

**ALASKA LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE ASSOCIATION  
RESOLUTION NO. 2010-01**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE  
ASSOCIATION OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

**WHEREAS**, It is good policy for public organizations to periodically review their mission statements, goals and bylaws in order to ensure that their efforts meet the needs of the citizens that they serve; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Local Emergency Planning Committee Association (LEPCA) has not substantially reviewed or amended its goals and bylaws since 1994; and,

**WHEREAS**, The role of the LEPCA has evolved considerably since 1994, requiring the LEPCA to balance community "right-to-know" grant requirements with an all-hazards approach to community preparedness planning; and,

**WHEREAS**, The LEPCA now wishes to consider amendments and revisions to the LEPCA goals and bylaws in order to more accurately reflect its mission and purpose in the present day;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ALASKA LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING ASSOCIATION (LEPCA) that:**

Section One.

The LEPCA goals are hereby amended as follows:

- 1 Promote community "right-to-know" programs.
- 2 Promote Emergency Planning in all Local Emergency Planning Districts.
- 3 Seek full and direct grant funding to LEPC's through Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHS&EM).
- 4 Promote public awareness, i.e., "What are LEPC's" and "What are their powers and duties", and how they benefit their communities.
- 5 Support the establishment of household hazardous waste programs around the state.
- 6 Increase local participation in training programs and exercises.

- 7 Promote political subdivision equipment upgrades and replacements for emergency response purposes.
- 8 Support statewide communications capability, i.e., emergency telephones, satellite telephones and radio interoperability.
- 9 Encourage the development and maintenance of local community response teams.
- 10 Promote all-hazards preparedness through outreach and education.

## Section Two.

The LEPCA Bylaws are hereby amended as follows:

Mission: The LEPCA is an organization founded to create a forum of Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC's) throughout Alaska dedicated to improving communication and cooperation between LEPC's and to enhance local, regional and statewide disaster planning efforts. The LEPCA will work together to discuss issues of relevance to our efforts, to develop methods to present all of our positions accurately to the state government and others when the LEPCA may deem it necessary, and to help member LEPC's when possible.

Membership: All LEPC's within Alaska are members unless they officially request not to belong to the organization. LEPC's still forming, representing a distinct area in the state, will be considered full members of the Association.

LEPC Association Representation: The chair of any LEPC, or their designated representative, may represent that LEPC at any LEPC Association meeting, with voting rights. Each LEPC will have one vote, unless a co-Chair is from a represented LEPC. In that case an LEPC may designate a second representative from their LEPC who will hold the LEPC's voting rights.

LEPC Association Structure: The LEPCA will elect by majority vote of those present two co-Chairs, and one Secretary/Treasurer for the Association. Election of officers shall take place during the first annual meeting of the year with office to take effect upon the close of that meeting. Officers will be authorized to speak for the organization. Officers will be elected for a term of two years. There is no limit on the number of terms. Co-Chairs will serve staggered terms.


LEPC Association Positions: Votes will be taken on issues, when appropriate, among the LEPC's which are in attendance at any meeting. There is no quorum requirement. When opinions are unanimous, it will be so stated, with a detail of which LEPC's were officially involved in the vote. When there is dissent, both opinions will be presented, with a breakdown of which LEPC's favor which opinions. Copies of the minutes will be forwarded to all LEPC's after any Association meeting. LEPC's not represented at any meeting will have an opportunity to add a dissenting opinion or agree with the group, if they wish to do so when they receive the minutes, in a timely fashion. Nothing within the Association is intended to decrease the rights of all LEPC's to represent their opinions whenever they deem it necessary, and, in fact, all LEPC's are encouraged to do so.

LEPC Association Meetings: To be held in conjunction with SERC meetings, with time on the agenda allocated to discussion of any items on the SERC agenda of significance to the LEPC's. Teleconferences may be held whenever any LEPC, requests and there is consensus of the officers. Meetings will be consistent with the Alaska Open Meetings Act and its requirements, according to state law.

LEPCA Funds: Any funds possessed by the LEPCA will only be expended by a consensus of the elected officers and with the goals of the LEPCA in mind.

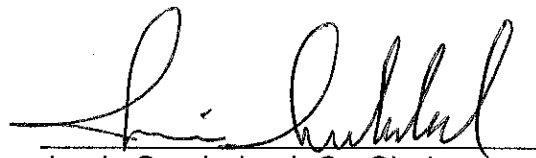
ADOPTED BY THE ALASKA LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE  
ASSOCIATION THIS 8 DAY OF April 2010

ALASKA LEPCA




George Vakalis, Co-Chair

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Jamie Sunderland, Co-Chair

ATTEST:



Duane Dvorak, Secretary-Treasurer