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**Minutes of the
Louisiana State Medical Society
Board of Governors Meeting – March 8, 2017**

Call to Order

Beau Clark, MD, President, called the meeting to order, on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 8:40 AM. Dr. Clark then led the board in reciting the Physicians Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Verification of Quorum

Dr. Simon verified the presence of a quorum.

Introductions and Overview

As this was the first meeting of 2017-2018 board and new members were present, Dr. Clark asked everyone in the room to introduce themselves. Afterwards, Dr. Clark and Mr. Williams provided a brief overview of the duties and responsibilities for both the staff and the Board of Governors.

Board Orientation

Mrs. Bailey reviewed briefly with board members, the LSMS confidentiality and anti-trust statements. Dr. Clark informed the board that every member was required to sign and return both documents. Mrs. Bailey also informed everyone that the original/signed copies will be kept on file and will apply for all information discussed during the meetings for the twelve months beginning in March 2017 and ending in February 2018. Mrs. Bailey also noted that board members should check with her if there is ever a question about what business can be shared with other members during meetings in their districts. Lastly, she noted she would interrupt board proceedings if at any time during the course of a meeting the discussion might veer into confidential areas.

Approval of Minutes

After reviewing the minutes of December 14, 2016, the following motion was made:

MOTION (APPROVED)

**ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING ON
DECEMBER 14, 2016 AS PRESENTED.**

Request form the Healthcare Professionals' Foundation of Louisiana (HPFL)

Mr. Williams reminded the board that on February 3, 2017 Dr. Mike Ellis, HPFL President requested a procedural change to how the LSMS appoints new members to the HPFL Board of Directors. Dr. Ellis asked if the LSMS would consider submitting a list of names/candidates to the HPFL in advance of selecting appointees so that the HPFL could vet the selected candidates prior to being formally appointed to the board. At that time the LSMS Board voted to take no action and to revisit the item at its March 8, 2017 meeting. The board discussed this option but did not like the fact that the HPFL, through its vetting process, could effectively veto any or all of its appointees. However, several board members did agree that the HPFL should have the ability to appropriately vet potential board members. Therefore, a compromise proposal was put forward by Dr. Clark where the HPFL would vet potential appointees first and then forward a slate of candidates to the LSMS who could then interview and appoint anyone from this list as a board member of the HPFL. After some more discussion, the following motion was made:

1 **MOTION (APPROVED)**

2 **THE LSMS BOARD OF GOVERNORS WILL FORMALLY CHANGE HOW IT**
3 **SELECTS BOARD APPOINTEES TO THE HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS'**
4 **FOUNDATION OF LOUISIANA (HPFL) BEGINNING IN 2017. AT THAT**
5 **TIME, THE HPFL WILL SEND THE LSMS A SLATE OF POTENTIAL**
6 **APPOINTEES WHO HAVE BEEN VETTED BY THE HPFL AND THE LSMS**
7 **CAN THEN INTERVIEW AND SELECT ITS APPOINTEES TO THE HPFL.**

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9 Furthermore, the board directed Mr. Williams to communicate this change directly to Dr. Ellis.

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11 **Louisiana Health Information Network Demo**

12 Mr. Williams provided the board with another update/overview on the proposed Louisiana Health
13 Information Network, which is a real-time clinical network based off the turnkey product developed by
14 the Kansas Medical Society (KMS). On January 6, 2017 the KMS conducted a webinar of their health
15 information network product and the overwhelming response from the LSMS participants was that we
16 should move forward with exploring this as a service line for the LSMS. Those board members who
17 participated in the January 6th webinar shared their thoughts with the group and answered questions.
18 After further discussion, the board agreed that we needed to continue moving forward and asked staff to
19 invite representatives from the Kansas Medical Society to Baton Rouge for a in person demonstration.
20 Mr. Williams informed the board that the in-person demonstration was scheduled for Saturday, April
21 22nd at the LSMS office building and that all were invited to participate. The demonstration will be led
22 by Jerry Slaughter and Laura McCrary from Kansas.

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24 **Summary of February 23, 2017 Meeting with Congressman Garrett Graves**

25 Dr. Clark and Mr. Williams provided an overview of the health care roundtable meeting they attended at
26 the invitation of Congressman Garrett Graves. In addition to the LSMS there were representatives in
27 attendance from hospitals, pharmacists, and insurance companies. The main topics of discussion
28 included: the repeal and replacement of the Affordable Care Act, Medicaid expansion, insurance
29 mandates, insurance tax credits and EMTALA.

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31 **Summary of March 7, 2017 Meeting with LDH Secretary Rebekah Gee, MD**

32 Dr. Clark and Mr. Williams provided an overview of a meeting that occurred with Louisiana
33 Department of Health (LDH) Secretary Dr. Rebekah Gee. In addition to the LSMS, attending the
34 meeting were representatives from: the Louisiana Association of Family Physicians, the Louisiana
35 Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Louisiana Chapter of the American Congress of
36 Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Medicine Louisiana, the LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans,
37 and key members of LDH within the Medicaid program. The group discussed current problems within
38 the Medicaid program related to provider payments, drug formularies, the opioid epidemic, quality
39 payments; value based purchasing and other timely topics. Dr. Gee promised the group she would
40 address on of their many issues prior to June 2017 and at that time the group would reconvene.

