

PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

138th ANNUAL MEETING

January 25-26, 2019

Call to Order

Paul E. Perkowski, MD, Speaker of the House called the opening session of the Annual Meeting to order at 2:00PM on Friday, January 25, 2019 at the L'Auberge Hotel in Lake Charles, Louisiana. Pastor Todd Schumacher from Church of the King in Lake Charles, offered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Recognition of Deceased LSMS Members

Members passing over in 2018 were: Gerald Berenson, MD, Robert Borders, MD, Howard Burch, MD, James Eppinette, MD, Joseph Guenther, MD, Henry Hanley, MD, William Johnson, MD, Russell Klein, MD, Emile LaBranche, MD, John Ochsner, MD, Perry Rigby, MD, Lilian Robinson, MD, Leonard Rolfes, MD, Fletcher Sutton, MD and Jack Thielen, MD.

Recognition of 50 Year Anniversary Physicians

The 50 Year Physicians include: Poh-Choon Ambiavagar, MD, Russell Anderson, MD, Louis Blanda, MD, Joan Blondin, MD, Bernard Brach, MD, Joseph Brown, MD, James Cody, MD, Ewing Cook, MD, Stephan Cooper, MD, Kenneth Darcy, MD, Richard Fremaux, MD, Errol Genet, MD, Robert Greene, MD, Charles Gruenwald, MD, Victor Harvey, MD, James Ingram, MD, Samuel Irwin, MD, Jack Jacob, MD, Mario Kakazu, MD, Eleanor Krimerman, MD, David Learned, MD, James Maddux, MD, Joan Marshak, MD, Jorge Martinez-Leyva, MD, Elizabeth McBurney, MD, Mario McNally, MD, Louis Mes, MD, Dhanpat Mohnot, MD, Lee Monlezun, MD, Robert Morrow, MD, Bernard Patty, MD, Eduardo Persand, MD, Ben Quinney, MD, Robert Smith, MD, Steven Snatic, MD, Edward Soll, A. John Tassin, MD, Kamalakan Thaly, MD, and George Woods, MD.

Remarks of the Speaker

Paul E. Perkowski, MD, Speaker of the House began his remarks by welcoming all participants and thanking them for making the trip to Lake Charles. He also thanked the sponsors of meeting. Dr. Perkowski explained that the meeting would follow the rules of Sturgis.

Dr. Perkowski further announced that the procedure for elections for offices elected by the House of Delegates would be outlined by the Committee on Rules and Order of Business. The Speakers prepared election sheets for all elected offices and previously announced candidates for each office as a slate of candidates which will be presented to the House. As each position comes up for election, the Speakers will indicate the announced candidate(s) and call for any additional nominations from the floor. Elections for offices with more than one nominated candidate will be as follows: the ballot box will be in the back of the meeting room and after nominations are closed, staff will prepare ballots for distribution. Voting will take place for two hours.

Any delegate has the right to extract any item from either the proceedings of the HOD or BOG to be debated. If anything was extracted from those proceedings, debate on those items only would occur immediately. Additionally, the Speakers reminded delegates that minutes from BOG meetings cannot be changed.

He reminded the delegates of the process by which resolutions are numbered and categorized. He reiterated the Speakers make only minor editorial changes to the resolve segment of resolutions to clarify their structure prior to publication and mailing to the House. He emphasized most are grammatical or procedural in nature and do not reflect any change to the intent of the resolution. He noted any portion of a resolve can be amended during debate. Because the **WHEREAS** portions of resolutions are dropped once resolves are adopted, each resolve should always be in a form which can stand alone after adoption.

Dr. Perkowski noted the procedure for offering amendments. Amendments can be written on the amendment sheets which are on each table. All amendments should be taken to the side of the room where staff will type them up and give the author of the amendment a specific number for his or her amendment. When the author wishes to introduce an amendment, he will say so and provide the number of the amendment which will then be displayed on the screens.

Dr. Perkowski informed attendees that due to the arrangement of the room Delegates may disregard the PRO and CON labels of the microphones however, identify yourself and state whether you support or oppose the resolution or amendment.

Report of the Credentials Committee

Trenton James, II, MD, Committee Chair, reported that a quorum of certified delegates was present and seated.

Report of the Committee on Rules and Order of Business

James Christopher, MD, Chair, presented the report of the Committee on Rules and Order of Business which met earlier in the day. The Committee recommended the following rules for use by the 2019 House of Delegates:

1. Limitation of Debate: The tradition of previous meetings regarding limitation of debate be as follows: Each speaker addressing an item brought to the floor for a vote is limited to three minutes of debate. Each delegate may return to the floor for one minute for the purpose of rebuttal or to summarize his/her position.
2. Elections packet was approved as presented.

The report and recommendations of the committee on Rules and Order of Business were approved by the House of Delegates.

