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## Letter From the President

The STSA 61st Annual Meeting is just around the corner. We have a record number of early meeting registrants this year and hotel rooms are going fast, so please get your reservations in as soon as possible.

If you haven't had a chance to do so, be sure to pre-register by October 14. The meeting will kick-off in Tucson, Arizona, on Wednesday, November 5 with Surgical Motion Pictures at 7:45 p.m.

The 61st Annual Meeting promises to be another exceptional educational event. An Advance Program was mailed to you in July; I hope you have had a chance to review it and that you have made note of the many important sessions relevant to your patients and practice. Once you have experienced the collegiality, fun, and scientific value of an STSA meeting, you will understand why members return year after year. I hope to see you and your family members in Tucson!

This is also the time of year when STSA concludes its annual membership recruitment campaign. The deadline for membership applications is coming up on September 15. At this time we have received 32 membership applications. I would like to extend my thanks to Marc Moon, MD, STSA Membership Chair, and the Membership Committee for their work in the recruitment of prospective members and their work still to be done in reviewing the applications. Thanks also to everyone who encouraged a colleague to apply and provided letters of support to these prospective members. If you are attending the Annual Meeting, plan to participate in the Annual Business Meeting on Friday, November 7, at 5:00 p.m., when we will vote on candidates presented for membership.

We will also vote on proposed revisions to the STSA Bylaws during the Annual Business Meeting this year. Included in this newsletter, you will find details regarding proposed changes. Please review these revisions carefully and come prepared to discuss and vote on the Bylaws updates during the Annual Business Meeting on Friday, November 7.

I would like to close by saying what an honor it has been to serve as your President this year. I look forward to an outstanding 61st Annual Meeting in Tucson, Arizona, and spending time with you and our colleagues as we enjoy the fellowship and educational offerings of the STSA.



*Richard L. Prager, MD*

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## Last Chance to Recruit New STSA Members – Application Deadline: September 15

More of your cardiothoracic surgery team members and friends now qualify for STSA membership than ever before. Encourage your colleagues and trainees to join STSA. The deadline to submit application materials is September 15, 2014. Contact STSA Headquarters at [stsa@stsa.org](mailto:stsa@stsa.org) or 800.685.7872 with questions about STSA membership.

### Scholarship Recipients Announced

The Brooks Scholarship Committee, Chaired by Dr. M. Blair Marshall this year, is pleased to announce that Mickey Ising of the University of Louisville and Xiaoying Lou of Northwestern University have been selected as the 2014 Brooks Scholarship recipients. The Committee also announced that Zachary Kon, MD, of the University of Maryland received the inaugural Resident's Scholarship. Learn more about the 2014 recipients and finalists at [www.stsa.org/awards](http://www.stsa.org/awards).

### A Reminder to New STSA Members

Active status will not become effective, nor a certificate of membership presented, until the elected applicant registers at one of the next four STSA Annual Meetings following his/her initial election to membership. Exception to this requirement may be granted by a majority vote of the Council. Failure to comply with the procedure, however, will require reapplication for membership.

## NEW STSA MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: Pierre de Delva, MD

Pierre de Delva, MD joined STSA as an Active Member in 2014. He is an Assistant Professor of Surgery and Section Chief of General Thoracic Surgery at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. STSA Members Dr. Walter Merrill and Dr. Curt Tribble nominated Dr. de Delva for Active Membership in 2013 and his application was approved at the November 2013 Business Meeting. Read on to learn why Dr. de Delva joined STSA, what he values most about the Southern Thoracic, and why you should encourage your colleagues, especially younger faculty, to join our great Association.



*Pierre de Delva, MD*

“Early in my experiences with groups like the Southern Thoracic Surgical Association, I recognized that regional surgical societies serve a complimentary and yet distinct role from our national and international associations. Strong feelings of community and pride are magnified by a shared sense of responsibility to represent and highlight the region’s excellence in patient care, innovation, and service. The regional proximity brings members and their families together and fosters lasting relationships. That’s what sets the STSA apart and makes the Annual Meeting a fun event hallmarked by great science, camaraderie, and friendship.

