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Register for the STSA 60th Annual Meeting by October 7, 2013 to avoid on-site registration fees.



## Letter From the President

The STSA 60th 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 7 and make your hotel reservations by October 1. The meeting will kick-off in Scottsdale, Arizona, on Wednesday, October 30 with Surgical Motion Pictures at 7:45 p.m.

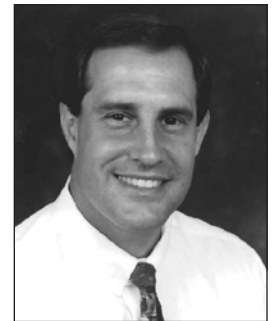
And remember that the meeting falls on Halloween this year, so plan your costumes accordingly. Children and adults are invited to dress up for any part of the meeting and for any STSA event – including the Presidential address, to which children are invited.

The 60th 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 in Scottsdale!

This is also the time of year when STSA concludes its annual membership recruitment campaign. At this time we have received 32 membership applications. I would like to extend my thanks to Pendleton Alexander, 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 1, 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 1.

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 60th Annual Meeting in Scottsdale, Arizona, and spending time with you and our colleagues as we enjoy the fellowship and educational offerings of the STSA.



Robert J. Cerfolio, MD

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## 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. **Michael Argenziano, MD** will deliver this year's Kent Trinkle Education Lecture. Dr. Argenziano is currently the Chief of Adult Cardiac Surgery and Director of the Thoracic Surgery Residency Program at New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University Medical Center in New York, NY. Be sure to attend the 2013 Kent Trinkle Education Lectureship on Friday, Nov. 1 at 10:30 a.m.



*President's Invited Lecturer, Doug Hanson*

### President's Invited Lecturer

Dr. Robert Cerfolio has asked **Doug Hanson** to deliver this year's President's Invited Lecture. Doug is a nationally and internationally renowned speaker who is committed to helping people and organizations achieve their full potential by improving their mindset,

energy, skills, and connection. Doug's talk, titled "Distinctions for Success and Significance," will be the perfect introduction to Dr. Cerfolio's Presidential Address. Learn more about Doug at [www.doughanson.com](http://www.doughanson.com), and plan to attend the President's Invited Lecture on Friday, Nov. 1 at 10:50 a.m.



*Post Graduate Program Speaker, W. Randolph Chitwood, Jr.*

### Post Graduate Program Special Session

Dr. W. Randolph Chitwood, Jr. will deliver a timely and informative talk during the Post Graduate Program Special Session titled "Health Care System Employment: How Surgeons Maximize Their Pay." Dr. Chitwood is currently the Director of the East Carolina Heart Institute

in Greenville, NC. Dr. Chitwood's talk will conclude the Post Graduate Program on Thursday, Oct. 31 at 11:20 a.m.

## STSA 60th Annual Meeting Join us in Scottsdale Oct. 30-Nov. 2

Review a detailed program and register online at [www.stsa.org](http://www.stsa.org). Advance registration is available until Oct. 7, 2013. After this date, attendees must register on-site and there will be an additional \$50 fee.

### 2013 Annual Meeting Highlights

- Subspecialty-specific case presentations, featuring an expert panel and audience response system, will kick-off the Post Graduate Program on Thursday morning, Oct. 31.
- The Post Graduate Program Pro/Con Debate on Thursday, Oct. 31, titled "In Moderate Risk Patients, TAVR is Economically Feasible," will feature both the surgeon and the hospital administrator perspectives.
- The Ethics Debate "Is it Ethically Permissible for a Medical Center to Deny Employment to a Physician on Grounds That They Smoke Tobacco Products?" will be Thursday, Oct. 31.
- Dr. Robert J. Cerfolio will deliver his Presidential Address, titled "The Athleticism of Surgery and Life: How to be a super performer at work, home and in life," on Friday, Nov. 1.
- The Saturday morning Coding Update on Nov. 2 will highlight current and relevant information on coding for reimbursement for cardiothoracic surgery procedures.
- Adult cardiac, general thoracic, congenital, and transplant surgery breakout sessions designed to encourage stimulating discussion will take place throughout the meeting.
- Saturday afternoon social activities include a Golf Tournament, Horseback Riding, and a Desert Four Wheel Drive Tour.
- Attendees and their families are invited to trick-or-treat in the Exhibit Hall on Thursday, Oct. 31.

