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**Minutes of the  
Louisiana State Medical Society  
Board of Governors Meeting – June 7, 2017**

**Call to Order**

Beau Clark, MD, President, called the meeting to order, on Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at 8:35 AM. Dr. Clark then led the board in reciting the Physicians Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Verification of Quorum**

Dr. Paddock verified the presence of a quorum.

**Approval of Minutes**

After reviewing the minutes of March 8, 2017, the following motion was made:

**MOTION (APPROVED)**

**ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING ON  
MARCH 8, 2017 AS PRESENTED.**

**Introduction of New Staff Members**

Mr. Williams introduced four new staff members who joined the society since the last board meeting on March 8, 2017. They included: Lauren Bailey, Vice President of Legal Affairs and General Counsel, Sarah Edwards, Office and Events Manager, Kimia Malekian, Communication Associate and MaryBeth Wilkerson, Government Relations Associate. Additionally, board members were given an updated organizational chart and contact list for the entire LSMS staff.

**Selection of House of Delegates Dates for 2019 and 2020**

Mr. Williams provided board members with a list of potential dates for the 2019 and 2020 House of Delegates meetings based on our current timeframe and future Mardi Gras dates. After some discussion the following motions were made:

**MOTION (APPROVED)**

**THE MEETING DATES FOR THE 2019 HOUSE OF DELEGATES WILL BE  
JANUARY 25TH AND 26TH.**

**MOTION (APPROVED)**

**THE MEETING DATES FOR THE 2020 HOUSE OF DELEGATES WILL BE  
JANUARY 26TH AND 27TH.**

**Request for Invitations – 2019 House of Delegates**

Mr. Williams informed the board that the 2019 House of Delegates meeting, now having dates, was scheduled to be held outside of Baton Rouge and that the LSMS would issue a Request for Invitations to all parish medical societies interested in having the meeting in their district. Additionally, the BOG will review the invitations at its regularly scheduled September meeting and ultimately decide the location of the 2019 meeting. There were additional questions and comments regarding the timing, locations, and logistics of future meetings, which led to the following motion:

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2 **MOTION (APPROVED)**

3 **SURVEY THE 2018 MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES**  
4 **REGARDING THEIR PREFERENCE ON FUTURE MEETING DATES,**  
5 **FUTURE MEETING LOCATIONS, AND OTHER POSSIBLE CHANGES TO**  
6 **THE STYLE AND/OR FORMAT OF THE MEETING.**  
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8 **PMP Update from Louisiana Pharmacy Board**

9 At the March 8, 2017 BOG meeting, the board discussed R407-17 submitted by Dr. Alvarado which  
10 called for the LSMS to oppose any mandate related to physicians having to cover the cost related to an  
11 EMR interface in order to participate in the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP). Additionally, a  
12 representative from the Pharmacy Board was requested to attend the June BOG meeting. Since that  
13 time, staff spoke directly with Mr. Joe Fontenot, assistant executive director and Mr. Malcolm  
14 Broussard, executive director of the Pharmacy Board and both gentlemen assured the LSMS that there  
15 would not be any sort of mandate on physicians to purchase an EMR interface. They went on to explain  
16 that an interface would be the preferred method of communication but it was optional and they were  
17 perfectly fine with physicians and/or their delegates continuing to manually log into the PMP database  
18 to check patient records. Mr. Williams reminded the BOG that the LSMS has a seat on the PMP  
19 Advisory Board and staff regularly attends these meetings and will continue to monitor this issue and  
20 alert the BOG if anything changes. Lastly, Mr. Williams explained that Mr. Broussard was invited to  
21 address the board in person but could not commit as the state was in its last week of their legislative  
22 session with many open issues still needing to be monitored and/or resolved that involved the LA  
23 Pharmacy Board.  
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25 **Perkins Property Update**