I joined the STSA to be part of this community and share in its mission of supporting Southern surgeons in pursuit of the highest quality patient care, education, scientific achievement, collegiality, and life balance. As a physician who did not train in the South, I am looking forward to the meeting in Tucson. It will be an opportunity to meet other cardiothoracic surgeons, find collaborative opportunities, and make new friends.

I was encouraged by several of my mentors to join STSA and I hope that you will do the same for your junior partners, residents, and students. The strength of any organization is its members. The STSA is living proof of that principle. I am very excited to be a new member and join this great organization.”

**Pierre de Delva, MD**

Welcome and introduce yourself to Dr. de Delva and all of STSA’s newest members in Tucson. Pick them out by looking for the green new member ribbon on attendees’ name badges.

Learn more about STSA Membership categories and download an application online:

▶ Active Membership

▶ Resident Membership

▶ Associate Membership

▶ Student Membership

## Guest Speakers



### Kent Trinkle Education Lectureship

In honor of Dr. J. Kent Trinkle's remarkable dedication to student education, a cardiothoracic surgery Program Director is selected each year to discuss their training program during the STSA Annual Meeting General Session. **Mark S. Slaughter, MD** will deliver this year's Kent

Trinkle Education Lecture. Dr. Slaughter is currently the Program Director and Interim Chairman of the Department of Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery at the University of Louisville. Dr. Slaughter's must-see lecture titled, "The University of Louisville and the Mason Dixon Line: Re-Establishing Ties with the STSA," will take place on Friday, November 7 at 10:30 a.m.

*Kent Trinkle Lecturer, Mark S. Slaughter, MD*



### President's Invited Lecturer

Dr. Richard Prager has asked **David M. Shahian, MD** to deliver this year's President's Invited Lecture. Dr. Shahian currently serves as Professor of Surgery at Harvard Medical School, Vice President of the Massachusetts General Center for Quality and Safety and Associate Director of the

Codman Center. He has been involved in health policy issues for nearly 20 years, with a focus on performance measurement. Plan to attend Dr. Shahian's Lecture titled, "Codman's Legacy: Data, Reporting, and Professional Responsibility," on Friday, November 7 at 10:50 a.m.

*President's Invited Lecturer, David M. Shahian, MD*



### Postgraduate Program Special Session

**William A. Baumgartner, MD** will deliver a timely and informative talk during the Postgraduate Program Special Session titled "ABTS Update." Dr. Baumgartner is a Past President of the Southern Thoracic (1998-99) and he currently serves as Executive Director of the American

Board of Thoracic Surgery. Dr. Baumgartner's talk will conclude the Postgraduate Program on Thursday, November 6 at 11:20 a.m.

*Postgraduate Program Speaker, William A. Baumgartner, MD*

## STSA 61st Annual Meeting Join us in Tucson November 5-8, 2014

Review a detailed program and register online at [www.stsa.org](http://www.stsa.org). Advance registration is available until October 14, 2014. After this date, attendees must register on-site and there will be an additional \$50 fee.

### 2014 Annual Meeting Highlights

- A Postgraduate Program featuring cardiac, general thoracic, congenital, and – new this year – critical care case presentations and expert panels will kick-off the Postgraduate Program on Thursday morning, November 6.
- Dr. Richard Feins will moderate an expert panel discussion titled "Educating our Future" during the Postgraduate Program on November 6. Dr. Michael Argenziano and Dr. Ara Vaporciyan will discuss the pros and cons of I-6 and traditional residency pathways.
- The Ethics Debate "Should a Thoracic Surgeon Transfer a Complicated Case to a Competing Medical Center Against the Hospital's Order?" will be Thursday, November 6.
- Richard L. Prager, MD will deliver his Presidential Address titled "Art and the Human Condition" on Friday November 7.
- Scientific oral presentations, debates, surgical motion pictures, and subspecialty-specific breakout sessions.
- Dr. Peter Smith will moderate an important Coding Update on Saturday, November 8 that will prepare attendees for 2015 coding changes.
- Dr. Daniel Miller will deliver the 2014 Harold Urschel History Lectureship on Saturday, November 8. His talk titled "Osler Abbott: The Man, The Award and His Legacy" will focus on Dr. Osler Abbott, STSA Past President (1968-69).
- Social activities planned for Saturday, November 8 – there's something for the whole family to enjoy, including the Annual Awards Dinner & Dance on Saturday evening. The Annual Awards Dinner & Dance will have a Texas Tux in Arizona theme this year.

