

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
FEBRUARY 3, 2006**

The Board of Governors met on February 3, 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. Elected Keith DeSonier, MD to complete an unexpired term of Delegate in the Louisiana AMA Delegation. Also elected Floyd Buras, MD as Alternate Delegate to complete an unexpired term and Melanie Montgomery as Alternate Delegate (member-in-training). All three terms run through December 31, 2006.
2. Approved a donation of \$7500 to the AMA Physician Hurricane Relief Fund.
3. Approved filing an amicus brief in the case of *Ashley Orlando on Behalf of Aston Taylor Orlando v St. Tammany Parish Hospital and Harlan Struble, MD*.
4. Approved a hurricane assistance grant of \$1500 to the Jefferson Parish Medical Society.
5. Adopted interim policy declaring that interventional pain management constitutes the practice of medicine. Directed the LSBME be requested to promulgate a rule from its January 26, 2006 Advisory Opinion entitled *Interventional Pain Management by CRNAs* relative to this same issue. Further, request the AMA Advocacy Center's Scope of Practice Committee assist the Council on Legislation in dealing with any legislation in the 2006 Regular Session concerning CRNAs practicing interventional pain management.
6. Directed the LSMS President assist the President of the LSMS Alliance to identify a physician/group of physicians in the hurricane-affected parishes to receive a donation from the Pennsylvania Medical Society Alliance's Emergency Assistance Fund.
7. Approved an initial amount of \$5000 to fund the Insurance Committee's development of the LSMS Proposal for Health Care System Reform.
8. Directed the LSMS President to present the concepts of health care system reform which conform to existing LSMS policies and principles addressing various components of reform, to the Louisiana Recovery Authority Health Care Redesign Workgroup.
9. Elected Patrick Breaux, MD as 1<sup>st</sup> District Alternate Councilor and Simeon Wall, MD as the 4<sup>th</sup> District Alternate Councilor to the LSMS Council on Legislation.
10. Voted not to sign a draft agreement, prepared by the Executive Director of the Louisiana Association of Health Plans, in which major health related associations agree not to participate in "contentious legislation" during the upcoming 2006 regular session of the legislature.

11. Approved a motion to not impose a membership drop date in 2006 for current members located in the twelve designated hurricane disaster-affected parishes.
12. Approved making available a waiver of 2006 LSMS membership dues for new members applying for membership in the twelve designated hurricane disaster-affected parishes.
13. Approved a request from the CME Accreditation Committee to allow organizations that have 2-year accreditations requiring a progress report after one year, an extended accreditation period upon approval of the progress report with the length of the extension determined by the Committee.
14. Referred to the Executive Committee a request from the Lafayette Parish Medical Society to participate in the centralized database pilot project prior to the conclusion of the project in May 2006.