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TO: Louisiana State Medical Society
FROM: Robert McCord, M.D.
SUBJECT: District II Annual Report

I am pleased to report that the physicians of District II were active this year on behalf of our physician members and their patients.

We started the year with our annual Installation Dinner-Dance at Windsor Court in January to honor our 2017 Board of Directors. At the Installation, JPMS awarded a \$2000.00 scholarship to a third year medical student. Also in January, JPMS held a Caucus of Delegation dinner and was well represented at the 136th LSMS House of Delegates in February.

District II held two educational activities this year - A MACRA presentation at Drago's by Dr. Larry Simon, VP/Chair of Council on SocioEconomics of LSMS in March and a Simply Speaking HIV presentation at Ralph's entitled "Living Longer Living Better with HIV" by Dr. Antonio Urbina of Practice Point Presentations in April.

In August JPMS offered a networking social at Rock-N-Bowl.

Our Healthcare Legislative Wrap-Up was held in August at Heritage Grill. Physicians gathered to hear Jennifer Marusak VP of Governmental Affairs with Louisiana State Medical Society outline the major successes during this Legislative Session.

We held two member meetings this year- one in May at Porter & Luke's, in which JPMS voted to maintain an Affiliate Status with LSMS, and the annual membership meeting in November at Audubon Clubhouse, in which the 2018 Board of Directors were elected. Next year's officers will be: Drs. John Wales (President), Gabe Rivera-Rodriguez (Vice-President), Tanya Busenleener (Secretary), Mark Rice (Treasurer) Eric Ehrensing (Chairman, Board of Censors), Jonathan Boraski (Member at Large) and Harold Miller (Member at Large). JPMS Bylaws were revised to reflect the deunification of JPMS from LSMS.

Several additional meetings were held throughout the year with leaders from JPMS and OPMS to discuss collaborations between the two organizations. An MoU was signed by the two organizations with the intent to combine resources.

In 2017, JPMS continued to assist OPMS until their Executive Director position was filled and continues to assist them on a limited basis.

JPMS published two issues of the *Progress Notes* newsletter- one in the Spring and one in the Winter.

JPMS sponsored the WJMC Family Fest community event.

JPMS is pleased to have welcomed 8 new actively practicing physicians in 2017. We have 284 Active & Affiliate members and 6 Part Time members. We continue our efforts for recruiting new members.

The Jefferson Physicians' Foundation (JPF) is the charitable arm of JPMS formed in 2005. Under the leadership of Dr. Carlos Rodriguez-Fierro, JPF president the foundation has been working to administer flu vaccinations in New Orleans as well as North Carolina and South Carolina.

We look forward to another productive and successful year in 2018.