## Annual Meeting Program Book Coming Soon

The STSA 61st Annual Meeting Program Book will be available online in the coming weeks. Annual Meeting attendees will receive the printed Program Book on site in Tucson. The detailed Annual Meeting program, including all abstracts, is expected to be available at [www.stsa.org](http://www.stsa.org) by early-October.



## STSA 61st ANNUAL MEETING

# Activities & Entertainment

The STSA 61st Annual Meeting will be an event for your whole family to enjoy. The JW Marriott Tucson Starr Pass is the perfect destination for the Southern Thoracic. Make plans for your family to participate in the following activities and outings:

### RISING STARR KIDS CLUB

The Rising Starr Kids Club is a full-service children's recreation program offered for our guests ages 4 to 12, with three session options: morning, afternoon, and full-day. Days are fun-filled with interactive games and activities that take advantage of the Tucson Experience, including arts and crafts, hikes, swimming, and more.

The Rising Starr Kids Club requires that all participants be fully toilet-trained, and a parent or guardian be on property and reachable during child's participation. Pre-registration is necessary and can be done by contacting the resort at 520.792.3500. Please ask to speak to the concierge to set up your child's reservation.

### RESIDENTS RECEPTION

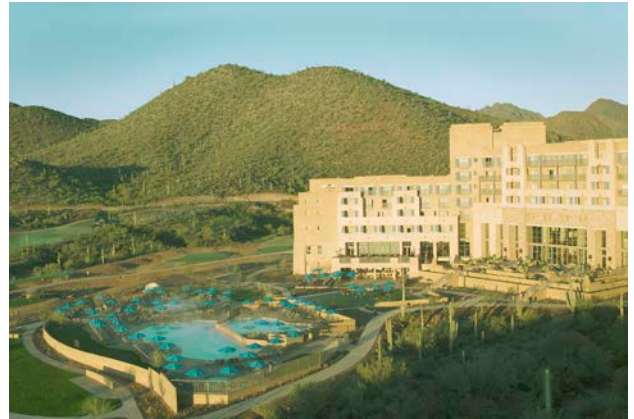
STSA is hosting a Residents Reception on Friday evening, November 7, from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. during the 61st Annual Meeting. Residents, fellows, and medical students attending the meeting are invited to join STSA leaders for this hour-long networking event.

### PRESIDENT'S MIXER

The Friday evening President's Mixer will be a fun and lively event that you won't want to miss. Join STSA President, Dr. Richard Prager, and your colleagues for an evening of networking, hors d'oeuvres, and cocktails. Annual Meeting registrants receive two complimentary President's Mixer tickets with their registration, and additional tickets may be purchased for \$25 each. The event will take place from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. on Friday, November 7.

### SONOITA WINERY TOUR

Travel deep into the heart of Arizona's wine country to visit two of the area's most beautiful wineries. Wine tasting begins immediately upon departure from the resort, while the professional guide shares the history of Sonoita and its wineries. Explore both Dos Cabezas WineWorks and Arizona Hops and Vines vineyards, and learn about the craft of wine making while enjoying a memorable wine tasting experience. The tour begins and ends at Starr Circle, located in the resort's main lobby. A rain or shine event! Tickets are \$200 per person and include lunch, transportation, a professional guide, winery admission, bottled water, souvenir wine glass, and gratuities. Attendees must be ages 21 and up. Advance registration by October 14th is required. Subject to cancellation if registration is insufficient. Registrants will be notified in advance and refunds will be issued if this event is cancelled.



*The JW Marriott Tucson Starr Pass is the perfect destination for an STSA Annual Meeting – bring the entire family!*

### ARIZONA GUIDED HIKE

The beauty of the terrain and the ruggedness of the environment make a hike in the Tucson Mountains a unique and wonderful experience. This adventure will give you a real appreciation for the mesmerizing Arizona desert. The diversity of plants and wildlife that coexist in the Sonoran Desert, affirm the balance of nature. Your guide will share the flora and fauna and the incredible vistas. All plans are taken care of and we supply the necessary materials. Your only duty is to enjoy your visit with nature! The hike begins and ends at Starr Circle, located in the resort's main lobby. Tickets are \$70 per person and includes professional guide, bottled water, sunscreen, snack, and gratuities. The hike is designed for the whole family with an easy to moderate difficulty level. Advance registration by October 14th is required. Subject to cancellation if registration is insufficient. Registrants will be notified in advance and refunds will be issued if this event is cancelled.



