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Dear Colleagues:

It won't be long until it will be time for us to meet in Tucson for our 53rd Annual Meeting. If you have not already done so, please register soon in order to assure your accommodations for the event. I am excited about the papers and the topics that the Program and the Postgraduate Committees put together for sessions this year. I am also pleased to announce that Dr. Ed Bove has agreed to serve as the President's Invited Lecturer and will speak on "Achieving Excellence." Dr. Joe B. Putnam, Jr. from Vanderbilt University will provide the Kent Trinkle Lectureship. My presidential address is titled: "Whom Does the Grail Serve." On Saturday morning, I have invited Dr. Bill Baumgartner from Johns Hopkins and Dr. Michael Stahl (William Stokely Professor of Strategy, University of Tennessee Knoxville School of Business) to provide us with a one-hour session on strategies for the future for cardiothoracic surgeons. I imagine they will provide a very lively and provocative discussion.



If you would like to review the 53rd Annual Meeting program and download meeting registration forms, visit the STSA Web site at www.stsa.org. I am confident you will find many important sessions relevant to your patients and practice. When planning travel, you can fly directly to Tucson and take a shuttle to the hotel (about 30 minutes) or you can fly to Phoenix and rent a car (about a 2 hour drive). Don't forget, the deadline for registration is **October 14, 2005**, so please mail or fax your forms today.

In responding to the increased emphasis by professional boards and accrediting organizations that we enhance physician wellness and improve their ability to create and maintain balance in their lives, I am also excited about a pre-meeting workshop on *Managing the Demands of Modern Life*. This workshop is intended to provide couples with tools for dealing with the challenges that present in the busy lives of the cardiothoracic surgery family and some insights for understanding ways to develop the positive potential in their relationships. I am grateful that Jean McLendon and Anne Gonsoulin have agreed to participate in facilitating this workshop. I can assure you that they will be very effective and enjoyable. Registration forms for this workshop are available at www.stsa.org.

The Starr Pass Marriott is a lovely setting for our meeting. Its spa setting supports our theme of physician wellness, balance and self-care. The hotel is nestled in the mountains around Tucson and surrounded by forests of Saguaro cacti. The golf course has no water holes, which puts a damper on fishing, but is an outstanding tract with tight lies and plenty of challenge. Since the golf course is on-site, there will be no need for lengthy travel to and from the course. The lack of humidity should make the tennis fast and exciting. It gets cool at night in the desert, so bring a jacket or wrap for the outdoor President's Mixer.

There is also much to do around the area. Tucson is near the Mexico border and just 45 miles from the Marriott, the town of Tubac offers a lovely shopping area with quaint Southwestern stores, art galleries and restaurants. The Kartchner Caverns State Park is about a one and a half hour drive from the hotel property and provides a chance to explore the largest underground limestone caves in the country. They are still virtually pristine and the well guided tours are quite an experience. Advance reservations are recommended.

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53RD ANNUAL MEETING



Register Today!

Registrations for the 53rd Annual Meeting on November 8–11 are coming in quickly! STSA members are clearly looking forward to spending some valuable time in sunny Tucson enjoying STSA's outstanding educational programs and Tucson's beautiful landscape. The Marriott Starr Pass Resort & Spa, cradled in the Tucson Mountains, provides a backdrop rich in culture, history and natural beauty. The meeting will include Surgical Motion Pictures, the STSA Post-Graduate Program, an Ethics Session, Coding Workshop and the STSA Scientific Sessions. Physician attendees can earn up to 23.75 category 1 credits toward the AMA Physician's Recognition Award.

The Advance Program and Registration Form are available online at www.stsa.org, or contact STSA at (800) 685-7872 to request registration materials by mail. Be sure to pre-register by October 13; however, on-site registration will be available in Tucson. Hotel reservations can be made by calling the Marriott Starr Pass Resort & Spa at (888) 527-8989 or through a link at www.stsa.org. When making reservations, be sure to mention you are part of the Southern Thoracic meeting or use the group code: STSSTSA. See you in Tucson!

