

GLMS Board Highlights

January 12, 2024

- The Board approved the minutes from the November Board meeting.
- The UofL School of Medicine secured the Angel's Envy Club at Cardinal Stadium for Match Day and asked for a \$1,000 sponsorship donation. The Board voted in favor of funding this event.
- Dr. Patricia Purcell, President, shared the proposed ballot from the Nominating Committee meeting. GLMS staff are confirming that all those nominated are interested in the positions and have paid their 2024 membership dues.
- GLMS is sponsoring and providing dinner at a student advocacy event on the ULSOM campus on Jan. 29. Cory Meadows, KMA Director of Advocacy, will be joined by a panel of physicians who specialize in advocacy in different areas.
- The Richard Spear, MD, Memorial Essay Contest has begun, and the theme is "If I Weren't A Doctor, I'd Be A..." There are two categories, both with a \$1,125 prize and the deadline is March 1.
- Dr. Purcell encouraged the Board to vote in the Doctors' Ball Physicians of the Year Awards. The awards will be presented at the Doctors' Ball on March 2.
- Dr. Thomas Higgins, Vice President and P&A Chair, announced the Legislative Reception on Feb. 6 at Angel's Envy. GLMS members will also be attending Physicians' Day at the Capitol on Feb. 21 in Frankfort. This will kick off with a virtual briefing from KMA on Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. via Zoom.
- Bert Guinn, EVP/CEO, announced that GLMS member Dr. Jiapeng Huang will be running for KMA President-Elect this year. He most recently served as Vice President of KMA. The Board voted in favor of endorsing Dr. Huang in this nomination.
- As in the past, GLMS is again sponsoring physicians for the 2024 session of the Kentucky Physicians Leadership Institute (KPLI). The Board voted in support of sending Dr. Sajida Zubi Suleman and Dr. Rinit H. Pancholi. There is one space available left for GLMS sponsorship this year.
- Dr. Kris Bryant, Louisville Metro Public Health and Wellness Associate Medical Director, reported that cases of congenital syphilis are skyrocketing in the U.S., and reached a 30-year high in 2021 and rose again in 2022. The CDC recommendation is to test pregnant people at the first prenatal visit as well as at 28 weeks and delivery. They also recommend that in counties where there are elevated rates of primary and secondary syphilis in women of childbearing age, to test people aged 15-44 who are sexually active, and treat them if they are positive.
- She also mentioned that there are also problems with infant mortality in Jefferson County, with the rate at 6.19 per 1,000 live births, higher than the national average of 5.6. The infant mortality rate is higher in Black infants in Louisville metro than in white infants. The Healthy Start program is designed to improve health outcomes for pregnant people and their infants and make healthier families in the first two years of life. This program serves five zip codes: 40203, 40208, 40210, 40211 and 40212.
- Dr. Jeffery Bumpous, Interim Dean and Vice President of Medical Affairs at ULSOM, announced that they have hired a new Dean for the School of Public Health, Katie Cardarelli, PhD. He also shared that Dr. Ron Paul, ULSOM Vice Dean of Faculty Affairs and Advancement, has retired

after 30 years and Dr. Michelle Stevenson is taking on this role. At the University at large, Dr. Jon Klein will take over as Interim Executive Vice President for Research and Innovation.

- Dr. Lewis Hargett, GLMS President-Elect and NMA Treasurer, said that Falls City Medical Society membership continues to increase, and they are expanding their mentoring with medical students. The Region 3 NMA meeting will take place in Nashville, Tennessee in April.
- Dr. John Roberts, GLMS Foundation Chair, said there are still tickets available for the Doctors' Ball in March. Tickets may be purchased individually or as a table of eight.
- The Doctor's Cup Golf Committee is preparing for this year's event and is proposing an increase in scholarships to \$12,500 each (up from \$10,000 each). The Foundation Board will vote on this soon.
- Dr. Monalisa Tailor shared that the KMA had two new programs at the end of 2023. One was a specialty group organizational event to meet KMA staff and to discuss commonality and issues that might be coming up in Frankfort as well as CME opportunities and conferences. KMA also held an informational lunch session with legislators in Frankfort to discuss upcoming priorities. Dr. Tailor encouraged the Board to register for Physicians' Day at the Capitol on Feb. 21.
- Dr. Roberts shared that the AMA Annual Meeting will take place in June in Chicago. There are several openings in the councils, and they are asking for nominations for those positions. Dr. Bruce Scott will be installed as AMA President in June.
- Bert Guinn shared that the Senior Physicians Speaker Series will resume on Feb. 6 at noon via Zoom. The speaker will be Dr. Kara Goodin, speaking about updates on cancer genetics and hereditary cancer syndromes.
- Jay Davidson, Chairman of The Healing Place, shared that they are applying for provisional CARF (Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities) accreditation. They anticipate the CARF survey to happen near the end of May. They are working on a pilot residential program, funded by opiate abatement money, and start practicing providing residential treatment in the safe haven program before they go for Medicaid reimbursement through CARF.
- The Board voted in favor of sponsoring a table at the GLMS Foundation Doctors' Ball.