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New Leadership at State Medical Society

BATON ROUGE – The Louisiana State Medical Society (LSMS), the state’s largest physician association, is now under the leadership of Jeff Williams. Williams, 40, assumes his duties as executive vice president of the LSMS effective immediately.

“I am honored that the LSMS Board of Governors and our physician leaders have given me an opportunity to help shape and guide the future of the organization,” said Williams. “This December we will begin developing a strategic plan with a focus on building our membership and increasing name recognition for the Society.”

Williams has more than 12 years of professional experience in financial and strategic planning, accounting, project management and general management. Prior to joining LSMS, he led multiple engagements for two national accounting firms conducting operational, compliance and financial reviews of business processes for Fortune 500 clients. Additionally, he has experience with the Louisiana Legislature reviewing and drafting fiscal notes for proposed legislation. He now serves as a member of the Louisiana Health Data Panel, the Louisiana Health Information Exchange (LaHIE), and the Louisiana Health Information Technology (LaHIT).

“For the past five years, Jeff Williams has been an exceedingly effective CFO for the LSMS and was selected by the Board through an exhaustive search process,” said Dr. Patrick C. Breaux, president of the LSMS. “I think I speak for the Board and membership, in saying that we are pleased with his selection and look forward to his leadership in the challenging days that lie ahead for the doctors of Louisiana and their patients.”

Earlier this year, the LSMS Board of Governors established an ad hoc search committee, chaired by Dr. Jeff White of Shreveport, to review and recommend candidates for the position of executive vice president. After a national search and extensive deliberations, the Board chose an internal candidate, LSMS Chief Financial Officer and Director of Administration Jeff Williams, to succeed Dave Tarver. Tarver, who served nearly three decades with the LSMS, announced his retirement in March.

About LSMS

The LSMS is a voluntary association of physicians providing leadership for the advancement of the health of the people of Louisiana and serving as the premier advocate for patients and physicians. For more information about LSMS, please contact Sadie Wilks at sadie@lsms.org or by phone at (225) 763-2309.

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