

## GLMS Board of Governors Highlights

September 10, 2021

- Dr. Monalisa Tailor welcomed new Board member Dr. John David Kolter, At-Large Board member appointed by Dr. Brian Sosnin.
- The Board approved minutes from the previous meeting on July 9, 2021.
- The Board congratulated the following people on their elections at the Kentucky Medical Association's Annual Meeting: Dr. Monalisa Tailor, KMA President Elect; Dr. SarahBeth Hartlage, KMA Vice Speaker; Dr. John Roberts and Dr. Bruce Scott, AMA Delegates; Dr. Suzanne McGee and Dr. Mamata Majmundar, AMA Alternate Delegates.
- Bert Guinn, EVP/CEO, announced that GLMS won an AAMSE Award for the three-part Racial Inequalities in Medicine program. GLMS also received the Business First Best Places to Work Award for the fifth year in a row.
- GLMS has launched a new texting service to update members on-the-go. Text "GLMS" to 833-509-1891 for physician alerts or "Wellness" to receive more information on upcoming events, programs and wellness life hacks. *Note, standard messaging rates apply.*
- Dr. Patricia Purcell, Vice President and Vaccine Task Force Representative, shared that the GLMS Foundation's PSA debunking vaccine myths has launched and is being shared with local TV and radio stations and through social media. The Vaccine Task Force is looking for ways to reach people who have not yet received their first vaccine as well as those who are ready for a third round of vaccine.
- In addition to the PSA, GLMS Foundation is partnering with Louisville Public Media during their Fall Membership Drive to put out a message that will run Sept. 13-15 on WFPK, WFPL and WUOL. The message will say, "The Foundation of the Greater Louisville Medical Society salutes our health care heroes and encourages everyone to get vaccinated and wear masks."
- The Louisville Metro Department of Public Health & Wellness will host a listening session with GLMS on Wednesday, Sept. 22 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. This listening session aims to get feedback on how vaccine rollout went, what patients are saying about the vaccine, and more.
- Dr. Kenneth Anderson, Baptist Health representative, reported that they are seeing over 500 cases of COVID-19 at their nine area hospitals, the highest number they've seen so far. 90% of ICU patients were unvaccinated. They are not currently doing any elective procedures that require an overnight stay in the hospital to conserve resources.
- Dr. Tailor shared an update on the Kentucky Legislature Special Session that ended the day prior. Most bills were COVID-19 related. House Joint Resolution 1 passed, which extended coronavirus emergency declaration. Senate Bill 1 passed and nullified the statewide school mask mandate that was issued by the Kentucky Board of Education. Governor Andy Beshear tried to line-item veto that and the legislature overrode him before the end of the session. Local school districts can now make decisions regarding masks on their own and it also extends a 20-day possibility for students who need virtual or NTI learning. Senate Bill 2 also passed, after going through a veto by the Governor, and directs the state to create more monoclonal antibody treatment centers, to increase testing and vaccine capacity, and to require nursing homes and long-term care facilities to allow one family member inside to visit. This bill also bans the state from issuing a statewide mask mandate until 2023. Senate Bill 3 set aside \$69 million

for the Governor and his team to allocate funds toward initiatives such as monoclonal antibody treatment centers and increasing testing and vaccine capacity throughout the state.

- Dr. Brian Sosnin, President, shared that a letter has been generated to send to the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure to call for a biennial process for medical license renewal. The Board voted in favor of sending the letter to the KBML.
- The Board is looking for community partners to develop additional programs on racial inequalities in medicine.
- Dr. Toni Ganzel, Dean of the University of Louisville School of Medicine, said that classes are still in person at this time and that students are excited to be back in person and together again. More than 80% of M2, M3 and M4 students are fully vaccinated and more than 90% of M1s are fully vaccinated. Students have until September 15 to become vaccinated in order to move forward with their studies.
- Dr. Lewis Hargett, Secretary, reported that the Falls City Medical Society had their first meeting back from summer break. Dr. Hargett has stepped down from his role as President of FCMS to run for Region 3 Trustee with the National Medical Association, to which he was elected. The new President of FCMS is Dr. Kapauner Lewis, a pediatric anesthesiologist. FCMS members such as Dr. Wayne Tuckson, Dr. Mark Burns, and Dr. Christopher Jones have been active in the community with promoting COVID-19 vaccinations. FCMS has been engaged in mentoring students as they come back to school as they matriculate from year one to graduation. Region 3 and the Kentucky Chapter of the NMA will host a hybrid meeting March 28, 2022 - May 1, 2022.
- Dr. Sarah Moyer, Director of the Louisville Metro Department of Public Health and Wellness, reported that COVID-19 numbers continue to plateau this week. OSHA is requiring all workplaces with over 100 employees to require vaccinations along with anyone who accepts Medicare and Medicaid. It is Suicide Prevention Month, and the city has started a crisis text line in addition to a phone line. They are still seeing an increase in HIV numbers and encourage physicians to keep this question in differentials.
- Danielle DeFerraro, Program Coordinator for the GLMS Foundation, announced that they have 21 teams for this year's Doctor's Cup which will be held on Monday, Sept. 27 at Hurstbourne Country Club. Six medical student recipients have been selected for scholarships at \$5,000 each, for a total of \$30,000.
- Dr. Charles Oberst, Chair of the CATO Senior Physicians Group, shared that Dr. David Casey will present on Alzheimer's on Tuesday, Sept. 14 at 12:00 p.m. via Zoom. Upcoming topics include PTSD and service dogs.
- Karyn Hascal, President of The Healing Place, thanked the GLMS Foundation for awarding them a grant this year. The Healing Place is seeing a reduced number of clients at this time, and they are planning to restructure some programs to adapt to the new environment.
- Dr. John Roberts, KMA Trustee and AMA Delegate, shared that the KMA held their Annual Meeting over the month of August and hosted the House of Delegates virtually for the first time. They reviewed 28 resolutions and of those, 27 became policy of the KMA. Of those 27 passed, nine came from medical students. The Interim Meeting of the AMA is scheduled for November; it is still under review if it will be held in person or virtually.
- Debi McDonald, President of the GLMS Alliance, said that the Alliance will host their first event in 18 months on Tuesday, Sept. 14, to get together at Little Mount Lavender. There are still plans to travel to the Dominican Republic next spring, COVID-19 permitting.