

GLMS Board of Governors Highlights

July 10, 2020

- The GLMS Board welcomed our new elected officers as well as new Board member, Dr. Amy Quillo.
- The Board approved minutes from meetings on January 10, 2020 and May 8, 2020.
- Dr. Patricia Purcell, Treasurer, reported that representatives from accounting firm Dean Dorton have completed their financial review and concluded that they are not aware of any material modifications that need to be made to our financial statements in order to be in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The report also showed that GLMS spends 90% of funding on program expenses.
- An expected loss of revenue for GLMS due to loss of credentialing contracts has been decreased based on GLMS staff's work to decrease expenses and increase income. The officers have approved money from the reserve fund to be utilized to complete this year's budget. A new budget will be presented in the fall for 2021.
- Bert Guinn, Executive Vice President/CEO, reported that since GLMS staff have successfully been working from home since mid-March, our physical office space is empty at this time. GLMS members have expressed interest in a local meeting space for 20-30 people to gather. Bert is talking with a realtor to determine if it is possible to sublease for the remainder of our lease (1 ½ years remaining).
- Dr. Monalisa Taylor, President, said that the Wear the White Coat program is on hold for this year, due to the pandemic.
- In working with the Kentucky Medical Association and the Northern Kentucky Medical Society, GLMS will present a CME virtual webinar that will focus on resiliency in the age of COVID-19. This will be presented on July 29, 2020.
- Dr. Taylor said that GLMS will release a statement in support of addressing racial injustices and encouraging protestors to continue maintaining physical distancing, wearing a mask and keeping their hands clean. In addition to a statement, a section will be added to Louisville Medicine where physicians can share how they may have experienced these racial inequities.
- GLMS is planning another CME webinar for later in the fall or winter to discuss the racial inequities we face in medicine.
- Amanda Edmondson, Communications & Marketing Director, delivered the 2020 Membership Report to the Board. Total membership currently stands at 3,354 members. GLMS has 1,769 active physicians, 422 life members, 513 medical students, 468 in-training and 182 others. This is a 4.73% increase in active members compared to last year. Amanda thanked Dr. John Roberts and his team with the residency program at UofL for partnering with us; this year we have the highest number of residents join GLMS in our history. 56% of GLMS active membership is employed by the three large health care systems: Baptist Health, Norton Healthcare, and UofL Health.
- A list was presented of members who have not yet paid their 2020 dues. The drop date was extended because of COVID-19. The Board voted to drop those members as of July 15.
- Bert Guinn reported on behalf of the GLMS Foundation that the PPE Care Package drive went exceedingly well and noted it as an example of how the two organizations can work together to help better serve the community. Money was raised and the GLMS Foundation matched funds to purchase

PPE. GLMS staff contacted local distilleries to donate 660 bottles of hand sanitizer. GLMS staff will communicate with private practices to determine need for supplies and the possibility of an additional PPE drive in the fall.

- Dr. Jeffrey Goldberg, Credentialing Chair, reported that the MedCentral credentialing program has signed formal contracts with UofL Jewish Hospital and has started doing initial appointments for everyone at Jewish Hospital as of June 1, 2020.
- The Board voted to add Ex-Officio (non-voting) positions to the GLMS Board for each of the major health care systems. Those elected to this position must be both a member of the board at their respective hospital system as well as a physician member of GLMS. Dr. Fred Williams, in attendance, was voted to represent UofL Health. Board members will be reaching out to representatives from Baptist Health and Norton Healthcare to bring to the Board for a vote.
- Dr. Sarah Moyer, Director of the Louisville Metro Department of Public Health & Wellness, reported that the city's total number of COVID-19 positive cases has now reached 4,378 with 69 patients currently hospitalized. The recent mask mandate issued for the state of Kentucky is fully supported by her department and said it will help to empower businesses and labor unions to require masks.
- Dr. Toni Ganzel, Dean of the UofL School of Medicine, said that the school has been impacted by COVID-19 in every way possible, from clinical, to research, to education, to community engagement. None of the UofL Health hospitals had to close during the pandemic. Existing research projects have been put on pause temporarily, but 30 to 40 new projects have begun related to COVID-19. Classes will be online with a few small group sessions and testing that will be in person, but with social distancing protocols. Third-year and fourth-year students are back in clinics at this time. There will be no face-to-face residency interviews or medical school applicant interviews. All will be virtual. Fourth-year students will not be able to do away rotations and we will not be able to host visiting students here.
- The UofL School of Medicine is looking at curricular changes as well as policy and procedure changes through the lens of race and implicit bias.
- Dr. Lewis Hargett, President of Falls City Medical Society, thanked Dr. Ganzel for continuing to foster inclusivity between the Falls City Medical Society and the UofL School of Medicine with events such as the White Coats for Black Lives event. The Falls City Medical Society donated \$500 to the School of Medicine to assist students in purchasing stethoscopes as well as for scholarships.
- Debi McDonald, President of the GLMS Alliance, reported that they would advance their fiscal year through October 31, 2020 for business proceedings and change of officers. They will not collect membership dues for this year; memberships will be renewed at no charge. The annual medical mission trip to Uganda was cancelled. The Alliance donated surgical masks, gowns and gloves to partners at La Casita Community Center and clinics in Shelby County.
- Dr. Charles Oberst, Chair of the GLMS Senior Physicians Committee, said that while all meetings are currently cancelled, there are several speakers lined up for when we can meet in person again. He will look into the possibility of hosting these as a virtual meeting in the future.
- The GLMS Foundation has launched a task force called Reinventing the GLMS Foundation. Recommendations will be presented at the August GLMS Foundation board meeting.
- Dr. John Roberts, KMA Trustee and AMA Alternate Delegate, said that the KMA is creating public service announcements with the Foundation for Healthy Kentucky on the topic of wearing masks and social

distancing. They are also working with the Foundation for Healthy Kentucky on a campaign in the fall to promote vaccines.

- The 2020 KMA Annual Meeting will be a virtual meeting for the first time. Final plans are still being considered, and more details will be released as they come available. Please visit kyma.org for more information.
- There are several positions up for election this year within the KMA Board. Those positions include: KMA Board of Trustees for the 5th District, KMA Alternate Board of Trustees for the 5th District, KMA Secretary/Treasurer, and AMA Delegate. It was proposed that Dr. Roberts serve as Vice Chair of the Trustees and AMA Delegate. This will open up the position on the Board of Trustees for the 5th District. Dr. Taylor proposed names of several members who she knows are interested in becoming more involved and will work with GLMS staff to communicate to those members.