## Annual Meeting Program Book Coming Soon

The STSA 60th Annual Meeting Program Book will be available online in the coming weeks. Annual Meeting attendees will receive the printed Program Book on site in Scottsdale. 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 60th ANNUAL MEETING

# Activities & Entertainment

The STSA 60th Annual Meeting will be an event for your whole family to enjoy. The Hyatt Regency Scottsdale Resort & Spa is the perfect destination for the Southern Thoracic. Make plans for your family to participate in the following activities and outings:

### CAMP HYATT

**Camp Hyatt** is available daily for children ages 3 to 12 with three session options: morning, afternoon, and full-day. Campers will explore the flora, fauna, history, and geography of the Sonoran Desert through a variety of fun, educational programs and activities. Space is limited, so be sure to pre-register your child to guarantee their spot. For more information and to pre-register, call 480.444.1234 or visit the Activities section at [www.scottsdale.hyatt.com](http://www.scottsdale.hyatt.com).

### RESIDENTS RECEPTION

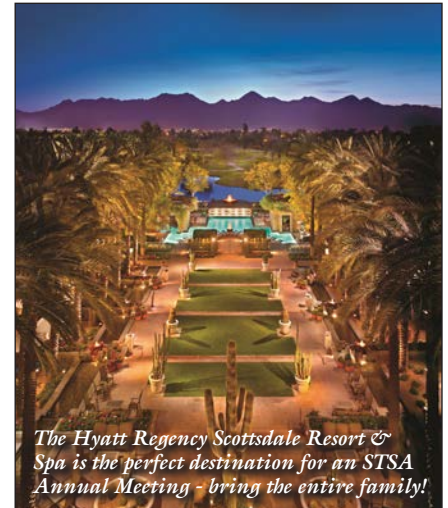
STSA is hosting an inaugural Residents Reception on Thursday evening from 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. during the 60th Annual Meeting. Residents, fellows, and medical students attending the meeting are invited to join STSA leaders for this hour-long networking event.

### BRUSH BAR

This activity is perfect for both aspiring artists and those seeking a fun, interactive experience. In a relaxed, social setting, a professional instructor will guide attendees through replicating a featured painting step-by-step. This outing will take place on Friday, Nov. 1 from 1:15 p.m.-5:15 p.m. Tickets are \$150 and include transportation, painting materials, first beverage, and gratuities. Attendees should be at least ten-years-old and clothing to paint in is the suggested attire. Aprons will be provided.



*The Brush Bar outing will take place on Friday, Nov. 1 from 1:15 p.m.-5:15 p.m. Advance registration by Oct. 7 is required.*



*The Hyatt Regency Scottsdale Resort & Spa is the perfect destination for an STSA Annual Meeting - bring the entire family!*

### PRESIDENTS 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. Robert Cerfolio, and your colleagues for an evening of networking, hors d'oeuvres, and cocktails. Annual Meeting registrants receive two complimentary Presidents 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 Nov. 1.

### HORSEBACK RIDING TOUR

Explore the desert on horseback for a fun adventure and glimpse of Arizona's unique landscape on Saturday, Nov. 2. Participants will ride through tranquil canyons, traverse riverbeds, and criss-cross mountain trails. Attendees should wear close-toed shoes, jeans or long pants, hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen. This activity is designed for the whole family, but it is not recommended for expectant mothers or individuals with serious health problems. Tickets are \$170 and include transportation, a professional guide, bottled water, helmet, and gratuities.



*Explore the desert on horseback Saturday, Nov. 2 from 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Advance registration by Oct. 7 is required.*

## STSA 60th ANNUAL MEETING

# Activities & Entertainment

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### DESERT FOUR WHEEL DRIVE TOUR

Tour the Sonoran Desert on Saturday, Nov. 2 in a 4x4 jeep during an outing that the entire family will enjoy. Cruise along dirt roads, spotting birds, cacti, and other wildlife along the way, and listening as your guide explains the history, folklore, and geology of the area. Suggested attire includes closed-toe shoes, jeans or long pants, hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen. This activity is not recommended for expectant mothers, individuals with serious health problems, and infant/toddler-aged children. The \$150 ticket includes transportation, professional guide/driver, bottled water, and gratuities.



*Tour the desert with the whole family in a 4x4 jeep with professional guide and driver on Saturday, Nov. 2 from 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Advance registration by Oct. 7 is required.*

### GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 2013 Golf Tournament will take place at the Gainey Ranch Golf Club, right on the resort property. Play one of the preeminent golf courses in the country, surrounded by incredible scenery. The cost to participate in the tournament is \$240 and includes greens fees, baggage handling, shared golf cart, and a boxed lunch. A limited number of tee times is available, so be sure to register in advance. If you wish to rent clubs, please call the hotel's golf department at 480.444.1234 ext. 5700 (club rentals fees are not included in the above cost).



