

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
JUNE 7, 2006**

The Board of Governors met on June 7, 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. Approved co-sponsoring with the Specialty Society Committee a resolution to the 2006 House of Delegates regarding in-office diagnostic imaging services.
2. The LSMS concurs with recommendations contained in the PricewaterhouseCoopers Report, commissioned by the Louisiana Recovery Authority, concerning health system reform in Louisiana and adopted the following position statement:
 - Health system reform in Louisiana must ensure equitable access to quality care and eliminate the two-tiered delivery system.
 - There must be adequate funding mechanisms to ensure the delivery of quality care, preferably systems in which the dollars follow the patient.
 - Graduate medical education must be preserved as part of health system reform and should include an academic medical center as an integral part of the medical education system.
 - Health Access Louisiana is an effective vehicle to accomplish health system reform, and would allow for one or more academic medical centers to exist in a competitive marketplace.

Directed the President write a letter to the business community indicating LSMS concurrence of health system reform recommendations in the PricewaterhouseCoopers report and post the LSMS position statement on the LSMS website.

3. Approved in concept a plan developed by the Public Relations Committee and endorsed by the Insurance Committee to promote Health Access Louisiana statewide and authorized an initial \$7500 to begin the publicity campaign. Directed the Insurance Committee research additional potential funding sources to support the campaign.
4. Approved several recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee on Information Technology concerning the LSMS centralized membership database including transitioning the pilot project into a permanent program and offering those component societies participating in the electronic dues deposit program the opportunity to participate in the centralized membership database system.
5. Approved submitting a resolution to the 2006 House of Delegates recommending that the preferred means of communications to LSMS members be via email.
6. Declared the office of Vice-Speaker vacant and appointed former Speaker K. Barton Farris, MD as Vice-Speaker for the 2006 House of Delegates.

7. Approved filing amicus briefs in the cases of the *Medical Review Panel for the Claim of James Randall Brewer and Shelva Golden v Patient's Compensation Fund Oversight Board*.
8. Approved moving the September 6, 2006 Board of Governors meeting to the metropolitan New Orleans area.
9. Directed staff investigate the feasibility of holding the 2008 Annual House of Delegates meeting in New Orleans or some other area of the state.
10. Referred draft bylaws presented by the Retired Physicians Section to the LSMS Bylaws Committee for its review and recommendation back to the Board of Governors.
11. Agreed to continue efforts to encourage displaced physicians across the state to register and keep updated their locations on the FindLAdocs.com website.