

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
DECEMBER 6, 2006**

The Board of Governors met on December 6, 2006 and took the following actions: **(This is a description of the actions taken by the Board of Governors and does not reflect the exact language of motions acted upon at the meetings).**

1. Considered resolutions from the 2006 House of Delegates and made the following recommendations:
 - 107-06, *Use of Email as Official LSMS Means of Communication*—President appoint an ad hoc committee to determine how this is to be accomplished
 - 111-06, *Sale of Physician Prescribing Data*—Refer to AMA Delegation
 - 112-06, *Support for NCQA Standards Regarding Provisional Credentialing*—Letter from the President.
 - 116-06, *Pre-Disaster Component Society Membership*—Voted to extend through 2008 an LSMS member's option to keep their primary membership in the component society in which they held membership pre-hurricanes Katrina and Rita.
 - 117-06, *Membership Enrollment Criteria Revisions*—Refer to Membership Committee
 - 120-06—*Election of Councilors for the Board of Councilors and Council on Legislation*—Refer to Board of Councilors to develop method of notification
 - 124-06, *Usage of Brand and Generic Name for Prescription Medications*—Refer to Physician/Patient Advocacy Committee
 - 127-06, *Expanded Charge of Medical Education Committee*—*1st resolve*--Notify the Committee that an annual report on the status of graduate medical education is now required; --*2nd resolve*—President appoint physician member representatives from ACGME accredited training programs in LA.
 - 129-06, *Streamlining of the Membership Application*—Refer to the Membership Committee
 - 208-06, *POLST, Physician Order for Life Sustaining Treatment*—Publish article in Capsules explaining current LA law
 - 211-06, *Use of Physician Only Medical Equipment*—Publish article in Capsules stating LSMS policy on the use of FDA approved devices labeled for physician use only being utilized by non-physicians and encourage the membership to report known incidences of this activity to the LSBME.
 - 217-06, *Expanded Scope of Practice by CRNAs*—Refer to the Council on Legislation
 - 219-06, *Emergency/Temporary Hospital Privileges During Declared Disasters*—Refer to the Council on Legislation
 - 221-06, *Louisiana's Medical Malpractice Cap*—Refer to the Ad Hoc Committee on Medical Malpractice Statutes
 - 223-06, *Motor Vehicle Fine Increase*—Voted to take no action.
 - 301-06, *Cost Impact of Direct-to-Consumer Marketing of Drugs*—*2nd resolve*—Letter from the President
 - 304-06, *Conversion to Healthcare Information Technology*—*1st resolve*—Letter from the President to component societies--*2nd resolve*—Refer to same ad hoc committee as 107-06

401-06, *LSMS Mission Statement*—Voted to take no action
406-06, *Medicaid Reimbursement Funds*—Letter from the President
408-06, *Physician Payment for Care Provided to Low Income Uninsured Hospital Patients*—1st and 2nd resolves—Letter from the President --3rd resolve-Refer to Council on Legislation
409-06, *Problems with Implementation of Medicare Part D Coverage/Bidding on a State Formulary/Medications not Covered by Medicare Part D*—Letter from the President

2. The Board approved referring the following resolutions to the Council on Legislation:
 - 128-06, *Annual Resident Salary Increases*
 - 202-06, *Any Willing Provider*
 - 203-06, *Assignment of Benefits to Physicians*
 - 204-06, *Direct Contact of Patients by Non-Physician Providers*
 - 205-06, *Medicaid Consultations and Follow-up Visits/Procedures*
 - 206-06, *New Medicare Billing Codes*
 - 213-06, *Coverage for Mental Illness Diseases*
 - 215-06, *Payment of Deductible Co-Pays in Nursing Home Patients*
 - 217-06, *Expanded Scope of Practice of CRNAs*
 - 218-06, *Physician Involvement in Firearm Education and Safety*
 - 303-06, *Pharmacist Interaction with Patient and Physicians*
3. Approved hiring an outside attorney to file an amicus brief on behalf of the LSMS in the Arrington and Taylor cases in defense of the medical malpractice caps. Additionally, voted to contact all Louisiana state-wide physician medical organizations, national medical specialty societies and the AMA inviting them to sign on to the LSMS amicus brief.
4. Re-appointed the following physicians to the Board of Directors of the *Journal of the Louisiana State Medical Society* and requested the Board stagger its members' terms:

K. Barton Farris, MD	Wallace H. Dunlap, MD
Andy Blalock, MD	Geoffrey Garrett, MD
Luke Glancy, MD	Lester Johnson, MD
Alfredo Lopez, MD	
5. Referred 2007 funding requests from the LSMS Medical Student Section and Resident/Fellow Section to the Board of Directors of the LSMS Educational and Research Foundation.
6. Approved combining the annual leadership conference scheduled in February 2007 and the bi-annual Strategic Planning Retreat scheduled in June 2007 into a larger forum scheduled for March 23-24, 2007 in Baton Rouge referred to as Summit 21.
7. Approved a recommendation from the LSMS Educational and Research Foundation for the LSMS to seek accreditation from the ACCME to accredit CME activities in the state and therefore be in compliance with current ACCME regulations.
8. Directed the royalty fee for the service mark agreement between the LSMS and LSMS Physicians Services, Inc. be \$20,000 for 2007.

9. For 2007, approved focusing on smaller, local meetings with the members of the Louisiana Congressional Delegation when they are in the state instead of sending a separate delegation in February to Washington, DC.
10. Presented Wallace H. Dunlap, MD with a framed copy of the resolution adopted by acclamation during the 2006 House of Delegates naming him LSMS Secretary-Treasurer Emeritus in appreciation of his many years of service to the LSMS.