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**Minutes of the
Louisiana State Medical Society
Board of Governors Meeting – February 3, 2017**

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Call to Order

Luis Alvarado, MD, President, called the meeting to order, on Friday, February 3, 2017 9:15 AM.

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Verification of Quorum

Dr. Paddock verified the presence of a quorum

Discussion of Resolutions

The board discussed the resolutions submitted to the House of Delegates to determine if there were any that they needed to address as the board. There was a lot of talk around R106A and R106B, which are the charter and bylaws changes related to local independence. Additionally, they discussed R207, which calls for the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners to move to a two-year license renewal. There were many questions and much discussion but no formal action was taken on any particular resolution.

Update on Proposed Louisiana Health Information Network

Building off of the previous discussions from the December 14, 2016 board meeting, Mr. Williams updated the board regarding the LSMS creating a health information network based off the turnkey product developed by the Kansas Medical Society (KMS). On January 6, 2017 the KMS conducted a webinar of their health information network product and the overwhelming response from the LSMS participants was that we should move forward with exploring this as a service line for the LSMS. Those board members who participated in the January 6th webinar shared their thoughts with the group and answered questions. After further discussion, the board agreed that we needed to continue moving forward and the following motion was made:

MOTION (APPROVED)

**INVITE REPRESENTATIVES FROM KMS TO BATON ROUGE TO PROVIDE
A SMALL WORKING GROUP FROM THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND
OTHER STAKEHOLDERS A DEMONSTRATION OF THE KANSAS HEALTH
INFORMATION NETWORK PRODUCT.**

Update on MIPS Navigator Product

Mr. Williams informed the board that he was able to participate with several physicians in two different webinars that provided an overview of the MIPS Navigator product previously discussed on December 14, 2016 and that it was his recommendation that the LSMS move forward. Dr. Alvarado reminded the board that on December 14, 2016 they approved supporting the product and providing it free to the first 200 members that downloaded the product at an overall cost of \$5,000 to the LSMS.

Update on LSBME Activities

Staff updated the board on recent activities of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (LSBME), which included: (1) hiring Dr. Keith Ferdinand as the interim executive director while they conduct a national search for the open position. (2) Dr. Michael Burdine, president of the LSBME and a LSMS appointee resigned from the board on January 16, 2017. Mr. Williams informed the board this would create an opening on the LSBME for a LSMS nominee and that based on other recent additions and changes within the board it was required by law that our next appointee come from a rural area, which is defined in statute as a physician who practices in a community with less than 20,000 residents. The board instructed staff to notify the membership of the open seat and that interviews would be

1 conducted at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the board, which is March 8, 2017. (3) the
2 LSBME voted at its January 9, 2017 meeting to move forward with promulgating rules related to “board
3 certification”. Mr. Williams assured the board that staff will continue to monitor the situation and will
4 resubmit the LSMS’ public comments on this on-going issue at the appropriate time.

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6 **Update from Eagle Capital**

7 Mr. Michael Rohm, president of Eagle Capital investments provided the board with a brief overview of
8 the current investment market and where he thought things were headed in 2017 as a result of Donald
9 Trump being elected as President. Mr. Rohm felt the markets would continue to perform in a positive
10 manner and assured the board that its investments were diversified to protect from huge swings in the
11 market. At the conclusion of his remarks, Mr. Rohm answered questions from various board members.

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13 **Request from HPFL**

14 Dr. Michael Ellis, president of the Health Professionals Foundation of Louisiana asked that in the future
15 when the board appoints new members to the HPFL Board of Directors that the LSMS submit the names
16 of those individuals in advance so that the HPFL can vet those individuals prior to being formally
17 appointed to the board. There was a lot of discussion and some concern related to the request and
18 ultimately the following motion was made:

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20 **MOTION (APPROVED)**

21 **NO ACTION BE TAKEN ON THE REQUEST FROM THE HPFL RELATED TO VETTING**
22 **LSMS APPOINTEES TO THE HPFL BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND THAT THE ISSUE BE**
23 **TABLED UNTIL THE MARCH 8, 2017 BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING.**

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25 **Adjournment**

26 With no additional business to discuss, Dr. Alvarado adjourned the meeting at 10:45 AM.

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28 **Attending:**

29 Luis Alvarado, MD, President
30 Dolleen Licciardi, MD, Immediate Past President
31 Beau Clark, MD, President-Elect
32 Rod Clark, MD, Vice President
33 Robert Bass, MD, Chair, Council on Legislation
34 Richard Paddock, MD, Secretary-Treasurer
35 Paul Perkowski, MD, Speaker, House of Delegates
36 Steen Trawick, MD, Vice Speaker of the House
37 Juan Gershanik, MD, First District Councilor
38 Robert McCord, MD, Second District Councilor
39 Allen Vander, MD, Third District Councilor
40 Frederick J. White, III, MD, Fourth District Councilor
41 Ezekiel Wetzel, MD, Fifth District Councilor
42 Susan Bankston, MD, Sixth District Councilor
43 Larry Simon, MD, Ninth District Alternate
44 Nicholas Viviano, MD, Tenth District Councilor
45 Harold Ishler, MD, Senior Physician Member
46 Jeremy Henderson, MD, Young Physician Member
47 Claude Pirtle, MD, Resident and Fellow Member

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49 **Absent:**

50 Richard Dickey, MD, First District Alternate

1 Gabriel Rivera-Rodriguez, MD, Second District Alternate
2 Mark Hebert, MD, Third District Alternate
3 Rick Michael, MD, Fourth District Alternate
4 Adrienne Williams, MD, Fifth District Alternate
5 David Fargason, MD, Sixth District Alternate
6 Brian Gamborg, MD, Seventh District Councilor
7 Yoko Broussard, MD, Seventh District Alternate
8 Lance Templeton, MD, Eighth District Councilor
9 Anthony Blalock, MD, Ninth District Councilor
10 Trent James, II, MD, Senior Physician Alternate
11 Shannon Sparrow, Medical Student Member
12 Anthony Naquin, Medical Student Alternate

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14 **Guests Attending:**

15 William Huckabay, Executive Director, Shreveport Medical Society
16 Krystle Medford, Executive Director, Ouachita Medical Society

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18 **Staff Attending:**

19 Jeff Williams, Executive Vice President & Chief Executive Officer
20 Jennifer Marusak, Vice President of Governmental Affairs
21 Terri Watson, Director of Member Services
22 Chris LeBoeuf, Senior Director of Communication

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28 **Richard Paddock, MD, Secretary-Treasurer**

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30 **Date:**

March 8, 2017