26 Mr. Williams shared the latest update on proposed future renovations and/or changes to the property  
27 located at 6767 Perkins Road. The current high-level proposal realigned the office space at Perkins  
28 Properties differently between the LSMS and CSRS, the two partners in the property. The most  
29 significant change was the potential for rental property within the building. Mr. Williams hopes that  
30 their will be something concrete for the BOG to review by the end of the year. After much discussion  
31 the following motion was made.  
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33 **MOTION (APPROVED)**

34 **THE LSMS EXPLORE THE OPTION OF THE POTENTIAL RENTAL**  
35 **PROPERTY AT 6767 PERKINS ROAD BECOMING AN ASSET OF THE**  
36 **SOCIETY IN ANY NEW PARTNERSHIP OR OWNERSHIP AGREEMENT.**  
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38 **Louisiana Health Information Network Demo**

39 Mr. Williams provided the board with a brief overview on the proposed Louisiana Health Information  
40 Network, which is a real-time clinical network based off the turnkey product developed by the Kansas  
41 Medical Society (KMS). On January 6, 2017 the KMS conducted a webinar of their health information  
42 network product and the overwhelming response from the LSMS participants was positive. On April  
43 22<sup>nd</sup> an in-person demonstration took place, which again yielded positive responses. Mr. Williams then  
44 invited/reminded the BOG there would be two additional live demos on June 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> where we will  
45 be hosting representatives from outside the LSMS to get their unbiased response to the product in order  
46 to aid the LSMS with any future decisions regarding the health information network. Invited guests  
47 include representatives from the following: LSU Health Sciences Center, Baton Rouge Clinic, Willis  
48 Knighton, Louisiana Department of Health, Louisiana Quality Forum, FMOL, LAFP, LaAAP, ACOG  
49 and many others.  
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2 **Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (LSBME)**

3 Mr. Williams provided a short update on recent activities that occurred at the March, April and May  
4 2017 meetings of the LSBME. The most significant development was the imminent release of new rules  
5 and regulations regarding collaborative practice agreements between physicians and advanced practice  
6 registered nurses. BOG members were then directed to the LSBME's web site where actual minutes  
7 from these meetings were available for review by the public.  
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9 **Louisiana Patients Compensation Fund (PCF)**

10 Mr. Williams briefly went over the PCF's recent activities, financials and claims data. As of May 31,  
11 2017 the PCF held assets totaling \$1,045,596,354 versus its future medicals liability of approximately  
12 \$800M. Additionally, claims were down, both in dollar amount and frequency. Therefore, Mr.  
13 Williams asked the board's thoughts on where surcharge rates should be based on this data and everyone  
14 agreed they should be reduced yet again. However, the board agreed that this should only be done once  
15 PCF Oversight Board members, as well as, PCF members had appropriate and reliable data. After much  
16 discussion the following motions were made.  
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18 **MOTION (APPROVED)**

19 **REQUEST THE PCF CONDUCT A TWENTY (20) YEAR HISTORICAL LOOK BACK**  
20 **AT THEIR RATES, BY CLASS, IN ORDER TO DETERMINE EXACTLY WHAT HAS**  
21 **HAPPENED WITH RATES OVER THE LAST TWO DECADES.**  
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23 **MOTION (APPROVED)**

24 **REQUEST THE PCF MAKE PROPOSED RATE CHANGES AVAILABLE TO ALL**  
25 **MEMBERS OF THE PCF FOR A PERIOD OF ONE MONTH PRIOR TO TAKING A**  
26 **VOTE ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES SO THAT PCF MEMBERS COULD PROVIDE**  
27 **COMMENTS AND FEEDBACK.**  
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29 **Coalition of State Medical Associations**