STSA Annual Meeting Guest Speakers



Edward Bove, MD, a renowned pediatric cardiac surgeon and an internationally recognized expert on the treatment of complex congenital heart disease will be the President's Invited Lecturer at STSA's 53rd Annual Meeting. Dr. Bove is currently a professor of surgery at the University of Michigan as well as Director of the Division of Pediatric Cardiovascular

Surgery and Associate Director of the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at C. S. Mott Children's Hospital. He also serves as director of the Pediatric Congenital Heart Program at Mott. Dr. Bove has been honored by the Alumni Association at Albany Medical College and has received the S.M. Perren Award from the European Society of Biomechanics. He has held a number of named lectureships here and abroad, and given hundreds of presentations on heart surgery around the world. Dr. Bove, who serves on a number of editorial boards, has published more than 230 articles, dozens of book chapters, and edited two books. Dr. Bove's lecture in Tucson is titled "Achieving Excellence" and will take place Friday morning, November 10th.









Each year, in honor of Dr. J. Kent Trinkle's remarkable dedication to student education, an STSA member is selected to present on his/her training program. This year's Kent Trinkle Lecture will be given by **Joe B. Putnam, Jr., MD** professor and chairman of the Department of Thoracic Surgery at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, TN. Dr. Putnam will speak

in Tucson on Friday morning, November 10th.



New this year at the STSA 53rd Annual Meeting

-  The Annual Meeting will kick off with **Surgical Motion Pictures** Wednesday evening from 8:00 pm – 10:15 pm
-  The first portion of the **Postgraduate Program** will feature concurrent sessions in adult cardiac, congenital heart surgery and general thoracic. The program will then continue with a plenary session. (Thursday, 7:00 am – 12:00 pm)
-  The **Coding Workshop** will cover an update on the 2007 physician fee schedule, the impact of the five-year review and new codes. It will be presented with a light lunch and advance registration is required. (Thursday, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm).
-  Previously held early mornings, the Ethics Session this year, "**Politely Refuse the Pen and Note Pad: Gifts from Industry to Physicians Harm Patients,**" will now be presented Thursday afternoon from 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm.
-  A session dealing with financial issues, "**Personal Finance: Dozens of Simple Strategies Necessary to Accumulate Wealth,**" will be held for the first time, directly following the Ethics Session on Thursday from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
-  Saturday morning from 7:00 am – 8:00 am, the special program "**Strategies and Vision for the Future of Cardiothoracic Surgery,**" will be presented by William Baumgartner, MD and Michael Stahl, PhD.

The 53rd Annual Meeting will take place November 8-11, 2006 at the Marriott Starr Pass Resort & Spa in sunny Tucson. You won't want to miss it so be sure to register today!



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Tentative Schedule of Events

The Southern Thoracic Surgical Association is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (AACME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The STSA designates this activity for a maximum of 23.75 category 1 credits toward the AMA Physician's Recognition Award. Each physician should claim only those credits that he/she actually devoted to the activity.

Wednesday, November 8, 2006

2:00 pm – 7:00 pm Registration
8:00 pm – 10:15 pm Surgical Motion Pictures

Thursday, November 9, 2006

7:00 am – 5:00 pm Registration
7:00 am – 8:30 am Postgraduate Breakout Sessions
8:30 am – 9:00 am Break
9:00 am – 12:00 pm Postgraduate Program
12:00 pm – 5:00 pm Exhibits Open – Scientific Posters in Exhibit Area
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Coding Workshop
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm First Scientific Session A
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm Break – Visit Exhibits and Scientific Posters
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm First Scientific Session B
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm Ethics Session: “Politely Refuse the Pen and Note Pad: Gifts from Industry to Physicians Harm Patients”
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Financial Session: “Personal Finance: Dozens of Simple Strategies Necessary to Accumulate Wealth”

Friday, November 10, 2006

6:30 am – 5:30 pm Registration
6:45 am – 12:00 pm Exhibits Open – Scientific Posters in Exhibit Area
7:00 am – 8:00 am Basic Science Forum
8:00 am – 10:00 am Second Scientific Session A
10:00 am – 10:30 am Break – Visit Exhibits and View Scientific Posters
10:30 am – 11:10 am President's Invited Lecturer: Ed Bove, MD, University of Michigan: “Achieving Excellence”

11:10 am – 11:20 am Kent Trinkle Education Lectureship: Joe B. Putnam, Jr., MD, Vanderbilt University
11:20 am – 12:00 pm Presidential Address: Ross Ungerleider, MD: “Whom Does the Grail Serve?”
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm Attendee Luncheon
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm Exhibits Open – Scientific Posters in Exhibit Area
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm Moderated Poster Session
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm Second Scientific Session B
3:30 pm – 4:00 pm Break – Visit Exhibits and Scientific Posters
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm STSA Business Meeting – **STSA Members Only**
6:30 pm – 9:00 pm Presidents Mixer

