

# **SMS MEMBERSHIP SERVICES / VALUE**

## **SHREVEPORT MEDICAL SOCIETY, INC.**

- Provides a Telephone Physician Referral Service for SMS members
- Establish a SMS website that provides referral service for SMS members and links to info on physician and medical related issues
- Publishes monthly the SMS Bulletin for members
- Publishes bi-annually SMS Membership Pictorial Directory
- Represents SMS membership in the LSMS House of Delegates and serves as an educational resource for informing government and industry leadership on issues related to the medical profession and patient care in Louisiana
- Advocates for Physicians and their patients on medical related issues such as physician wellness, patient health, and the financing and delivery of care
- Schedules Continuing Medical Education sessions for members
- Promotes and co-brands educational activities and risk management events
- Provides staff coordination with LSMS, LAMPAC, Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, and SMS Alliance
- Organizes special membership activities such as the Oyster Party, Crawfish Boil, Inaugural Banquet, and Golf Tournament
- Promotes organized medicine with medical students and resident/fellows
- Schedules Quarterly Membership dinner meetings, monthly Board of Directors meetings, and receive membership input and participation from SMS Committees and Commissions
- Provides members an opportunity to serve as media spokesperson for their medical specialty
- Provides access to an office staff that assists SMS officers, board members and the general membership with support as necessary, e.g., maintain membership roster and personnel files, process applications, prepare press releases, and maintain financial records

## **SMS CIVIC ASSISTANCE AND EDUCATION FUND, INC.**

- Operates on behalf of the SMS membership to receive and distribute tax exempt revenues in order to:
  - Contribute to charitable, scientific, public health, literary and educational activities, and
  - To conduct programs of continuing professional education for SMS members to improve their capabilities and vitality