Elections

The following members were elected to serve:

Board of Governors

Position	Name	Term
President-Elect	Katherine Williams, MD	2019
Vice President	R. Reece Newsome, MD	2019
Speaker, House of Delegates	Paul Perkowski, MD	2019
Vice Speaker, House of Delegates	T. Steen Trawick, MD	2019
Secretary- Treasurer	Richard Paddock, MD	2019
Chairman, Council on Legislation	David Broussard, MD	2019
Second District Councilor	Robert Chugden, MD	2019-2020
Fourth District Councilor	F. Jeff White, MD	2019-2020

Sixth District Councilor	Michael Roppolo, MD	2019-2020
Eighth District Councilor	Lance Templeton, MD	2019-2020
Tenth District Councilor	Nicholas Viviano, MD	2019-2020
Medical Student Member	Blake Denley	2019
Resident Member	Ken Ehrhardt, MD	2019
Young Physician Member	Amberly Nunez, MD	2019
Senior Physician Member	Robert McCord, MD	2019
Alternate Second District Councilor	Vacant	
Alternate Fourth District Councilor	Susan Veillon, MD	2019-2020
Alternate Sixth District Councilor	Azeen Sadeghian, MD	2019-2020
Alternate Eight District Councilor	Vacant	
Alternate Tenth District Councilor	Vacant	
Alternate Medical Student Member	Bryce Christensen	2019
Alternate Resident Member	Trinath Kuruvella, MD	2019
Alternate Young Physician Member	Vacant	
Alternate Senior Physician Member	Irving Blatt, MD	2019

AMA Delegation

Position	Name	Term
Delegate	Floyd Buras, MD	2019-2020
Delegate	William Freeman, MD	2019-2020
Alternate Delegate	Susan Bankston, MD	2019-2020
Alternate Delegate	F. Jeff White, MD	2019
Alternate Delegate/Member in Training	Caleb Natale	2019

Council on Legislation

Position	Name	Term
Second District Councilor	Luis Arencebia, MD	2019-2020
Fourth District Councilor	John Carmody, MD	2019-2020
Sixth District Councilor	William Murrill, MD	2019-2020
Eighth District Councilor	Robert Bass, MD	2019-2020
Tenth District Councilor	Joshua Sleeper, MD	2019-2020
Medical Student Member	Judy Fustok	2019
Resident Member	Vacant	
Young Physician Member	Jacob Karr, MD	2019
Senior Physician Member	Vacant	
LSMS Alliance Member	Rose Kuplesky	2019
Alternate Second District Councilor	Wesley Clark, MD	2019-2020
Alternate Fourth District Councilor	Jake Majors, MD	2019-2020
Alternate Sixth District Councilor	Michael Hanemann, MD	2019-2020
Alternate Eight District Councilor	Vacant	
Alternate Tenth District Councilor	Vacant	
Alternate Medical Student Member	Vacant	
Alternate Resident Member	Vacant	
Alternate Young Physician Member	Vacant	
Alternate Senior Physician Member	Vacant	
LSMS Alliance Alternate	Vacant	

Approval of the Proceedings of the 2018 House of Delegates

The Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the 2018 House of Delegates were approved as published in the Delegates handbook.

Approval of the Actions of the Board of Governors during 2018

The minutes of the Board of Governors during 2018 were presented for approval and two (2) items were extracted for discussion; the remaining minutes were approved by the House. The two (2) items included sections “Review Draft Procedures of the House of Delegates” from the June 6, 2018 and September 12, 2018 minutes as well as “2017 Audit Results and Financial Statements” from the June 6, 2018 minutes. After thorough discussion the two (2) items were approved by the House of Delegates.

Report of the Budget and Finance Committee

R. Mark Williams, MD, Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee presented the report of the Committee and the proposed 2019 budget on January 25, 2019. He reviewed the Committee’s recommendations. Following discussion, the proposed budget for 2019 of \$1,788,000 in projected revenues and \$1,787,934 in projected expenses, which includes a \$60,000 contribution to reserves was adopted by the House and the accompanying recommendations in the Report of the Budget and Finance Committee. The approved budget is attached to these proceedings.

Installation of the President

The Presidential Oath of Office was administered to President-Elect Lee Stevens, MD by Susan M. Bankston, MD, President. Dr. Bankston presented the Presidential Medallion and President’s Lapel Pin to Dr. Stevens. Concluding the installation ceremonies Dr. Bankston presented the gavel to Dr. Stevens symbolizing the transfer of the Presidency. Dr. Stevens gave an inaugural address, included below, outlining his goals for the LSMS for 2019.

“It’s been a long day for most of us, so I’ll keep my comments brief.

It is with great honor that I stand before this house of medicine as the 139th President of the Louisiana State Medical Society. There is no greater achievement than to be recognized and appreciated by one’s peers.