*Join the Golf Tournament on Saturday, Nov. 2. Tee times are available beginning at 12:30 p.m. Advance registration by Oct. 7 is recommended.*

### MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR TIME IN SCOTTSDALE

The Hyatt Regency Scottsdale Resort & Spa has an easy-to-use **e-concierge** system for discovering additional activities and adventures during your visit to Scottsdale. Highlights include **Spa Avania**, tennis courts, biking and running trails, and a Native American Learning Center. Visit [www.scottsdale.hyatt.com](http://www.scottsdale.hyatt.com) for additional information and to make accommodations for your family in Scottsdale.

Baby-sitting services are available at the Hyatt Regency Scottsdale Resort & Spa through Nita Nanny. For more information and to make a reservation, call 602.820.3304. Please note that Nita Nanny requires advance reservations.

### ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER & DANCE

Conclude your STSA 60th Annual Meeting experience with the always-memorable Annual Awards Dinner & Dance. Advanced registration is recommended, and a limited number of tickets will be sold on site. The Awards Dinner & Dance is family-oriented this year. Children are invited to come and eat with their parents (\$35 tickets are available for kids under the age of 12 and include a chicken finger dinner). Tuxedos for men and formal gowns for women are encouraged, keeping with tradition, but not necessary. The dress code is optional and varied and can range from formal to business casual (tuxedo, jacket and tie, or just a sports coat for men and from evening gowns to cocktail dresses and a blouse with slacks or a skirt for women). Since the meeting falls on Halloween this year, children and parents may also wear costumes. The whole family can dress up in a theme if desired, or just the kids.



*Bring your family to the Annual Awards Dinner & Dance on Saturday, Nov. 2 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Advance registration by Oct. 7 is recommended.*

## 60th 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, October 30, 2013

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

### Thursday, October 31, 2013

6:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.      **Registration**  
 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.      **Post Graduate General Session**  
 General Thoracic, Congenital, and Adult Cardiac Case Presentations with Expert Panel Discussion and Audience-Response System  
 9:15 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.      **Post Graduate Breakout Sessions**  
 Simultaneous Adult Cardiac, General Thoracic, and Congenital Breakouts  
 10:50 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.      **Post Graduate Pro/Con Debate**  
*In Moderate Risk Patients, TAVR is Economically Feasible*  
 10:50 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.      **Post Graduate Special Session**  
 W. Randolph Chitwood, Jr.  
*Health Care System Employment: How Surgeons Maximize Their Pay*  
 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.      **Ethics Debate**  
*Is it Ethically Permissible for a Medical Center to Deny Employment to a Physician on Grounds That They Smoke Tobacco Products?*  
 2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.      **First Scientific Session**  
 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.      **Residents Reception**

### Friday, November 1, 2013

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**  
 Michael Argenziano  
 11:00 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.      **President's Invited Lecturer**  
 Doug Hanson  
*Distinctions for Success and Significance*

### Friday, November 1, 2013 (continued)

11:20 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.      **Presidential Address**  
 Robert J. Cerfolio  
*The Athleticism of Surgery and Life: How to be a super performer at work, home and in life*  
 12:00 p.m.      **All Attendee Lunch**  
 1:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.      **\*Brush Bar Outing**  
 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  
 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.      **\*President's Mixer**

### Saturday, November 2, 2013

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 2014*  
 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.      **Fourth Scientific Session A**  
 Simultaneous Adult Cardiac, General Thoracic, and Transplant Breakouts  
 9:30 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.      **Harold Urschel History Lectureship**  
 Joseph S. Coselli  
*The Contributions of Stanley Crawford: Mentor, Innovator, and Master of Aortic Surgery*  
 9:50 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.      **Fourth Scientific Session B**  
 12:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.      **\*Golf Tournament, Desert Four Wheel Drive Tour, Horseback Riding Tour**  
 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.      **\*Annual Awards Dinner & Dance**

\*Ticketed Events

# New Awards to be Given at the 60th Annual Meeting

The STSA Council has decided to implement three new awards at the STSA 60th Annual Meeting.

The esteemed President's Award will be split into three separate awards to honor the best scientific paper delivered at the Annual Meeting in each subspecialty area of cardiac, general thoracic, and congenital heart surgery. Beginning in 2013, the **Clifford Van Meter President's Award** will recognize the best adult cardiac surgery paper. Also this year, the inaugural **Carolyn Reed President's Award** will be given to the scientific paper presenter who delivers the best general thoracic surgery paper, and the **Congenital President's Award** will be given to the scientific paper presenter who delivers the best congenital heart surgery paper.

