

HOUSE OF DELEGATES ELECTIONS

Resolution 119-99 directed that an **ELECTION PACKET** be prepared for the LSMS House of Delegates. This packet includes a list of announced candidates and their qualifications for the following elected offices:

- President-Elect
- Vice President
- Secretary/Treasurer
- Speaker of the House
- Vice Speaker of the House
- Chair, Council on Legislation
- Young Physician Member and Alternate of the Board of Governors
- Resident Member and Alternate of the Board of Governors
- Medical Student Member and Alternate of the Board of Governors
- AMA Delegates and Alternate Delegates

If you plan to run for election or re-election in 2012 please send a head and shoulders photograph along with the qualifications that you consider to be pertinent to the position you are running for to the LSMS headquarters by mail, fax (225.763.6122) or email (administration@lsms.org) no later than **DECEMBER 13, 2011.**

The duties of officers and other elected positions are defined in the LSMS Bylaws. As a supplement to the information in the bylaws, below are descriptions of the activities of the elected officials of the LSMS.

PRESIDENT-ELECT: The President-Elect is the "President-in-waiting". He or she serves as an ex-officio member of all standing committees and councils, attends the Board of Governors meetings five times a year and the House of Delegates Annual meeting. Occasionally he or she will serve as a stand-in for the President. The President-Elect does not preside at the Board of Governors meetings in the absence of the President; that is the function of the Vice-President.

VICE PRESIDENT: The Vice President officiates for the President during his absence or his request. This occurs frequently during meetings of the Board of Governors. This might include service on an ad hoc committee, which may require an additional 50 to 100 hours per year of service. The Vice President serves as the moderator for the Component Society Leadership Forum at the House of Delegates Annual meeting.

SECRETARY-TREASURER: The Secretary-Treasurer serves on the Budget and Finance Committee. He is also responsible for working with LSMS staff to ensure accurate record keeping for all accounting functions and membership. The Secretary/Treasurer also is a member of the Board of Governors.

SPEAKER: The Speaker of the House of Delegates is the presiding officer at the annual meeting of the House of Delegates. The Speaker represents the House of Delegates on the Board of Governors. The Speaker is an ex-officio member of the Committee on Rules and Order of Business and the Budget and Finance Committee. The Speaker proofs and makes grammatical corrections on resolutions submitted to the House of Delegates. The Speaker sets the agenda for the House of Delegates. The Speaker is responsible for all activities occurring while the House of Delegates is in session from opening day until the House is adjourned. In addition to the time involved in the Board of Governors and Executive Committee, the Speaker spends an additional 20 to 40 hours per year on matters related to the House of Delegates and/or the LSMS.

VICE SPEAKER: The Vice Speaker of the House of Delegates assists the Speaker with the various functions of the House of Delegates, presiding at approximately half of the meeting. The Vice Speaker aids the speaker in proofing and categorizing all resolutions submitted to the annual meeting. In addition to the time spent on Board of Governors meetings, the Vice Speaker spends an additional 20 to 40 hours per year on matters related to the House of Delegates.

CHAIR, COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION: The Chair of the Council on Legislation presides at all meetings of the Council. Represents the LSMS during sessions of the Louisiana Legislature and other meetings involving health care legislation during the course of the year. Serves on the Board of Governors and as a General Officer of the LSMS. During legislative sessions, time spent on official business is between 10-20 hours per week, regular sessions last 8-12 weeks; special sessions are usually 10-21 days.

YOUNG PHYSICIAN MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS: In addition to the time requirements of the Board of Governors, the Young Physician Member participates in LSMS recruitment activities of young physician members. These efforts may require up to 40 hours per year.

RESIDENT MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS: In addition to the time requirements of the Board of Governors, the Resident Fellow Member participates in LSMS recruitment activities of resident members. These efforts may require up to 40 hours per year.

MEDICAL STUDENT MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS: In addition to the time requirements of the Board of Governors, the Medical Student Member participates in LSMS recruitment activities of medical student members. These efforts may require up to 40 hours per year.

AMA DELEGATION: The AMA Delegation represents Louisiana members of the AMA at the AMA House of Delegates. The AMA House of Delegates meets twice a year, in June and in November. These two meetings are for a total of 11 days, exclusive of travel. Resolutions are sent to the delegates prior to each meeting, and require an additional 5 to 15 hours to read, evaluate and prepare a report to the delegation on the resolutions in the delegate/alternate's assigned reference committee. In addition to the eleven days of meetings, the AMA delegates spend 20 to 40 hours per year on AMA matters around the state.