To that end and before I go any further, I would like to recognize the 2019 LSMS Alliance President who was installed during their annual meeting earlier today here at the hotel. Where is she? Please stand. Friends, colleagues, and guests, I would like to introduce you to Mrs. June Stevens the 90th president of the LSMS Alliance..... who just also happens to be my lovely wife.

You may or may not know that I’m from Shreveport. Many times, people from Shreveport feel that maybe, just maybe, people forget about them because we are so far geographically from the culture of New Orleans or the politics of Baton Rouge. However, that couldn’t be any further from the truth.

Tonight, I stand before you now as the 20th LSMS President elected from Shreveport..... and let me tell you, if history is any indication, I’ve got some big north Louisiana shoes to fill.

- *Dr. James Egan of Shreveport served as the first ever president of the LSMS in 1878.*

- *Dr. Thomas Schumpert president in 1901 went on to have a hospital named after him in Shreveport.*
- *Dr. James Willis president in 1915 and Dr. Joseph Knighton president in 1921 went on to have a hospital system in north Louisiana named after them.*
- *Dr. Patty Van Hook was elected in 1992 as the first female president of the LSMS, and*
- *In more recent times, Dr. Milton Chapman, Dr. Bruce Williams, Dr. William Hall, Dr. Juan Watkins, and Dr. Dean Griffen all represented the LSMS as president from Shreveport.*

Like I said, big shoes to fill.

Now, as I look forward, I must first look back. Beginning as a physician member, and later as a member of the board of governors, the AMA delegation, and now as your president -- I've always viewed the LSMS as a tremendous resource for Louisiana physicians.

The effectiveness and value of this organization are second to none. However, our benefits remain untapped for many in our chosen profession. As you heard Dr. Bankston say earlier, membership is trending upward and is at the highest level since before the 2005 hurricanes. I will make it my purpose, along with my wife June, to continue to diligently work on your behalf making sure that membership continues to grow and that we build on the foundation laid last year.

Again, I want to thank you all for your trust and continued support as we endeavor together to make a difference in the lives of physicians and their medical families.”

Resolutions to the House of Delegates

The following actions were adopted during the Houses of Delegates for 2019. New language is bold and underlined and language deleted contains strike through marks.

2019 LSMS House of Delegates – Baton Rouge, Louisiana

RESOLUTION 101 – ADOPTED AS AMENDED

SUBJECT: LSMS Policies to be Sunset in 2019

RESOLVED, that the following LSMS policies be sunset by the House of Delegates.

80.01 *Health Care Delivery Models - Direct Primary Care*

Reaffirmed

The LSMS supports alternative practice models such as Direct Primary Care, which allow physicians to practice medicine in a manner which reduces burdens and administrative overhead created by third party payors.

90.02 *Health Care Facilities - Violence in Healthcare Facilities*

Reaffirmed

It is the policy of the LSMS that optimal patient care can only be achieved when patients, healthcare workers and all other persons in healthcare facilities are protected against violent acts occurring within healthcare facilities. Further, the policy of the LSMS is to encourage adoption of policies and laws that provide a maximum category of offense and criminal penalty against individuals who commit violent acts against healthcare workers in healthcare facilities.

93.01 Retail Health Clinics - Retail Health Clinics

Reaffirmed

The LSMS supports the eight guidelines established by the AMA on June 13, 2006 for the operation of in-store Retail Health Clinics. For retail health clinics operating in Louisiana, the medical providers of such health clinics should adhere to the same standard of medical care as other licensed health care providers in the state and be subject to the licensure and oversight authority of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners.

The LSMS supports policies which require retail health clinics to disclose in a conspicuous manner the name of the collaborating physician associated with the retail clinic and whether the physician is licensed and domiciled in Louisiana.

100.10 Health Care Reform - Price Controls

Reaffirmed

The LSMS is opposed to the imposition of price controls in our health care delivery system whether through fee controls, global budgets, expenditure targets, premium caps, percentage of payroll caps or any other method of price controls and supports the establishment of a more effective medical market to achieve cost effectiveness in our health care delivery system.

110.01 Health Information - ICD-10 Transparency and Conversion

Reaffirmed

The policy of the LSMS is to oppose the required replacement of the ICD-9CM code set with the ICD-10CM code set for identifying and reporting diagnosis and procedures and to advocate for the halt of implementation of ICD-10CM due to the gross impediment to patient care ICD-10CM will impose.

121.04 Eligibility, Benefits & Coverage - Physician Notification of Patients in Health Insurance Exchange Grace Period

Reaffirmed

It shall be the policy of the LSMS that physicians should have meaningful notice from the health insurance issuer when an insured with a qualified health plan purchased with an advance premium tax credit begins the 90 day grace period for failure to pay premiums. Such notice should be provided by a health insurance issuer at any point in which the physician requests information from the health insurance issuer regarding an insured's eligibility, an insured's coverage or health plan benefits, or the status of a claim or claims for services provided to an insured. The health insurance issuer should provide such notice in the same manner through which the physician sought the information from the health insurance issuer or through the manner that the physician normally receives claim remittance advice information. Further, the information provided by the health insurance issuer to the physician should be binding on the health insurance issuer and in the event the health insurance issuer provides information which indicates the insured is eligible for

services and does not inform the physician that the insured is in the 90 day grace period the health insurance issuer should be precluded from recouping payments.