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42 **Resolutions from the 2017 House of Delegates Requiring Board Action**

43 There were five resolutions from the 2017 House of Delegates that required some action from the board.
44 Four resolutions that called for the LSMS to send a letters; they included: R301 asking for a letter of
45 appreciation to the Governor on the state's response to the Zika outbreak in 2016. R302 asking that we
46 send out a state-wide letter highlighting advanced care planning. R303 asking for a state-wide letter
47 related to the harms of addictive drugs and lastly R402 that we join other states in a vote of no
48 confidence in the American Board of Internal Medicine. The board discussed each resolution
49 individually and ultimately made the following motion:

1 **MOTION (APPROVED)**

2 **DIRECT STAFF TO CONTACT THE AUTHORS OF RESOLUTIONS 301, 302,**
3 **303 AND 402 FROM THE 2017 HOUSE OF DELEGATES AND THEM TO**
4 **WRITE THE FIRST DRAFT OF EACH LETTER, WHICH WILL**
5 **ULTIMATLEY BE SIGNED AND COME FROM THE LSMS PRESIDENT.**

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7 The fifth resolution (R407) asked the LSMS to oppose any mandate related to physicians having
8 to cover the cost related to an EMR interface in order to participate in the prescription
9 monitoring program. There was a lot of discussion around this topic as many board members
10 were confused and there was a lot of differing information being provided. Ultimately the board
11 made the following motion:

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13 **MOTION (APPROVED)**

14 **INVITE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LOUISIANA PHARMACY**
15 **BOARD TO THE JUNE BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING TO PROVIDE MORE**
16 **INFORMATION ON THE TOPIC OF RESOLUTION R407 FROM THE 2017 HOUSE**
17 **OF DELEGATES.**

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19 **Review 2016 Audit Engagement Letters from L.A. Champagne**

20 Mr. Williams presented the board with audit engagement letters from the accounting firm of L.A.
21 Champagne to perform audit and tax work for 2016 related to the LSMS, LSMS Physicians
22 Services, Inc., the LSMS Educational and Research Foundation and LAMPAC. After much
23 discussion, the following motion was made:

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25 **MOTION (APPROVED)**

26 **ACCEPT THE ENGAGEMENT LETTERS AND COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH**
27 **PERFORMING AN AUDIT AND FILING TAXES FOR 2016 FOR THE LSMS**
28 **AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES AS SUBMITTED BY L.A. CHAMPAGNE, LLC.**

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30 **Preview of the 2017 Regular Legislative Session**

31 Dr. Broussard informed the board that it was still too early to know exactly what bills would be pre-filed
32 for the 2017 legislative session but that he did anticipate we would probably see bills related to the
33 medical malpractice act/cap, scope of practice, and balanced billing. He also reminded the board that
34 this was a fiscal session and that given the state's current financial woes that the state budget would be
35 the focal point of the session. Additionally, Dr. Broussard let the board know that both he and Dr.
36 Clark had been approached by legislators, as well as, representatives from the Governor's office letting
37 us know that a series of bills addresses at the opioid epidemic were coming and that they would love for
38 us to be part of the solution versus opposing them. Dr. Broussard and Dr. Clark both felt that physicians
39 would be vilified in the legislature if we tried to oppose these bills and recommended that we work with
40 the author(s) and try to get the bills in a posture that we could support without sacrificing the
41 physician/patient relationship and/or anyone's ability to practice medicine. It was clarified that we
42 would work with the authors but that we could not commit to supporting any legislation until the final
43 product was drafted. Dr. Broussard assured the board that he, the Council on Legislation and staff
44 would be diligent in our efforts to do just that.

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46 **Interviews for LSMS seat(s) on the LSBME**

47 Mr. Williams informed the board that the LSMS' rural seat on the Louisiana State Board of Medical
48 Examiners (LSBME) was set to expire on June 30, 2017. Additionally, the LSMS' other seat, expires
49 on December 31, 2017. After some discussion, the following motion was made:

1 **MOTION (APPROVED)**

2 **THE LSMS WILL SEND OUT A STATE-WIDE CALL THAT WE ARE**
3 **INTERVIEWING CANDIDATES FOR THE LSMS' RURAL SEAT ON THE**
4 **LSBME ON JUNE 8, 2017 AND CANDIDIATES FOR LSMS' OTHER SEAT ON**
5 **SEPTEMBER 13, 2017.**

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7 **Reports of Officers**

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9 **President**

10 Dr. Clark stated that his recent activities as president had already been discussed in the earlier agenda
11 items with the exception of one item. Staff distributed a letter from several state medical associations,
12 including the LSMS, asking the American Medical Association (AMA) to reaffirm long standing policy
13 in opposition to physician assisted suicide as the AMA is set to take up the item in June 2017.