*The whole family will enjoy the Arizona Guided Hike outing on Saturday, November 8. Plan to attend for an opportunity to enjoy the beautiful Tucson landscape and sunshine.*

## GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Starr Pass Golf Club legend began more than 120 years ago when Richard Starr crafted a trail through the rugged wilderness of the Tucson Mountains. Today, Coyote's sixth fairway marks this trail and has earned the honor of being the signature hole at Starr Pass.



*Join the Golf Tournament on Saturday, November 8. Tee times are available beginning at 12:30 p.m. Advance registration by October 14 is recommended.*

A true desert course, natural elements are used as hazards while showcasing majestic vistas of the Catalina Mountains. Legends such as Arnold Palmer, Phil Mickelson, Payne Stewart, and Nancy Lopez have carved their way through this historic golf course.

Please note the following dress code: Men must wear collared shirts and long pants or Bermuda length shorts. Ladies must have a collar or sleeves on their top. Shorts or skirts of appropriate length are allowed. Only soft-spiked shoes or tennis shoes are allowed on the course.

Tickets are \$155 per person and include greens fees, baggage handling, shared golf cart, and boxed lunch. A limited number of tee times are available so be sure to register early. If you wish to rent clubs, please call the golf club at 520.670.0406 (club rentals fees are \$49 plus tax and are not included in the above cost).

## ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER & DANCE – TEXAS TUX IN ARIZONA THEME

Conclude your 61st Annual Meeting experience with the always-memorable Annual Awards Dinner & Dance. Join fellow meeting attendees and their families for an evening of dining and dancing. Advanced registration is recommended. A limited number of tickets will be sold on site. Reduced ticket prices are available for children 12 and under.

In honor of the JW Marriott Starr Pass's desert landscape, the Awards Dinner & Dance will have a Texas Tux in Arizona theme this year. Gentlemen are invited to wear jeans with either a tuxedo shirt and jacket or a dark suit coat. Cowboy boots and a ten-gallon hat are not required, but are encouraged! Ladies, as always, can choose from the full spectrum of fancy attire, including cocktail dresses, pants suits, floor length skirts—or maybe even a denim skirt, silk blouse and cowboy boots. So feel free to wear black tie, Texas tux or any combination of the two. The important thing is to be comfortable and have fun. It will be the perfect finale to a great meeting.



*The STSA Awards Dinner & Dance will have a Texas Tux in AZ theme this year. Plan to attend for a fun evening of dinner and dancing with your fellow STSA members and friends.*

## MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR TIME IN TUCSON

Explore a variety of desert adventures during your visit to the JW Marriott Tucson Starr Pass Resort & Spa. Highlights include on-property Hashani Spa & Fitness Center, Blur Teen Lounge, Starr Pass Golf Club, numerous dining options, tennis courts, swimming pool with waterslide and lazy river, and trails for hiking, biking, and jogging. Visit [www.jwmarriottstarrpass.com](http://www.jwmarriottstarrpass.com) or call the Resort Concierge at 520.792.3500 for more information.

Baby-sitting services are available through Choice Options at 520.638.6538 or Trusting Connections at 520.544.6611. Advanced reservations are required.

## 61st ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM OUTLINE

# Schedule of Events

The Southern Thoracic Surgical Association is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The STSA designates this activity for a maximum of *21.25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*<sup>™</sup>. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

### Wednesday, November 5, 2014

3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.      **Registration**  
 7:45 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.    **Surgical Motion Pictures**