121.07 *Eligibility, Benefits & Coverage - Reference Pricing*

Reaffirmed

The LSMS policy is to advocate for the inclusion of the concept of a schedule of benefits/provider fee schedule system with balance billing as one option in a pluralistic array of choices regardless of whether it is called Benefit Payment Schedule, Reference Pricing, Fixed Indemnity or some other than current name so long as the plan is free to establish its payments, physicians are free to establish their fees and patients and physicians are free to determine how to resolve any difference between payments and fees.

150.02 *Medicaid - Physician Freedom to Accept Medicaid*

Reaffirmed

The LSMS opposes any effort to impose a penalty on a physician for declining to accept Medicaid patients.

150.03 *Medicaid - Medicaid Managed Care Financial Incentives*

Sunset

The LSMS encourages the use of monetary incentives provided to enrollees of Medicaid managed care plans to incentivize the Medicaid recipient to make good health choices so the monetary incentives may only be used to purchase healthcare products and services.

170.01 *Medical Marijuana - General Policy*

Adopted as amended

~~The policy of the LSMS is to support the current 1991 law in Louisiana that permits the use of medical marijuana.~~

The policy of the LSMS relative to medical marijuana calls for further adequate and well-controlled studies of marijuana and related cannabinoids in patients who have serious conditions for which preclinical, anecdotal, or controlled evidence suggests possible efficacy and the application of such results to the understanding and treatment of disease.

LSMS urges that marijuana's status as a federal schedule I controlled substance be reviewed with the goal of facilitating the conduct of clinical research and development of cannabinoid-based medicines, and alternate delivery methods.

LSMS supports federally developed legislation requiring warning labels on all cannabis products not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for preventing or treating any disease process.

242.01 *Environmental Health - UV Tanning*

Reaffirmed

The LSMS supports the FDA warning that UVA tanning booths and sunbeds pose potential significant health risks and should be discouraged. The LSMS endorses an educational campaign regarding the skin health and aging hazards of UVA overexposure, in particular from tanning parlor facilities.

The LSMS opposes the use of indoor tanning devices by minors as devices emit UVA and UVB radiation and because overexposure to UV radiation can lead to the development of skin cancer.

280.11 *Tobacco - Increased Tax on Cigarettes*

Reaffirmed

The LSMS supports an increase in the state excise tax on tobacco products.

RESOLUTION 102 – ADOPTED

SUBJECT: LSMS Directives to be Sunset in 2019

RESOLVED, the following LSMS directives be sunset as they were completed during 2018.

Directive – Updating EMS Protocols: The LSMS seek legislation to amend Louisiana Revised Statute 40:1133.14, which requires, as a last resort, the Emergency Medical Services Committee of the LSMS to approve an emergency medical service protocol for a parish without an organized or functional local parish medical society. (R201-18)

Directive – PMP Reporting for Opioids: 1. The LSMS seek and support legislation to revise the provisions of the Louisiana Uniform Controlled Substances Act La. R.S. 40:978(F)(2) to require that if a health professional licensing board becomes aware of a prescriber’s initial failure to comply with this subsection, as verified by the data of the Prescription Monitoring Program, the board shall notify the prescriber of the relevant statutory requirements and inform the prescriber of the need to correct or amend their prescribing practices. 2. The LSMS will seek and support revisions to require that if a health professional licensing board becomes aware of a prescriber’s pattern of continuing or repeated failure to comply with this Subsection, as verified by the data of the PMP, the board shall treat such notification as a complaint against the licensee. (R204-18)

Directive – Nutritional Alternatives in Clinic and Hospital Systems: The LSMS will encourage clinic and hospital systems and all medical and/or health facilities that offer and/or serve food to offer known nutritious alternatives through their food services to visitors, patients, staff personnel and volunteers, with special attention to the needs of the diabetic population, as traditionally would be offered to patients only and when medically ordered. (R301-18)

Directive – Medicaid Professional Services Fee Schedule: The LSMS submit a written request to the Secretary of the State of Louisiana’s Department of Health, Medicaid Program Director and appropriate committees and members of the Louisiana State Legislature (if necessary) requesting an increase in the Louisiana Medicaid Professional Services Fee Schedule (LMPSFS) up to 120% of the Medicare fee schedule. Additionally, the LSMS should seek support from other like-minded health care associations and organizations. (L1-18)

RESOLUTION 103 – ADOPTED AS AMENDED

SUBJECT: Updating House of Delegates Apportionment for Small Chartered/Affiliated Medical Societies

RESOLVED, the LSMS Bylaws Article XXII, Section E be amended by addition to read as follows:

E. Delegates to the House of Delegates of the LSMS

Delegates to the House of Delegates of the Louisiana State Medical Society are apportioned based on the recorded membership in the office of the LSMS Secretary-Treasurer on November 1st of each year.