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15 **President-Elect**

16 Dr. Bankston had nothing specific to report.

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18 **Secretary Treasurer**

19 Mr. Williams reviewed the January 31, 2017 financial statements for the LSMS and Perkins Properties.
20 For Perkins Properties, assets and liabilities totaled \$2,261,193; Net income year to date was \$19,879.
21 For the LSMS assets and liabilities totaled \$3,229,874; while net income year to date was \$391,016.
22 Membership was down 267 active members from December 2016. Mrs. Watson also presented a
23 hardship dues request from a member, which was approved.

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25 **Speaker of the House**

26 Dr. Perkowski had nothing specific to report.

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28 **Chair, Council on Legislation**

29 Dr. Broussard addressed all of his agenda items earlier in the meeting when the board was discussing the
30 2017 legislative session.

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32 **Chair, Board of Councilors**

33 The Board of Councilors met during lunch and their first official act of 2017 was electing Dr. Jeff
34 White, fourth district councilor, as their new chairman. Dr. White informed the board that the
35 councilors were working with staff on the appropriate notifications to the membership and parish
36 medical societies in order to explain and get them ready for local independence.

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38 **EVP Report**

39 Mr. Williams had one item that was not listed on the agenda. He informed the board that he had been
40 contacted by other stakeholders, including the Louisiana Orthopedic Association and the Louisiana
41 Hospital Association asking the LSMS to sign onto an amicus brief related to a recent 19th JDC ruling
42 that certain portions of the medical treatment guidelines within workers compensation were
43 unconstitutional. After some more discussion the following motion was made:

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45 **MOTION (APPROVED)**

46 **THE LSMS WILL SIGN ON TO THE AMICUS BRIEF RELATED TO THE 19TH**
47 **JDC RULING THAT CERTAIN MEDICAL TREATMENT GUIDELINES**
48 **WITHIN WORKERS COMPENSATION WERE UNCONSTITUTIONAL.**

1 **LSMS Alliance**

2 Mrs. Anita White, Immediate Past President of the LSMS Alliance provided a brief update on recent
3 Alliance activities.

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5 **LAMPAC**

6 There was nothing of note to report for LAMPAC.

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8 **Physicians' Foundation**

9 Dr. Lawrence Braud, the LSMS representative of the Physicians Foundation provided a brief quarterly
10 overview of their recent activities.

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12 **Adjournment**

13 With no additional business to discuss, Dr. Clark adjourned the meeting at 2:20 PM.

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15 **Attending:**

16 William "Beau" Clark, MD, President
17 Larry Simon, MD, Vice President
18 Susan Bankston, MD, President-Elect
19 Luis Alvarado, MD, Immediate Past President
20 Roderick Clark, MD, Vice President
21 Paul Perkowski, MD, Speaker, House of Delegates
22 Juan Gershanik, MD, First District Councilor
23 Allen Vander, MD, Third District Councilor
24 Frederick J. White, III, MD, Fourth District Councilor
25 Adrienne Williams, MD, Fifth District Alternate
26 Reece Newsome, MD, Sixth District Councilor
27 Brian Gamborg, MD, Seventh District Councilor
28 Nicholas Viviano, MD, Tenth District Alternate
29 Trent James, MD, Senior Physician Section Member
30 Lynn Tucker, MD, Senior Physician Section Alternate
31 Amberly Nunez, Young Physician Section Member
32 Ken Erhardt, MD, Resident and Fellow Member
33 Alexis Rudd, Medical Student Member

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35 **Absent:**

36 Richard Paddock, MD, Secretary-Treasure
37 Steen Trawick, MD, Vice Speaker of the House
38 Richard Dickey, MD, First District Alternate
39 Robert McCord, MD, Second District Councilor
40 Robert Chugden, MD, Second District Alternate
41 Mark Hebert, MD, Third District Alternate
42 Ezekiel Wetzel, MD, Fifth District Councilor
43 Rick Michael, MD, Fourth District Alternate
44 David Fargason, MD, Sixth District Alternate
45 Yoko Broussard, MD, Seventh District Alternate
46 Lance Templeton, MD, Eighth District Councilor
47 Anthony Blalock, MD, Ninth District Councilor
48 Alicia Kober, MD, Young Physician Section Alternate
49 Ryan Wisler, MD, Resident and Fellow Alternate
50 Daniel Harper, Medical Student Alternate

1 Anthony Naquin, Medical Student Alternate

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3 **Guests Attending:**

4 Lawrence Braud, MD, Physicians Foundation

5 Anita White, Immediate Past President, LSMS Alliance

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7 **Staff Attending:**

8 Jeff Williams, Executive Vice President & Chief Executive Officer

9 Lauren Bailey, Vice President of Legal Affairs & General Counsel

10 Terri Watson, Director of Member Services

11 Chris Lebouef, Director of Communication

12 Kayne Daigle, Director, LSMS Educational & Research Foundation

13 Elise Tauzin, Communication Associate

14 Jennifer Tewell, Education and Member Services Coordinator

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18 **Approved:**

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

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21 **Date:**

June 7, 2017