

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS SEPTEMBER 6, 2006

The Board of Governors met on September 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. Approved a resolution to the 2006 House of Delegates that the preferred means of official communications to LSMS members be via email.
2. Received an update on the status of the LSMS Physician Hurricane Relief Fund. Directed those physicians that have received supplemental grant be informed they can apply for an additional \$1500 grant. Further directed those who did not apply for a supplemental grant be informed there is still money in the fund and they can apply for a grant. Continue to offer the initial \$5000 grant to any physician who qualifies to receive a grant from the relief fund. Finally, directed the Fund be maintained under the management of the Baton Rouge Area Foundation.
3. Approved as presented the draft budget for 2007 with up to \$77,723 to be drawn from reserves if necessary, and directed it be forwarded to the House of Delegates.
4. Approved an additional allocation of \$7500 to defray the continuing activities of the Insurance Committee and its promotion of Health Access Louisiana.
5. Following review of associated costs to hold the Annual Meeting in New Orleans, directed that the 2007 Annual Meeting of the House of Delegates be held in Baton Rouge.
6. Approved a recommendation from the Physician/Patient Advocacy Committee to adopt the following statement as interim policy concerning retail health clinics: *For retail health clinics operating in Louisiana, the medical providers of those retail health clinics should adhere to the same standard of medical care as other providers in the state and be subject to the licensure and oversight authority of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners.*
7. Approved the following recommendations from the Budget and Finance Committee:
 - a. The LSMS participate in the AMA Partnership for Growth Program for 2007 and each participating component society receive 80% of commissions on dues they collect through the AMA Partnership for Growth Program.
 - b. Rebates for component societies that participate in the LSMS 2007 electronic dues deposit program be \$9.00 per full dues paying member on dues received by 12/31/2006 and \$6.00 per full dues paying member on dues received from 1/1/2007 to 1/16/2007. Rebates for component societies not participating in the 2007 electronic dues deposit program be \$6.00 per full dues paying member on dues received by 12/31/2006 and \$4.00 per full dues paying member on dues received from 1/1/2007 and 1/16/2007.
 - c. The non-deductible portion of LSMS dues for lobbying activities be 20% in 2007.

8. On the recommendation of the LSMS CME Accreditation Committee, referred the request from the Graduate Education Foundation for co-sponsorship of CME activities to the Budget and Finance Committee for review.
9. Referred to the Physician/Patient Advocacy Committee the issue of developing possible LSMS positions concerning President Bush's executive order promoting quality and efficient health care in federal government administered or sponsored health care programs that will become effective January 1, 2007.
10. Approved as presented the report from the Public Health Committee on the health care quality and health status of the population of Louisiana and directed it be included in the handbook for the 2006 Annual Meeting as directed by resolution 123-03.
11. Voted not to adopt two requests from the Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Committee concerning possible surveys of Louisiana physicians treating Medicaid patients and the difficulties of referring those patients to specialists.
12. Approved a request from the Public Health Committee to forward a letter of appreciation to the State Department of Corrections and Public Safety for its work in educating the public on the dangers of underage drinking of alcoholic beverages.
13. Received an update on the activities of the Louisiana Health Care Redesign Collaborative and expressed thanks to Dr. Buras for his tireless service as the LSMS representative on the Collaborative.