Delegate apportionment is calculated as follows:

Medical Districts receives one delegate and one alternate for every 25 Full Dues Equivalent LSMS members as defined in Subsection D of this Article XXII. Each Medical District will annually elect its delegates and alternate delegates with voting rights based on the Full Dues Equivalent method as defined in Subsection D of this Article XXII.

Within the delegates apportioned to each Medical District:

1. A Chartered Parish Society **with 24 or fewer Full Dues Equivalent LSMS members** will receive one delegate and one alternate delegate. **A Chartered Parish Society with more than 24 Full Dues Equivalent LSMS members will receive one delegate and one alternate delegate** for each 25 Full Dues Equivalent LSMS members as defined in Subsection D of this Article XXII.
2. An Affiliated Parish Society **with 24 or fewer Full Dues Equivalent LSMS members** will receive one delegate and one alternate delegate. **An Affiliated Parish Society with more than 24 Full Dues Equivalent LSMS members will receive one delegate and one alternate delegate** for each 25 Full Dues Equivalent LSMS members as defined in Subsection D of this Article XXII.
3. For both Chartered and Affiliated Parish societies, ~~two~~ **one** delegate and ~~two~~ **one** alternate delegate positions should be filled by **an** eligible officer of the Society, chosen by the Societies' bylaws.
4. The President of a Chartered or Affiliated Parish Medical Society will submit a letter to the LSMS Secretary-Treasurer by January 1st each year reporting the number and names of officers and elected Parish Medical Society delegates.
5. The remainder of the Medical Districts apportioned delegates, which includes those LSMS members who are not members of a Chartered or Affiliated Society will be nominated and elected by the Medical District. Nominations may be made by any member of that Medical District.
6. **One delegate and alternate delegate to the LSMS House of Delegates shall be apportioned for each 25 members or a portion thereof.**

RESOLVED, the Board of Governors create an ad hoc committee to study the effect of deunification on component and LSMS society membership with a report back to the 2020 HOD annual meeting.

RESOLUTION 104 – ADOPTED AS AMENDED

SUBJECT: Creating New Retired Licensed Membership Category

RESOLVED, that the LSMS Bylaws, Article IV, be amended by addition to create a new ~~Lifetime~~ Retired Licensed Membership category as follows:

Article IV Members – Categories

Section 3 –Lifetime Retired Licensed Members

A. Qualifications

A. ~~lifetime~~ Retired licensed member

1. Must have been an active, academic, or service member of the Louisiana State Medical Society for at least the 5 consecutive years immediately prior to his or her application for lifetime membership;

2. Must be fully retired from the practice of medicine for remuneration;

3. Must be licensed by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners.

B. Rights

A lifetime retired licensed member is entitled to full parliamentary and societal rights, including the right to vote and the right to hold office.

C. Obligations

A lifetime retired licensed member

1. Must fulfill the general obligations of membership as specified in Article III Subsection E of these bylaws; and

2. Shall pay 20% of full active LSMS dues.

RESOLUTION 105 – ADOPTED AS AMENDED

SUBJECT: Transition of Dues Exempt Members to Emeritus Members

RESOLVED, that the LSMS Dues Exempt Member Category be renamed as Emeritus Members, and be it further

RESOLVED, the LSMS Bylaws, Section 2 Dues Exempt Members be amended by deletion and addition as follows:

ARTICLE IV Members – Categories

Section 2 ~~Dues-Exempt~~ **Emeritus** Members

A. Qualifications

~~An dues-exempt~~ **emeritus** member

- ~~1. Must fulfill the general qualifications of membership as specified in Article III Subsection A of these bylaws;~~ **be a doctor of medicine or a doctor of osteopathy;**
2. Must have been active, academic, or service member of the Louisiana State Medical Society for at least the 5 consecutive years immediately prior to his or her application for dues-exempt membership;
- ~~3. **3.** Must be fully retired from the practice of medicine; but **and**~~
4. **4. Must** Need not **have an active license** ~~be licensed~~ by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners **or must have a “retired” license from the** LSBME ~~if he or she is not actively practicing medicine.~~

~~In a like manner, (1) dues-exempt status may be granted a member, regardless of age, who is fully retired from the practice of medicine due to disability; and (2) reduced rates for dues and special assessments may be granted a member, regardless of age, whose practice of medicine is limited to 20 hours or less per week due to disability.~~

~~Active, academic, or service members, regardless of age, who practice medicine more than 20 hours a week pay dues and special assessments in an amount equal to that regularly paid by members in their category of membership.~~

B. Rights

~~An dues-exempt~~ **emeritus** member is entitled to full parliamentary and societal rights, including the right to vote and the right to hold office.