30 Mr. Williams reminded the BOG as to what this group was and that the LSMS had previously  
31 participated at an annual cost of \$20,000 per year. However, Mr. Williams along with the LSMS  
32 Budget and Finance Committee recommended in December 2016 that the LSMS no longer participate in  
33 2017. The reason for this change was do to the Republican Party controlling the White House, the  
34 House of Representatives and the Senate for the first time in decades and everyone anticipated positive  
35 health care changes were forthcoming. However, after 6 months of 2017, it is very obvious that this is  
36 not the case and the LSMS and its members could dramatically benefit from additional representation  
37 and communication in Washington, DC. Additionally, the coalition recently partnered with Capital  
38 Counsel, which is a issues management/communications firm in DC. Capital Counsel provides detailed  
39 daily updates from Capital Hill, which is something the LSMS does not have access to currently.  
40 Furthermore, Mr. Williams was able to negotiate the LSMS' continued participation in the group at an  
41 overall cost equal to 50% of our prior participation costs. After some discussion, the following motion  
42 was made.  
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44 **MOTION (APPROVED)**

45 **THE LSMS CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE AS A MEMBER OF THE COALITION OF**  
46 **STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATIONS AT AN ANNUAL COST OF \$10,000.**  
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48 **Ruston Fire Department EMS Protocols**

49 Pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statutes 40:1133 and 40:1135, the Ruston Fire Department asked the  
50 LSMS to review their EMS protocols. While most of their protocols were acceptable to the BOG, there

1 was an issue with EMS personnel administering/diluting D50 (Dextrose) to children. As a result, the  
2 following motion was made:  
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5 Additionally, the BOG directed Dr. Clark, LSMS President to follow up directly with a representative of  
6 the Ruston Fire Department to see if we can resolve the issue prior to the next regularly scheduled  
7 meeting of the BOG, which is on September 13, 2017. There was also a lot of discussion regarding  
8 whether or not the LSMS was in a position to, or wanted to, review and/or approve EMS protocols in the  
9 future. After many questions and much discussion, the following motion was made.  
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11 **MOTION (APPROVED)**

12 **PRIOR TO THE 2018 HOUSE OF DELEGATES, THE LSMS WILL ASSESS ITS**  
13 **CURRENT AND FUTURE ROLE IN APPROVING EMS PROTOCOLS AND WILL**  
14 **SUBMIT A RESOLUTION TO THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES IF ANY CHANGES ARE**  
15 **NECESSARY.**  
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17 **2017 Legislative Session**

18 Dr. David Broussard, Chairman of the LSMS Council on Legislation reviewed the 2017 Legislative  
19 Session with the BOG. While the session had not yet ended there were many positive things to report.  
20 The LSMS had again successfully fended off attacks on the medical malpractice act, workers  
21 compensation system, balanced billing and others. Additionally, the LSMS was able to spearhead the  
22 efforts related to the state's Opioid epidemic. The LSMS passed legislation directed at the problem  
23 without creating an undue burden on physicians as has been the case in other states. The highlights  
24 include prescribing limits, proper exceptions to these prescribing limits such as chronic pain and cancer  
25 treatments, and a one year CME requirement. Dr. Broussard informed the board that staff was working  
26 to complete the legislative review document and that it would be disseminated to the entire membership  
27 within the next week. Additionally, there would be several face-to-face presentations throughout the  
28 late summer and early fall providing a summary of the 2017 legislative session.  
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30 **2017 American Health Care Act (AHCA)**

31 Dr. Clark directly the board to a comprehensive summary document of the American Health Care Act  
32 and asked them to review on their own time for the sake of keeping the meeting on schedule.  
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34 **Meeting with Louisiana Health Care Connections (Centene)**

35 Dr. Clark and Mr. Williams briefed the board on a recent meeting with representatives from Centene  
36 who operates in the state as Louisiana Health Care Connections, a Medicaid managed care company.  
37 The purpose of the meeting was to inform the LSMS of a recent partnership between the North Carolina  
38 Medical Society and Centene in the state of North Carolina. The partnership established a joint venture,  
39 Carolina Complete Health, which is a physician-led health plan providing managed care services in  
40 North Carolina. Centene representatives were interested in the LSMS views on potentially looking at a  
41 similar model here in Louisiana. After much discussion among the board, no action was taken.  
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43 **Proposal from Kantrow Spaht Weaver and Blitzer**