### Thursday, November 6, 2014

6:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.      **Registration**  
 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.      **Postgraduate General Session**  
 General Thoracic, Congenital, Adult Cardiac, and Critical Care Case Presentations with Expert Panel Discussion and Audience-Response System  
 9:15 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.    **Postgraduate Breakout Sessions**  
 Simultaneous Adult Cardiac, General Thoracic, and Congenital Breakouts  
 10:50 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.    **Postgraduate Expert Panel Discussion**  
*Educating Our Future: 16 and Traditional Approaches*  
 10:50 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.    **Postgraduate Special Session**  
 William A. Baumgartner  
*ABTS Update*  
 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.      **Ethics Debate**  
*Should a Thoracic Surgeon Transfer a Complicated Case to a Competing Medical Center Against the Hospital's Order?*  
 2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.      **First Scientific Session**

### Friday, November 7, 2014

6:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.      **Registration**  
 7:00 a.m. – 7:50 a.m.      **Basic Science Forum**  
 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.    **Second Scientific Session**  
 10:30 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.    **Kent Trinkle Education Lectureship**  
 Mark Slaughter, MD  
*The University of Louisville and the Mason Dixon Line: Re-Establishing Ties with the STSA*  
 10:50 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.    **President's Invited Lecturer**  
 David Shahian, MD  
*Codman's Legacy: Data, Reporting, and Professional Responsibility*

### Friday, November 7, 2014 (continued)

11:20 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.    **Presidential Address**  
 Richard L. Prager, MD  
*Art and the Human Condition*  
 12:00 p.m.                    **All Attendee Lunch**  
 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.      **Third Scientific Session A**  
 Simultaneous Adult Cardiac, Congenital, and General Thoracic Breakouts  
 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.      **Third Scientific Session B**  
 Simultaneous Adult Cardiac, Congenital, and General Thoracic Breakouts  
 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.      **STSA Annual Business Meeting**  
 STSA Members Only  
 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.      **Residents Reception**  
 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.      **\*President's Mixer**

### Saturday, November 8, 2014

6:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.    **Registration**  
 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.      **Coding Update**  
*Update on CPT and Physician Payment Issues for 2015*  
 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.      **Fourth Scientific Session A**  
 Simultaneous Adult Cardiac, Congenital, General Thoracic, and Transplant Breakouts  
 9:30 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.      **Harold Urschel History Lectureship**  
 Daniel L. Miller, MD  
*Osler Abbott: The Man, The Award and His Legacy*  
 9:50 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.    **Fourth Scientific Session B**  
 12:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.    **\*Golf Tournament, Sonoita Winery Tour, Arizona Guided Hike**  
 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.    **\*Annual Awards Dinner & Dance**

\*Ticketed Event



# Plan to attend the Annual Business Meeting on Friday, November 7, 5:00 p.m.

The Annual Business Meeting will take place on Friday, November 7 from 5:00-6:00 p.m. at the JW Marriott Tucson Starr Pass. Plan to attend this meeting to vote on new member applicants, proposed Bylaws revisions, and the 2014-15 STSA leadership slate.

VISIT [WWW.STSA.ORG/BYLAWS](http://WWW.STSA.ORG/BYLAWS) TO REVIEW A RED-LINED VERSION OF THE PROPOSED CHANGES OR [CLICK HERE](#).

Please review these revisions carefully and come prepared to cast your vote at the Annual Business Meeting. Of special note, the proposed changes include revising the STSA Active Member residency requirement to include individuals who completed their general surgery residency at an institution in the Southern region. Please direct any questions about these revisions to Megan Drumm, STSA Executive Director, at [mdrumm@stsa.org](mailto:mdrumm@stsa.org) or 312.202.5864.

## 2014 Membership Dues

If you have not yet paid your 2014 membership dues, be sure to **log in and pay your dues online** today! For membership assistance contact STSA staff at (800) 685-7872.

## Update Your Membership Contact Information

Visit [www.stsa.org](http://www.stsa.org) to log in and update your contact information or call (800) 685-7872 and STSA staff will be happy to help you.

Connect with STSA on Facebook for the latest news, photos, and event updates from the Southern Thoracic!



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## STSA FUTURE MEETINGS

November 5-8, 2014  
JW Marriott Tucson Starr  
Pass Resort & Spa  
Tucson, Arizona

November 4-7, 2015  
Disney's Yacht &  
Beach Club  
Orlando, Florida

November 9-12, 2016  
Waldorf Astoria Naples  
Naples, Florida

November 8-11, 2017  
JW Marriott San Antonio  
Hill Country Resort & Spa  
San Antonio, TX

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