

LHSRA | LOUISIANA HIGH SCHOOL RALLY ASSOCIATION

General Assembly of Principals Meeting Minutes March 23, 2024 Life Sciences Annex

Member Attendance

Stella Arabie, Vermillion Catholic
Karl Carpenter, Pineville High School
Janell Coffman, Bolton High School
Deana Cole, Faith Training Christian Academy
Tammy Crochet, Ascension Catholic Diocesan Regional School
Taylor Ducote, Ascension Episcopal School
Darden Gladney, Glenbrook School
Walt Lemoine, Brusly High School
Colin Miller, North DeSoto High School
Stacie Rathbun, Evangel Christian Academy
Shaina Rogers, Pathways in Education
Danielle Rohli, Archbishop Chapelle High School
Cydni Scroggs, Glenbrook School
Eugenie Segura, Catholic High School
John Webre, Jesuit High School

Guest Attendance

Jonathan Gardner, LSU Gordon A. Cain Center for STEM Literacy

Call to Order

Megan Stone, LHSRA Associate Director, called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Approval of 2023 GAP Meeting Minutes

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

LSU Gordon A. Cain Center for STEM Literacy Presentation: Choice Credit for College Learning

Jonathan Gardner provided an overview of the new Choice Credit for College Learning program, offered by the Gordon A. Cain Center for STEM Literacy, enables students to take authentic, college-level courses embedded within their normal high school classes. Students may opt to receive LSU credit if satisfied with their final

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grade. Teachers are equipped with training to guide students throughout this college-level course experience. For more information, visit lsu.edu/caincenter.

Membership Discussion

The Vice President of the Executive Committee position is vacant.

We have **337** Louisiana middle and high schools registered as active members of the LHSRA for 2023 – 2024. Last year we had 322 active members.

	23-24	22-23	21-22	18-19	17-18	16-17	15-16	14-15	13-14
Division I	58	58	54	63	66	63	63	62	65
Division II	72	65	63	71	75	77	80	79	82
Division III	74	69	59	81	80	78	87	84	81
Division IV	49	56	50	48	54	61	66	61	59
Division V	84	74	72	82	83	88	84	96	98
Totals	337	322	298	345	358	367	380	382	385

District	Div. I	Div. II	Div. III	Div. IV	Div. V	Total
All	2	0	0	0	0	2
Central Louisiana (LCU)	1	4	2	3	11	21
LSU Eunice	0	9	5	6	3	23
North Louisiana (LA Tech)	5	6	13	12	15	51
Northwest La. (Northwestern)	7	6	8	6	12	39
South Central La. (Nicholls)	10	11	4	6	4	35
Southeast La. (Southeastern)	23	18	17	9	15	82
Southern La. (Southern Univ.)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southwest La. (McNeese)	3	4	13	4	14	38
UL - Lafayette	7	14	12	3	10	46
Totals	58	72	74	49	84	337

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LHSRA Budget Summary

The following financial statement was 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.

Current Account Balance:

LA High School Rally Financial Statement As of February 29, 2024	
Account	Balance
Club Checking	67,254.23
Savings	6,932.08
Certificate of Deposit	16,264.91
Certificate of Deposit	58,039.38
Certificate of Deposit	17,456.84
Certificate of Deposit	70,000.00
Total	235,947.44

Scholarships Update & Eligibility

We awarded six scholarships 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. Harald Leder visited the Northwest District Rally.

Voting Items

Megan Stone proposed the following dates for District Rally and State Rally in 2025 and 2026:

- a. District Rally 2025: March 15, 2025
- b. State Rally 2025: April 12, 2025
- c. District Rally 2026: March 14, 2026
- d. State Rally 2026: April 18, 2026

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Stella Arabie motioned to approve the dates. The motion was seconded by Christy Kessler. With no objections, the motion carried.

Megan Stone called for nominations for the Vice President of Executive Committee. Stella Arabie self-nominated. With no other nominations, Christy Kessler moved to approve. The motion was seconded by Darden Gladney. With no objections, the motion carried.

State Rally Pilot Project

Megan Stone provided an update on the pilot project to administer State Rally Literary Events electronically. Students were in the LSU Testing Center. The goals are (a) to provide results almost immediately, (b) increase efficiency, (c) to provide a streamlined method to update tests annually, (d) reduce paper waste, and (e) eliminate any form of academic dishonesty.

Members expressed concern that moving to an electronic format will prevent schools lacking the technology from participating and that the risk of technology issues on the day is too high. Furthermore, members agreed it's better to continue offering a paper version of the test because providing pencils is affordable and free of any technology issues and many students will perform better with a written version of the test as opposed to an electronic version. Members agreed that the amount of time needed to provide results is not a concern. They are more concerned that the results are accurate and medals and certificates for seniors are received prior to graduation.

Members questioned if changing to an electronic format would result in State Rally being held at the schools rather than on LSU's campus. Members agreed that it is beneficial to students to be on LSU's campus and fair and unbiased proctoring is more likely on LSU's campus than it would be at the school level. Having the opportunity to visit LSU and the surrounding area is a great motivator for students. Many schools include cultural activities downtown after the literary events.

Suggested Open Event Changes

Megan Stone asked the assembly to consider allowing two students per school in German and Latin open events. There were no objections.

Megan Stone asked the assembly to consider creating an open event for native Spanish speakers. Several members expressed concern regarding who would determine whether or not a student is a native speaker. It may be difficult to verify. If we have a way to fairly separate native Spanish speakers and non-native Spanish speakers, the assembly is in favor of providing more opportunities for students.

Open Discussion

Megan Stone yielded the floor to comments from the assembly.

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Members agreed the time and location of the 2024 General Assembly of Principals is better than last year's time and location.

Members expressed frustration that some buildings were not open early enough and there was a discrepancy regarding the start time of the Principles of Business event. The proctor indicated a start time later than what is listed on the website. Comments were also made about scheduling events in the basement of Lockett Hall as it is not an impressive building.

The topic of separating magnet schools from non-magnet schools was also discussed. Members affiliated with non-magnet schools indicated their students are not likely to score higher than students attending magnet schools. Creating a duplicate set of events for non-magnet schools would provide equality.

A suggestion was made to revisit the policy of one student per school. Megan Stone indicated she would follow-up with Harald Leder.

Adjournment

With no new business, Darden Gladney motioned to end the meeting. The motion was seconded by Stella Arabie.