44 Mrs. Terri Watson, Director of Member Services, presented a unique partnership opportunity from the  
45 law firm of Kantrow Spaht Weaver and Blitzer. Mrs. Watson informed the board that we have had a  
46 positive working relationship with this firm for almost 2 years now and that she had approached them  
47 about developing a contract review service to be marketed mainly to residents. The firm came back  
48 with a proposal where for a flat fee of \$250 they would review proposed employment agreements  
49 provided to residents or new physicians. This would be a cursory review only and may require

1 additional time and/or fees if issues are identified. After several clarifying questions and limited  
2 discussion the follow motions were made:

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4 **MOTION (APPROVED)**

5 **APPROVE OFFERING THE CONTRACT REVIEW SERVICES PROPOSED BY**  
6 **KANTROW SPAHT WEAVER AND BLITZER AS A MEMBER BENEFIT TO**  
7 **RESIDENTS AND NEW PHYSICIANS.**

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9 **MOTION (APPROVED)**

10 **REQUEST KANTROW SPAHT WEAVER AND BLITZER PROVIDE THE LSMS A**  
11 **LIST OF ALL PHYSICIAN MEMBERS WHO MAY HAVE A POTENTIAL CONFLICT**  
12 **BASED ON THEIR EMPLOYER.**

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14 **2016 Audit of the LSMS Financial Statements**

15 Mr. Williams introduced Jonathon Clark, CPA of LA Champagne, and Co., LLP to review the 2016  
16 audit of the LSMS and its subsidiaries. Mr. Clark explained the audit contains the consolidated financial  
17 statements of the LSMS, as of December 31, 2016.

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19 Mr. Clark informed the board that the audit confirmed all standard accounting procedures were properly  
20 followed and documented throughout the year. The auditing firm gave the LSMS an unqualified  
21 opinion. This opinion means there are no qualifications associated with the findings of the audit.

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23 For the LSMS, total assets were \$3,280,879 in 2016 compared to \$3,582,071 in 2015. Income from  
24 membership dues increased slightly from \$1,233,112 at the end of 2015 to \$1,269,562 at the end of  
25 2016. However, the increase was due to a change in when dues are recognized and not an increase in  
26 membership. Revenues for 2016 were \$1,641,717 compared to \$1,619,798 in 2015. Expenses for 2016  
27 were \$1,775,867 compared to \$1,780,317 in 2015. Following discussion, a motion was approved  
28 without objection:

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30 **MOTION (APPROVED)**

31 **ACCEPT AND FILE THE 2016 AUDIT REPORTS OF THE LSMS AND ITS**  
32 **SUBSIDIARIES AS PREPARED BY LA CHAMPAGNE AND CO., LLC.**

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34 **Report from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Louisiana**

35 Dr. Paul Murphree and Mr. Ed Jefferies provided the board with a summary of current and future BCBS  
36 of LA activities. The highlights included BCBS making the decision to participate in the state's  
37 Medicaid program when the current managed care contracts expire. Also of note was BCBS paying  
38 bonus fees to physicians for care management. Dr. Murphree asked that BCBS and LSMS continue to  
39 have a relationship moving forward to which the BOG agreed. The LSMS will invite representatives  
40 from BCBS to BOG meetings on a semi annual basis each year (June and December). It was also noted  
41 that BCBS currently represents 67% of the private insurance market across the state.

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43 **Interviews for LSBME and PCF**

44 In executive session, the LSMS conducted candidate interviews for an open seat on the LSBME as well  
45 as a seat on the PCF. At the conclusion of these interviews the LSMS nominated Dr. Lester Johnson  
46 and Dr. Luis Alvarado to the Governor's office to serve in the open rural seat on the LSBME.  
47 Additionally, the LSMS re-nominated Dr. Vincent Culotta, Jr. to the PCF Oversight Board. The board  
48 asked staff to formally submit the nominations to the Governor's office at the conclusion of the meeting.