C. Obligations

~~An dues-exempt~~ **emeritus** member

1. Must fulfill the general obligations of membership as specified in Article III Subsection E of these bylaws; but
2. Shall pay no dues and no special assessments.

RESOLUTION 106 – ADOPTED AS AMENDED

SUBJECT: Updating Full Dues Equivalent for Retired Licensed and Emeritus Membership Categories

RESOLVED, that the LSMS Bylaws, Article XXII, Section D be amended by deletion and addition to account for the creation new ~~Lifetime~~ Retired Licensed and Emeritus Membership categories as follows:

Article XXII Medical Districts

D. Full Dues Equivalent

Full Dues Equivalent equals the assigned Unit Count, as defined by the Louisiana State Medical Society below, to each LSMS member based on the percentage of assessed dues paid.

Any member paying full dues ~~non-discounted member~~ in the following membership categories will receive a Unit Count of 1.0 – Active, Academic, ~~Dues Exempt~~.

Any Active or Academic member paying less than full dues ~~discounted member~~ will receive a Unit Count based on the percentage of the discount calculated as (100% - percentage of discount)/ 100.

Any member paying full dues ~~non-discounted member~~ in the following membership categories will receive a Unit Count of ~~1.0~~ **1.0** – Part-Time, ~~and~~ Military, **Lifetime and Emeritus**.

The Louisiana State Medical Society will use the Full Dues Equivalent method within each Medical District to determine voting rights for (1) selecting district councilors for the Board of Councilors as outlined in Article XIV, Subsection A, (2) selecting members and alternate members for the Council on Legislation per Article IX, Subsection 2A, and (3) for determining apportionment to the LSMS House of Delegates per Subsection E of this Article XXII.

RESOLUTION 107 – ADOPTED AS AMENDED

SUBJECT: Adding Specialty Medical Society Representation on the LSMS Council on Legislation

RESOLVED, the LSMS Bylaws Article IX, Section 2 Council on Legislation be amended by deletion and addition as follows:

A. Members

The Council on Legislation shall be composed of one member from each medical district as delimited in Article XXII Subsection F of these bylaws, one member from the Young Physician Section, one member from the Resident Section, one member from the Medical Student Section, ~~and~~ one member from the LSMS Alliance, **and one member from each specialty medical society that was represented in the most recent LSMS House of Delegates. The number of specialty medical society council members shall not exceed three and will be nominated by the three specialty medical societies with the greatest number of active LSMS members.**

There shall be an alternate for each member of the Council. The alternate: is chosen from the same medical district, ~~or~~ section **or specialty medical society**; must meet the same qualifications as the member; is elected in the same manner as the member; is seated only in the absence of the member; is entitled to all of the rights of the member when seated; and, is entitled to reimbursement for travel expenses while attending a Council meeting; and may attend any meeting of the Council.

B. Selection

District members ~~Members~~ of the Council and alternates shall be elected by the Medical Districts prior to the LSMS Annual Meeting. At the time on the agenda of the House of Delegates Meeting that elections are conducted, each district that was required to hold an election will announce the results of its elections. If any Medical District fails to elect its District Councilor or Alternate

District Councilor, the LSMS Board of Governors shall appoint a member from that medical district to fill the vacancy. The Young Physician Section member and alternate are elected by the House of Delegates. The Resident Section Member and alternate are nominated by the Resident Section and elected by the House of Delegates. The Medical Student Section member and alternate are nominated by the Medical Student Section and elected by the House of Delegates. The LSMS Alliance member and alternate are selected by the LSMS Alliance. **Specialty medical societies are represented by the current president of the society or his designee provided that the designee is a current officer of the specialty medical society and an active member in good standing of the Louisiana State Medical Society.**

C. Term

A **District members** member of the council and alternates shall serve terms of two (2) years, ~~except the~~ **The Young Physician Section member and alternate, and the Resident Section member and alternate, the Medical Student Section member and alternate,** the LSMS Alliance member and alternate, **and the specialty medical society members and alternates** shall serve a term of one (1) year. Terms are staggered so that Councilors and Alternate Councilors representing even-numbered districts shall be elected in even-numbered years and Councilors and Alternate Councilors representing odd-numbered districts shall be elected in odd-numbered years. A member may serve a maximum of four terms, not necessarily consecutive, and not including terms as alternate.

The term of a member begins at the time of his election.

A **district and/or section** vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by the Board of Governors, except during the Annual Meeting. If a **district and/or section** vacancy becomes apparent during the Annual Meeting, it will be filled by election by the Medical District **or Section** during that meeting. **LSMS Alliance and/or specialty medical societies vacancies will be filled by the respective organization for the remainder of the unexpired term. These appointees must be confirmed by the Board of Governors.**

A council member with more than two unexplained absences during his term will be dropped from the council roster.