Saturday, November 11, 2006

6:30 am – 12:00 pm Registration
6:45 am – 11:00 am Exhibits Open – Scientific Posters in Exhibit Area
7:00 am – 8:00 am Special Session
8:15 am – 10:00 am Third Scientific Session A
10:00 am – 10:30 am Break – Visit Exhibits and Scientific Posters
10:30 am – 12:00 pm Third Scientific Session B
12:00 pm Program Adjourns
12:30 pm – 6:00 pm Golf and Tennis Tournaments
7:00 pm – 11:00 pm President's Black Tie Ball
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm Reception
8:00 pm – 11:00 pm Dinner and Awards

End of Conference

Plenty of options for fun and relaxation!

STSA is known for hosting memorable social functions and providing plenty of opportunities for networking and relaxation. This year is certainly no exception with the President's Mixer Friday evening, a golf and tennis tournament Saturday afternoon and the always memorable President's Black Tie Ball Saturday night. On the resort grounds, guests can enjoy a luxurious pampering environment at the spa, take a dip in the pool,

go biking or hiking, and of course get ready for the tournaments with a round of golf or tennis. Tucson too abounds with activities for the whole family. Natural wonders, museums, shopping, and Wild West adventures are just a jumping off place. To learn more about all there is to see and do in Tucson visit <http://visittucson.org/>.

Presidential Message

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I am grateful to the members of the various planning committees and council members for helping us plan such a balanced and high quality meeting. It has great scientific content that will provide a glimpse of what keeps us state-of-the-art. The postgraduate course is designed to be useful for all, including morning breakout sessions. The scientific papers were selected from close to 200 outstanding submissions. The invited speakers represent leadership in our field. For spouses, there is a planned postgraduate course on Thursday morning (concomitant with the members postgraduate course) on Managing the Demands of Modern Life. We have put together an outstanding panel of experts for this course. In addition to the serene setting of the desert around Tucson and the first rate accommodations of the Starr Pass Marriott, this promises to be a very enjoyable meeting.

Please join us in Tucson. I am looking forward to sharing this event with you.

Warm Welcome to Incoming President, Carolyn Reed, MD



After a year of dedicated service as President, Ross Ungerleider, MD will pass the traditional gavel to incoming President Carolyn Reed, MD at the Annual Meeting in Tucson. Dr. Reed, who served as Secretary/Treasurer from 1999 – 2002, is an STSA Tiki and Osler Abbott award winner and has been active in STSA since 1996. Dr. Reed currently serves in the Department of Thoracic Surgery at the Medical University of South Carolina and is Director of the Hollings Cancer Center.

Important Bylaws Change to be Voted on at Annual Meeting

Two important revisions to STSA Bylaws will be voted on at the Annual Meeting in Tucson this year. The STSA Council recently approved new language that would allow those who have previously practiced cardiothoracic surgery for at least two consecutive years in STSA states and regions served, but had not joined the organization during the time, to be eligible for membership. This revision would open membership to many who had formerly not been eligible.

The second revision would allow for a 10 percent increase in acceptance of annual meeting abstracts to be presented by non-members of STSA. Currently, 15 percent of papers presented may be presented by authors who are not members. The proposed change would increase that number to 25 percent.

Please refer to the *STSA News* insert to read the specific changes being voted on for each Article. Be sure to attend the Business Meeting (Members Only) Friday, November 10 at 5:00 pm to cast your vote.

Thank you to Leadership Stepping Down

A number of STSA Council and Committee Chairs will be stepping down after the 53rd Annual Meeting in Tucson. A leadership role with STSA is a considerable commitment, and we sincerely appreciate the benefit each member receives because of our leadership's dedication to furthering STSA's mission. Thank you for your service!

D. Glenn Pennington, MD – Past President
W. Randolph Chitwood, MD – Vice President
John H. Calhoon, MD – Secretary/Treasurer (2003 – 2006)
Keith Naunheim, MD – Councilor
Michael J. Mack, MD – Program Committee Chair & CME Committee
Kevin D. Accola, MD – Membership Committee Chair & CME Committee
Walter H. Merrill, MD – Postgraduate Committee Chair
* Dr. Merrill will continue as Director of CME
Constantine Mavroudis, MD –Nominating Committee Chair

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