

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
AUGUST 15, 2007**

The Board of Governors met on August 15, 2007 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. Received a report on three proposals to create a new LSMS website and after additional staff analysis directed the Executive Committee to make a final selection by September 1, 2007.
2. Selected the recipient of the 2007 LSMS Community Service Award to be presented at the 2007 Annual Meeting.
3. Reviewed revisions to *Your Personal Physician is Your Best Healthcare Advocate* prepared by the Public Relations Committee and provisionally approved its distribution after it has been checked to insure it conforms to LSMS policy(s).
4. Approved a revised draft budget for 2008 of \$2,031,268 with up to \$107,268 to be drawn from reserves if necessary, and directed it be forwarded to the House of Delegates.
5. Approved the following recommendations from the Budget and Finance Committee:
 - a.) The non-deductible portion of LSMS dues for lobbying activities be 19% in 2008.
 - b.) The LSMS participate in the AMA's 2008 Partnership for Growth agreement and each component society participating in the program receive 80% of commissions on dues they collect through the program.
 - c.) Rebates for component societies that participate in the 2008 LSMS Electronic Dues Deposit Program (EDDP) be \$9.00 per active dues paying member on dues received by 12/31/2007 and \$6.00 per active dues paying member for dues received from 1/1/2008 to 1/16/2008.
 - d.) Rebates for component societies that do not participate in the 2008 EDDP be \$6.00 per active dues paying member on dues received by 12/31/2007 and \$4.00 per active dues paying member for dues received from 1/1/2008 to 1/16/2008.
 - e.) Approved a \$5000 donation to support the Public Affairs Research Council's newly created Health Care Policy Research Position.
6. Received a report on and reviewed the process for filing a claim from the settlement of the national class action lawsuit against Blue Cross and Blue Shield.
7. Approved a resolution to the House of Delegates to change the position of Chair of the Council on Legislation to an at-large position elected by the House.
8. Approved a resolution to the House of Delegates recommending changes to the existing structure of LSMS workgroups.
9. Approved membership in Blueprint Louisiana, a citizen driven effort to identify and implement essential changes to fundamentally improve Louisiana including the health care system, with a donation of \$7500.
10. Reviewed the results of a statewide poll conducted by Harris, DeVille, and Associates on behalf of the LSMS concerning issues related to health care reform in Louisiana.

11. Reviewed and accepted the report of the Task Force on the House of Delegates and approved the submission of two resolutions incorporating three of the Task Force's recommendations.
 - Submit a resolution requesting the Speakers develop a pre-meeting process to review resolutions to the HOD to provide suggestions or recommendations to authors as to how their issues can be addressed through existing component society/LSMS mechanisms without the need for action by the HOD
 - The LSMS initiate an effort to educate the membership, component societies and HOD delegates on the purpose of the HOD as a legislative and policy-making body and on mechanisms to address concerns and issues instead of submitting them to the HOD.
12. Submit a resolution requesting creation of an ad hoc committee to evaluate the categories of delegates to the House and the method by which they are selected.
13. Approved a request from the Physician/Patient Advocacy Committee to send a letter to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services in support of the state's current Medicare Part B carrier, Pinnacle BSI (formerly Arkansas Louisiana-Arkansas Blue Cross) and Pinnacle BSI's bidding for the contract to also be Louisiana's Medicare Part A carrier.