

GLMS Board Highlights

July 10, 2026

- Dr. Thomas Higgins, Board Chair, welcomed the following new Board members:
 - Dr. Zubi Suleman (Secretary)
 - Drs. Lori Caloia and Pradeep Singh (At-Large Board Members)
 - Drs. Walter Donica, Abby Gellert, Matt Lyons and Andrew Ray (In-Training Delegates)
- He also congratulated the following current Board members with new roles:
 - Dr. Thomas Higgins (Board Chair)
 - Dr. Aneeta Bhatia (President)
 - Dr. Jeffrey Goldberg (President-Elect)
 - Dr. Christopher Jones (Vice-President)
- The Board approved the minutes from the May Board meeting.
- Dr. Rejith Paily, Treasurer, presented the annual financial report after an audit from Dean Dorton. The review states that Dean Dorton is not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements and gave us a clean review. The Board voted to adopt the report. The firm also reported that 91% of GLMS' expenses were program-related, a 3% increase from the previous year, underscoring GLMS' strong focus on advancing our mission and delivering value through programs.
- Dr. Higgins, Board Chair and Policy & Advocacy Chair, reported that the P&A Committee met three times over the summer to develop resolutions to submit on behalf of GLMS for the KMA Annual Meeting. He also called for any additional Delegates and encouraged people to register for the Annual Meeting.
- Bert Guinn, EVP/CEO, thanked Dr. Higgins for his year as GLMS President and presented him with a gift to show appreciation.
- Dr. Higgins presented nominations for the following KMA positions, which the Board voted on and approved:
 - KMA Trustee: Dr. Thomas Higgins
 - KMA Alternate Trustee: Dr. Timothy Beacham
 - KMA Vice President: Dr. Christopher Jones
- Onvia McDaniel, Membership Coordinator, presented the membership report. We have a total membership of 3,675, which includes 1,619 active members. Twenty-seven percent of our members are independent and 73% are employed by either Baptist Health, Norton Healthcare or UofL Health. The industry standard for member retention is 0.90% and for the 8th consecutive year, we are above that, coming in at 1.001% this year. For 2026, we had 132 new or rejoin members.
- Dr. Aneeta Bhatia, President, reported that since her Presidency began, she attended the AMA Annual Meeting in June, and the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin meeting in July. She also attended the UofL New Resident/Fellow Welcome Reception. Coming up, GLMS will be present again at the White Coat Ceremony for the incoming class of medical students. Dr. Bhatia will speak on behalf of GLMS at the event on Sunday, August 2, and as we have done

for the last 20 years, GLMS will provide a new white coat and a professional portrait for each student. Dr. Bhatia also reminded the Board of the Wear the White Coat program will be held again this fall, with breakfast on August 19 and dinner on November 17.

- Dr. Jeffrey Bumpous, ULSOM Dean & Vice President of Medical Affairs, shared that they are looking at three finalists for the Chair of the Department of Psychiatry, as Dr. Casey remains on faculty, but is retiring as Chair. They will soon begin the search for the Chair of the Department of Pediatrics as Dr. Kim Boland retires next summer. The new incoming class of medical students will welcome 175 students, the largest class ever. ULSOM has established a new COBRE grant, focused on research in nutrition and metabolism. They have also received an MSTP grant, the first ever for Kentucky, to support and expand the MD/PhD program at UofL. Only about 10% of LCME-accredited medical schools have an MSTP grant. ULSOM is actively participating in the program that the Commonwealth of Kentucky has for the rural health transformation. Finally, they recently celebrated the 100th anniversary of the neurosurgery department in June, making it one of the oldest neurosurgery departments in the country.
- Heather Gibson, Interim Executive Director of The Healing Place, said they now have an integrated recovery program, allowing them to adapt to the increasingly complex needs of the population they serve. They are adding clinical components to serve the high acuity of co-occurring clients.
- Dr. Eric Lydon, KMA Trustee, shared that they are halfway through this year's KPLI cohort, with a new format this year. The KMA Annual Meeting will take place in person on August 22-23.
- Dr. John Roberts, GLMS Foundation Chair, shared that they recently welcomed several new Board members: Dr. Jan Yusk, Dr. Rinit Pancholi, Dr. Timothy Beacham, Dr. Andrew Woods, Dr. Jeffrey Goldberg and medical student Sanjana Nasta. The Scholarship Committee is finalizing this year's Doctor's Cup golf scramble on September 28. For the first time, we have filled all player teams, but there are still opportunities for hole sponsors. The Doctors' Ball will take place on March 6, 2027, at 6 p.m. at Hazelnut Farms.
- Dr. Sam Yared, Senior Physician Committee Chair, shared a brief recap of a recent presentations and asked for volunteers or suggestions for upcoming talks. He has also been helping with Dr. Morton Kasdan's suturing clinic and mentoring additional students separately.
- Dr. Stephanie McGee, President of Falls City Medical Society, shared that on July 11 they will be partnering with West Louisville Math and Science to pass out school supplies to students and review various organ systems to try to get them interested in healthcare fields. They will also partner with We Got Next on July 18 to perform sports physicals for students. The National Medical Association Annual Conference will be July 25-29 in Puerto Rico.
- Dr. Lori Caloia, Kentucky Department of Health Deputy Commissioner for Clinical Affairs, shared that an update would be coming from the state soon on cyclospora regarding details on the outbreak and what providers need to know. Ebola is also being closely monitored with over 1,700 confirmed cases and over 600 deaths reported, making it the fastest growing Ebola outbreak on record. This year marks the fourth consecutive year of a decline in overdose deaths in Kentucky, but they are still seeing disparities in rural communities and certain populations.

There has been some improvement in maternal-child health, going from a D- to a C in maternal mental health scores.

- Dr. Higgins explained that all Board members will receive annual disclosures digitally. He reminded that these conflict of interest and whistleblower documents need to be signed digitally and returned.