

## GLMS Board Highlights

May 12, 2023

- Dr. Brian Sosnin, Board Chair, welcomed Dr. Sam Yared as a new Board member as Senior Physician Chair. Dr. Yared welcomed ideas from the Board for upcoming speakers/topics.
- Dr. Sosnin introduced Dr. Jason Smith, UofL Health Chief Medical Officer, to speak on gun violence. Dr. Smith said that we need to simply begin conversations about how to fix gun violence, outside of political party lines. For physicians asking what more they can do, he said to talk in the community about what's coming through our hospitals, whether you're directly involved or not. "We've sat quiet for way too long, and we've let ourselves be pushed toward not speaking, and that can't be the case any longer."
- Dr. Aneeta Bhatia, GLMS Secretary and Dr. Rejith Paily, At-Large Member, are both part of the KMA Task Force on Gun Violence and shared that 11 physicians have come together to do research locally and nationally to bring to the next KMA Annual Meeting.
- Dr. Thomas Higgins, Treasurer and Policy & Advocacy Team Chair, reminded everyone of the upcoming P&A meetings: June 8, 29 and July 13 at 7:00 p.m., all via Zoom.
- Dr. Valerie Briones-Pryor, President, thanked Dr. Sosnin for his year of service and leadership as Board Chair over the past year.
- Dr. Rajith Paily was appointed as an At-Large Board Member by Dr. Briones-Pryor.
- Dr. Briones-Pryor recapped some recent events, such as Specialty Speed for first- and second-year medical students, the Family Day at the Kentucky Science Center, and a Silent Disco for fourth-year medical students.
- Dr. Patricia Purcell talked about the GLMS Foundation Fresh Produce Distribution event in West Louisville (partnership w/ Norton Healthcare and Norton Children's). They partnered with New Roots, a CSA that can be utilized with SNAP funds. Members of the community were able to get bags of fresh produce while also getting blood pressure and heart rate checks while there.
- The President's Celebration will take place on May 21 at the Kentucky Science Center, sponsored by the GLMS Foundation and Lang IT365.
- Dr. Briones-Pryor and Bert Guinn, GLMS EVP/CEO, shared an update on the GLMS Strategic Plan. The new mission is "To empower physicians by creating engaging experiences, advancing meaningful advocacy, and building impactful relationships in the community." The new vision is "To create a collaborative community that unites physicians." In the first year of strategic planning, we hosted many family and collegial events, expanded membership accessibility for associate members, created the Quick Access Portal (QAP) for Board members, and more. The QAP is available for current Board members and contains information including Board orientation/roster, bylaws, strategic plan, budget, and Key Performance Indicators.
- The Board approved the minutes from the March Board meeting.
- Dr. Aneeta Bhatia, Secretary, took a moment to congratulate those elected to positions for the 2023-2024 year. Dr. Lewis Hargett was elected President-Elect, Dr. Thomas Higgins was elected Vice President, and Dr. Jeffrey Goldberg was elected Treasurer, two new At-Large members, as

well as many physicians elected to KMA Delegate and Nominating Committee positions. The Board voted to accept those election results.

- The Board approved new bylaws.
- Amanda Hall, Communications & Marketing Director, shared a membership update. A list of those members who have not yet paid their 2023 dues was sent to all Board members, currently with 297 active and 27 associate members who will be dropped if they do not pay their dues by May 31. GLMS and KMA staff have been contacting these members over the last several months to encourage them to pay their dues. Amanda asked Board members to reach out to anyone on the list that they might have personal relationships with for a direct point of contact. The Board voted to drop members who have not paid by May 31.
- Dr. Toni Ganzel, Dean UofL School of Medicine, shared that senior honors and graduation are coming up this weekend. There was a celebration earlier this week thanking a group of medical students who started an organization called Future Healers. They focus on students from age 4-12 whose families have been influenced and impacted by gun violence. They spend time with the kids and do health-related activities and teach them about medicine. Dr. Ganzel will be retiring from her position as Dean at the end of June.
- Dr. Lewis Hargett, incoming GLMS President-Elect and District 3 Trustee for the National Medical Society/Falls City Medical Society, said that FCMS recently selected Delegates to the National Medical Association. There is a new chapter of the NMA in Kentucky, the Bluegrass Chapter in Lexington, getting their charter soon.
- Dr. John Roberts, GLMS Foundation Chair, shared that they have reviewed finances and due to style of investments, have recovered from the COVID-19 market effects and have plenty of resources to award grants and continue to give back to the community. They continue to support many GLMS activities, including the food drive in West Louisville mentioned previously. The Family Hike at Iroquois Park is coming up on June 3. There will be several people rotating off of the Foundation Board, which will be recognized at the President's Celebration, and four new members will be coming onto the Board including the following: Dr. Johnathan Bilbro, Dr. Jeremy Clark, Dr. Sam Yared, and Corenza Townsend (CAO Norton West Louisville Hospital).
- Dr. Monalisa Taylor, KMA President, thanked members for their involvement in KMA Physicians' Day at the Capitol. SB12 passed, in regard to physician wellness. HB134, in regard to prior authorization, made a lot of headway but did not pass due to financial concerns, so we will continue to advocate for this between now and the next legislative session. The KMA Annual Meeting will take place August 26-28 in Louisville. The education sessions will be in regard to social determinants of health. An upcoming Learn With Me CME session will take place in June with Dr. Belinda Setters, a geriatric specialist with the VA. The AMA Annual Meeting will take place in June.
- Dr. Yared said that a group from the Senior Physicians Committee meet every week to get new people involved with the monthly meetings. They are looking for speakers on telehealth or financial planning.

- Dr. Sosnin thanked the Board for the opportunity to work with them throughout his time as President-Elect, President and Board Chair.