| Operating Surplus | \$ 180 | \$ 41,109 | \$ 2,655 | \$ 43,764 | |

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Scholarships Update & Eligibility

We have five 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/>

District Rallies

District Rallies went very well in all districts.

Voting Items

Megan Stone called for nominations for the Executive Committee Vice President. Voting was postponed due to zero nominations being received.

Megan Stone proposed District Rally be held February 24, 2024, and State Rally be held March 23, 2023. Darden Gladney motioned to approve. The motion was seconded and carried.

Open Discussion

The first item discussed was the possibility of adding African American Studies to the literary events. Members would like confirmation on whether or not adding African American Studies means that a different event is required to be omitted. It was suggested that we send a survey to all members to determine the number of schools offering African American Studies.

The second item discussed was dates for the 2025 District Rally and State Rally. While some members think holding the events early in the year are challenging because teachers do not yet know who to nominate and students may not have mastered the material yet, other members find earlier dates favorable as it's easier to avoid conflicts with spring athletic events primarily baseball. Some members posed the idea of holding District Rally and State Rally on a weekday to prevent conflicting with athletic events and to accommodate parents who work weekends. Megan Stone confirmed to the group that holding State Rally on a weekday on LSU's campus is not possible due to parking and room constraints plus it would be very difficult to recruit enough volunteers.

The time and location of the GAP meeting was cited as the predominant reason for the low attendance. Many principals travel with the students to State Rally and therefore had to travel back with them after the Literary Events. The general consensus is the GAP meeting should be held at the same time as the Literary Events and preferably at a central location on campus rather than at Lod Cook.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30.