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## **Reports of Officers**

### **President**

Dr. Clark stated that his recent activities as president had already been discussed in the earlier agenda items.

### **President-Elect**

Dr. Bankston had nothing specific to report.

### **Secretary Treasurer**

Dr. Paddock asked that the April 30, 2017 financial statements for the LSMS and Perkins Properties be noted and filed since the board had earlier received a full audit report from LA Champagne, LLC.

### **Speaker of the House**

Dr. Perkowski was not in attendance.

### **Chair, Council on Legislation**

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

### **Chair, Board of Councilors**

Dr. White informed the BOG that the district councilors met during lunch and discussed the on-going efforts to reach local independence by the September 1, 2017 deadline and that there were not any immediate concerns. Additionally, for clarification, the councilors discussed and approved a motion that the 2018 House of Delegates be operated under the old rules and that the 2019 HOD will be the first meeting where local independence applies to apportionment, seating, resolutions, etc. This decision was based on the start date for local independence and the timing of the meeting as well as membership renewal dates.

### **EVP Report**

Mr. Williams mentioned that the University of Louisiana at Monroe was set to get a osteopathic medical school in 2019 and that the LSMS would need to monitor the situation as it relates to membership and graduate medical education. The school will graduate approximately 200 new physicians each year without any additional residency positions.

### **LSMS Alliance**

Mrs. Sarah Kreitziger, President of the LSMS Alliance provided a brief update on recent Alliance activities.

### **LAMPAC**

There was nothing of note to report for LAMPAC.

### **Physicians' Foundation**

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

### **Adjournment**

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

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**Attending:**

William “Beau” Clark, MD, President  
Susan Bankston, MD, President-Elect  
Luis Alvarado, MD, Immediate Past President  
Richard Paddock, MD, Secretary-Treasurer  
Juan Gershanik, MD, First District Councilor  
Robert Chugden, MD, Second District Alternate  
Allen Vander, MD, Third District Councilor  
Frederick J. White, III, MD, Fourth District Councilor  
Adrienne Williams, MD, Fifth District Alternate  
Reece Newsome, MD, Sixth District Councilor  
Rod Clark, MD, Ninth District Alternate  
Nicholas Viviano, MD, Tenth District Councilor  
Jeremy Henderson, MD, Tenth District Alternate  
Trent James, MD, Senior Physician Section Member  
Amberly Nunez, Young Physician Section Member  
Ken Erhardt, MD, Resident and Fellow Member  
Daniel Harper, Medical Student Member

**Absent:**

Larry Simon, MD, Vice President  
Paul Perkowski, MD, Speaker, House of Delegates  
Steen Trawick, MD, Vice Speaker of the House  
Robert McCord, MD, Second District Councilor  
Mark Hebert, MD, Third District Alternate  
Ezekiel Wetzel, MD, Fifth District Councilor  
Rick Michael, MD, Fourth District Alternate  
David Fargason, MD, Sixth District Alternate  
Brian Gamborg, MD, Seventh District Councilor  
Yoko Broussard, MD, Seventh District Alternate  
Lance Templeton, MD, Eighth District Councilor  
Anthony Blalock, MD, Ninth District Councilor  
Lynn Tucker, MD, Senior Physician Section Alternate  
Alicia Kober, MD, Young Physician Section Alternate  
Ryan Wisler, MD, Resident and Fellow Alternate  
Alexis Rudd, Medical Student Alternate

**Guests Attending:**

Lawrence Braud, MD, Physicians Foundation  
Sarah Kreitziger, President, LSMS Alliance

**Staff Attending:**

Jeff Williams, Executive Vice President & Chief Executive Officer  
Lauren Bailey, Vice President of Legal Affairs & General Counsel  
Terri Watson, Director of Member Services  
Chris Lebouef, Director of Communication  
Kayne Daigle, Director, LSMS Educational & Research Foundation  
Sarah Edwards, Office and Events Manager

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3 **Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_  
4 **Richard Paddock, MD, Secretary-Treasurer**

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6 **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**September 13, 2017**

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