The history paper presentation has been named the **Harold Urschel History Lectureship** in honor of STSA Past President and Historian, Harold Urschel, Jr., MD. Dr. Urschel served as STSA's President from 1978-1979 and as Historian from 2001-2012. Dr. Joseph

Coselli will present the inaugural Harold Urschel History Lectureship with the presentation of his paper, *"The Contributions of E. Stanley Crawford: Mentor, Innovator, and Master of Aortic Surgery, on Saturday,"* Nov. 2 at 9:30 a.m.

**Join STSA in congratulating the 2013 award recipients at the Saturday evening Annual Awards Dinner & Dance.** In past years, the Clifford Van Meter President's Award recipient and Hawley Seiler Residents Competition winner have been named after the Annual Meeting and recognized at the following year's Awards Dinner & Dance. The Presidents' Awards and Hawley Seiler Residents Competition Award will be determined immediately following the meeting this year, and Dr. Cerfolio will announce the recipients during the Nov. 2 Awards Dinner & Dance. Reduced price tickets are available for children under 12, and the dress code is optional and can range from formal to business attire. Since the meeting falls on Halloween this year, costumes are also welcome!

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## STSA CME Update

Vinod Thourani, MD, STSA CME Director, and Richard Freeman, MD, STSA CME Director-Elect, have been working with STSA staff over the past several months to prepare STSA's self study report for March 2014 ACCME reaccreditation. This process has resulted in many important suggestions and resolutions aimed at furthering STSA's CME mission. **Look forward to the following updates to STSA's CME program and administration:**

- **The STSA 60th Annual Meeting evaluation and CME credit claims process will be electronic.** In order to enhance the quality of evaluation feedback that STSA gathers from Annual Meeting attendees, the 2013 evaluation and CME credit claim process will be electronic rather than paper this year. STSA Annual Meeting evaluation feedback is the primary tool that STSA uses to measure CME activity effectiveness in meeting its stated objectives; providing high-quality, innovative, and rigorous educational programming; and affecting physician knowledge and practice gaps. Computer kiosks will be available throughout the meeting space in Scottsdale for attendees to complete session evaluations, claim CME credit, and print their own CME certificates.
- **Video and slide presentations will be more readily available at [www.stsa.org](http://www.stsa.org) following the STSA 60th Annual Meeting.**

In an effort to expand STSA's current educational formats, educational content will be posted to STSA's website to provide STSA members and learners with an additional learning resource.

- **A CME Committee audit is currently underway to confirm that all submitted disclosure statements, regulatory disclosures, and abstracts are free of commercial bias.** New this year, the CME Committee review process has been formalized in order to further ensure that STSA is delivering educational content that is free of commercial bias. Be sure to reference the Program Book disclosure index to review disclosure information when it becomes available in coming weeks. Any perceived conflict should be reported to STSA staff by e-mailing [stsa@stsa.org](mailto:stsa@stsa.org).

STSA is committed to designing and delivering high-quality, practical, innovative, and scientifically rigorous educational programming at its Annual Meetings that complies with ACCME standards. Learn more about STSA's CME Mission Statement, Disclosure Policy, and ACCME compliance at [www.stsa.org/cme](http://www.stsa.org/cme).

## Plan to attend the Annual Business Meeting on Friday, Nov. 1, 5:00 p.m.

The Annual Business Meeting will take place on Friday, Nov. 1 from 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Scottsdale Resort & Spa. Plan to attend this meeting to vote on new member applicants, proposed Bylaws revisions, and the 2013-14 STSA leadership slate.

STSA conducted a thorough membership survey in 2011. The feedback garnered from this survey was used to create a strategic plan for the Southern Thoracic's future direction and growth. The Strategic Plan Implementation Committee was formed in 2012 to ensure that appropriate measures were taken to incorporate the suggestions and updates outlined in the strategic plan. This committee, in conjunction with the STSA Council, has proposed revisions to the STSA Bylaws. **Please review these revisions**

carefully and come prepared to cast your vote at the Annual Business Meeting.

VISIT [WWW.STSA.ORG/BYLAWS](http://WWW.STSA.ORG/BYLAWS) TO REVIEW A LINED VERSION OF THE PROPOSED CHANGES OR [CLICK HERE](#). Of special note, the proposed changes include revising the STSA Active Member residency requirement from two years of consecutive practice in the Southern region to one year. The addition of two new member categories for medical students and individuals in the allied health community is also included in the proposal. 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.

### 2013 MEMBERSHIP DUES

If you have not yet paid your 2013 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 CONTACT INFORMATION TODAY!

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.

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



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### STSA FUTURE MEETINGS

October 30 –  
November 2, 2013  
Hyatt Regency Resort &  
Spa at Gainey Ranch  
Scottsdale, Arizona

November 5 – 8, 2014  
JW Marriott Starr Pass  
Resort and Spa  
Tucson, Arizona

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

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

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