D. Organization

The council shall annually select its own vice-chair.

E. Meetings

Meetings shall be held at the call of the chair.

F. Duties

1. To direct all of the state and federal legislative activities of the Society provided such directions are not in conflict with the actions and policies of the House of Delegates;
2. To advise the Society as to the course of action deemed desirable to obtain its legislative goals; and
3. To present in writing at each Annual Meeting of the House of Delegates a detailed report of its activities during the preceding year.

RESOLUTION 201 – REFERRED TO THE BOG
SUBJECT: Interstate Medical Licensure Compact

RESOLVED that the Louisiana State Medical Society supports the goals of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact and supports any efforts that encourage or enable Louisiana’s membership in the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact; ~~and be it further~~

~~**RESOLVED** that the Louisiana State Medical Society seek and/or support legislation that enables the state of Louisiana to become a member of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact.~~

RESOLUTION 202 – FAILED
SUBJECT: Louisiana Malpractice Limit

RESOLVED that the Louisiana State Medical Society support efforts to include all providers under the malpractice limits, not only those participating in the patient compensation fund.

*fiscal note of 30,000.00 to 35,000.00

RESOLUTION 203 – ADOPTED
SUBJECT: Physician Non-Compete Clause

RESOLVED, the LSMS seek and/or support legislation to prohibit the enforceability of physician non-compete agreements in Louisiana.

RESOLUTION 204 – ADOPTED AS AMENDED
SUBJECT: Regulate and License Pharmacy Benefit Managers Who Serve Louisiana

RESOLVED that the Louisiana State Medical Society, in concert and collaboration with local and specialty physician organizations, pharmacist organizations, patient organizations and any other interested and affected parties work to ensure that the Louisiana Insurance Commissioner has authority to appropriately oversee the actions of PBMs providing services to Louisianans ~~similar to the recently enacted Arkansas legislation (HB 1010)~~ so PBMs are brought under oversight and held accountable for their actions in the pricing, management and dispensing of medications to Louisianans.

RESOLUTION 301 – SUBSTITUTE 301 ADOPTED
SUBJECT: Prenatal Care Provision at Crisis Pregnancy Centers

RESOLVED, that our LSMS House of Delegates reaffirm policy 10.01, and be it further

RESOLVED, that our LSMS continue its long standing policy to remain neutral on all abortion related legislative issues unless they attempt to criminalize a physician for legally practicing medicine in the state of Louisiana.

10.01 Abortion - General Policy

The LSMS affirms the physician oath to preserve life. LSMS general policy on abortion includes the following guidelines: (1) Elective abortion is a medical procedure and should be performed only by a duly licensed physician and surgeon in conformance with standards of good medical practice and the Medical Practice Act of the state of Louisiana. (2) No physician or other licensed medical professionals should be required to perform an act violative of good medical judgment. Neither physician, nor licensed medical professionals should be required to perform any act that violates personally held moral principles. In these circumstances, good medical practice requires only that the physician or other licensed medical professionals withdraw from the case, so long as the withdrawal is consistent with good medical practice. (3) The LSMS encourages its physician members to offer counseling to expectant mothers in accepting and coping with the stresses of pregnancy to assure their patients have access to appropriate information regarding alternatives to abortion.

RESOLUTION 302 – SUBSTITUTE 302 REFERRED TO BOG
SUBJECT: Prenatal Care Provision at Crisis Pregnancy Centers

RESOLVED, that our LSMS House of Delegates reaffirm policy 10.02, ~~and be it further~~

10.02 Abortion - Public Funding the LSMS opposes Medicaid and the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals funding of abortions. Authority Note: LR1-80; reaffirmed R101-2000; reaffirmed R101-06; reaffirmed R101-11; reaffirmed R101-16

RESOLUTION 303 – ADOPTED BY ACCLAMATION
SUBJECT: Advocating for Implementation of Prevention Strategies and Training Programs for Suicide Assessment, Intervention, and Management

RESOLVED, that our LSMS advocate for the advancement of statewide programs targeted at providing resources that improve public literacy on suicide and prevention;

Programs should include:

1. Training in mental health literacy, including (1) recognition of suicide warning signs in patients, (2) preventative steps that can be taken, and (3) proper intervention during an active suicide attempt.
2. A comprehensive suicide prevention program.
3. Peer support programs for youth and the creation of school programs which mitigate suicide risk in adolescents.
4. Support for effective clinical, professional, and community practices which will reduce mental health stigma and aid in identifying individuals at risk for suicide.

RESOLUTION 304– SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION 304 ADOPTED

SUBJECT: Firearm Regulation in Louisiana

RESOLVED, that the LSMS support gun safety programs and mental health programs to prevent the loss of life, while maintaining a citizen’s constitutional right to bear arms.

RESOLUTION 401– REFERRED TO BOG

SUBJECT: Oppose Medicaid Work Requirements

RESOLVED, that our Louisiana State Medical Society oppose work requirements as a criterion for Medicaid eligibility.

RESOLUTION H-1– ADOPTED

SUBJECT: Citation of a Layman for Distinguished Service

RESOLVED, that the Board of Governors of the Louisiana State Medical Society conveys its deepest gratitude to William O. Huckabay, Jr. for distinguished service to the medical profession and the community and congratulates him on the occasion of his retirement as Executive Director of the Shreveport Medical Society, and be it further

RESOLVED, that on January 25, 2019, the LSMS Citation of a Layman for Distinguished Service is presented to Mr. William O. Huckabay, Jr.

RESOLUTION H-2 - ADOPTED

SUBJECT: LSMS Community Service Award

RESOLVED, the 2018 LSMS Physician Award for Community Service is presented to Ann Conn, M.D. of Covington.

RESOLUTION H-3 – ADOPTED

SUBJECT: LSMS Hall of Fame

RESOLVED, that in recognition of her dedicated service in both elected and appointed positions that uniquely contributed to the welfare of the LSMS, Joseph D. Busby, Jr., MD of Monroe, be elected to the Hall of Fame of the Louisiana State Medical Society.

RESOLUTION H-4 – ADOPTED

SUBJECT: LSMS Hall of Fame

RESOLVED, that in recognition of his dedicated service in both elected and appointed positions that uniquely contributed to the welfare of the LSMS, Roger D. Smith, MD of New Orleans, be elected to the Hall of Fame of the Louisiana State Medical Society.

Attendee List

The following LSMS members attended the 2018 LSMS House of Delegates:

Luis Alvarado, MD	Allison Feibus	Christina Notarianni, MD
Luis Arencibia, MD	Cathi Fontenot, MD	Amberly Nunez, MD
Susan Bankston, MD	Codey Fontenot, MD	Richard Owings, MD
Robert Bass, MD	Andrew Foret, MD	Richard Paddock, MD
Adam Beasley	Brittany Foret	Donald Palmisano, MD
Tina Benoit-Clark, MD	Elle Foster	Paul Perkowski, MD
James Bishara, MD	Daniel Frechtling	Warren Plauche, MD
Andy Blalock, MD	William Freeman, MD	Destiny Price
Irving Blatt, MD	Daniel Gallagher, MD	Matthew Prine, MD
Jonathan Boraski, MD	Brian Gamborg, MD	Sabrina Reed
Blake Boudreaux	Juan Gershanik, MD	Mark Rice, MD
Lawrence Braud, MD	Frances Gill	Gabe Rivera, MD
Jason Braud, MD	Stewart Gordon, MD	Matthew Root
Patrick Breaux, MD	Owen Grossman, MD	Michael Roppolo, MD
David Broussard, MD	Rachel Gruner, MD	Phillip Rozeman, MD
Jason Broussard, MD	Jeffrey Gruner, MD	Carl Sabottke
Jimmy Brown	Albert Gutierrez, MD	Jay Shames, MD
Cynthia Brown-Manning, MD	Sarah Hamauei, MD	Fayez Shamieh, MD
Floyd Buras, MD	Meghan Handley	Roger Smith, MD
Regina Burton, MD	Mark Hebert, MD	Rachel Spann
Jay Busby, MD	Jeremy Henderson, MD	Lee Stevens, MD
Lisa Casey, MD	Shannon	Kathleen Sullivan, MD
Greg Caudill, MD	Janine Hopkins, MD	Henry Taliaferro, MD
Bryce Christensen	Rita Horton, MD	Louis Trachtman, MD
James Christopher, MD	Alexander Huttleston	T. Steen Trawick, MD
Robert Chugden, MD	Gwenn Jackson, MD	Aniedi Udofa, MD
William "Beau" Clark, MD	Trenton James, MD	Allen Vander, MD
Roderick Clark, MD	Daniel Johnson, MD	John VanHoose, MD
James Cliffe	Christian	JoAnn Warrick, MD
C. Ann Conn, MD	Anatole Karpovs, MD	Michael Wheelis, MD
Cara Coren	Jean Lafontant	Frederick White, MD
Margaret Crittall, MD	Jason Langhofer, MD	Ashley White, MD
Vincent Culotta, MD	Thomas Latiolais, MD	Randall White, MD
Blake Denley	Owen Leftwich, MD	Katherine Williams, MD
Keith DeSonier, MD	Euil Luther, MD	Adrienne Williams, MD
Ashley Duhon	Justin Magrath	R. Mark Williams, MD
Kevin Duplechain, MD	Jake Majors, MD	Thomas Wooldridge, MD

Ken Ehrhardt, MD
George Ellis, Jr., MD
Donald Falgoust, MD
K. Barton Farris, MD

Robert McCord, MD
Harold Miller, MD
Caleb Natale
Reece Newsome, MD

Peter Wrzesinski
Lindsey York, MD