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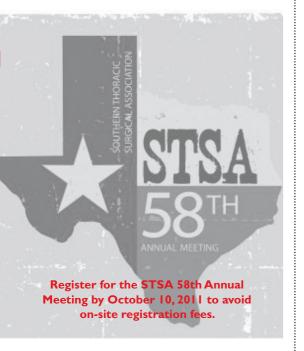
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STSA Annual Business Meeting Announcement Registration Form



# Letter From the President

As summer ends and we become increasingly busy with our practices and other fall activities, I want to remind you that the STSA 58th Annual Meeting is just around the corner. I invite you to register for this great meeting in the San Antonio Hill Country, if you have not yet done so. Be sure to arrange your travel for arrival in San Antonio on Wednesday, November 9th when the meeting will kick-off with Surgical Motion Pictures at 7:45 p.m. To register for the meeting and secure hotel reservations, visit the STSA website at www.stsa.org. Don't forget, the deadline for early registration is October 10, 2011.



Joseph S. Coselli, MD

The meeting this year promises to be another exceptional educational event. An Advance Program was mailed to you in July; I hope you had a chance to review it and noted 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 San Antonio!

This is also the time of year when STSA concludes its annual membership recruitment campaign. At press time, we have received 25 membership applications. I would like to extend my thanks to Reid Tribble, STSA Membership Chair, and the Membership Committee for their work in recruitment 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 11, at 5 p.m. when we will vote on candidates presented for membership. There will also be a vote on an important revision to the STSA Bylaws. The STSA Council recently approved, for consideration of the membership, a new STSA Resident Membership category that would allow residents matched or enrolled in a thoracic surgery educational program within the STSA region to apply for Resident Membership. Be sure to attend the Business Meeting to cast your vote.

You should have recently received an email inviting you to complete an STSA membership survey. Please take 10 minutes to answer the questions and provide your feedback. Your participation is very important and will assist leadership and staff in future strategic planning efforts to ensure your STSA membership is as beneficial as possible. Thanks in advance for your participation.

I would like to close by saying what an honor it has been to serve as your President this year. My dear friend Dr. Denton A. Cooley and my mentor, Dr. E. Stanley Crawford, were both responsible for encouraging me to become involved in the STSA, and the colleagues and friends I have made in the organization are like family. I look forward to an outstanding 58th Annual Meeting in the San Antonio Hill Country, and spending time with you and our colleagues as we enjoy the fellowship and education of the STSA.

# STSA 58th Annual Meeting November 9-12, 2011 – San Antonio Hill Country

## **Guest Speakers**



David P. Taggart, MD

President's Invited Lecture David P. Taggart, MD will be the President's Invited Lecturer at the STSA 58th Annual Meeting, presenting a talk titled "CABG in 2012: Implications for the New ECS/EACTS Guidelines." Currently a cardiac surgeon at the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford, Dr. Taggart began his

academic career at Glasgow University where he received his undergraduate degree in 1981 and MD in 1989. In 1995, after serving as Senior Registrar at Royal Brompton Hospital, he was appointed Consultant Cardiac Surgeon at John Radcliffe Hospital where he was awarded a PhD for studies in inflammatory response during cardiac surgery. He wrote a systematic review on total arterial grafting, which was published and later led to the ART trial. He has led the search for a balance between PCI and CABG, giving keynote lectures at the annual meetings of EACTS and The Society of Thoracic Surgeons. Dr. Taggart will deliver the President's Invited Lecture on Friday morning, November 11 at 10:30 a.m.



John H. Calhoon, MD

#### Kent Trinkle Education Lecture

In honor of Dr. J. Kent Trinkle's remarkable dedication to student education, an STSA member is selected each year to discuss their training program during the Annual Meeting. John H. Calhoon, MD will deliver this year's Kent Trinkle Education

Lecture. A former mentee of Dr. J. Kent Trinkle himself, Dr. Calhoon is a Professor and Department Chair of Cardiothoracic Surgery at The University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio where he has been instructing and practicing since 1989. Dr. Calhoon will present his lecture, "The Best Place to Find a Helping Hand," Friday morning, November 11 at 11:00 a.m.



Eric Hammelman

Post-Graduate
Keynote Speaker
Eric Hammelman, Vice
President of Data Analytics at
Avalere Health, is this year's
Post-Graduate Keynote Speaker.
Eric conducts data-driven analysis
of various legislative and policy
changes and their impact on
the healthcare industry with a

specific focus on provider reimbursement issues. Plan to attend his presentation, titled "Accountable Care Organizations," on Thursday morning, November 10 at 10:55 a.m.

# STSA 58th Annual Meeting Join us in the San Antonio Hill Country

November 9-12, 2011 JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort

Review a detailed program and register online at **www.stsa.org**. Be sure to register by October 10, 2011. Please note that there will be an additional \$50 charge for attendees registering on-site.

#### 2011 Annual Meeting Highlights

- ★ Adult Cardiac, General Thoracic, Congenital, and Transplant Breakout Sessions
- ★ Presidential Address by Joseph S. Coselli, MD titled, My Heroes Have Always Been Cowboys
- ★ President's Invited Lecture by David Taggart, MD titled, CABG in 2012: Implications of the New ESC/EACTS Guidelines
- ★ Post-Graduate Pro/Con Debate: The Specialty of Cardiothoracic Surgery would be Better Served by Joining STS and AATS into a Single Organization
- ★ Coding Session: Update on CPT and Physician Payment Issues for 2012
- ★ Ethics Debate: Prisoners on Death Row should be Accepted as Organ Donors
- ★ Golf and Tennis Tournaments and Mountain Biking Excursion
- ★ STSA Texas Tuxedo Dinner Dance

# Special THANKS to our 58th Annual Meeting Corporate Supporters!

Be sure to visit our corporate supporters in the STSA Exhibit Hall in San Antonio.

## Platinum Supporter

St. Jude Medical | Visit Booth 200-202



**Gold Supporter** 

Medtronic | Visit Booth 301



Silver Supporter

Sorin Group | Visit Booth 103



# Register Today! www.stsa.org

## Activities and Entertainment



Plan to join the Golf Tournament on Saturday and play the beautiful AT&T Canyons Course.

With an outstanding lineup of educational and social activities, you won't want to miss this opportunity to experience STSA at the newly opened JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort! Located just 12 miles from San Antonio International Airport, the resort provides the ultimate get-away with activities for everyone. Featuring an impressive water park and a relaxing lazy river, 36-hole professional golf course, fully outfitted spa, and seven on-site restaurants and lounges, this destination is sure to please everyone in your family! Nature lovers have plenty to explore on the property's 600 acres of rolling, oak tree-covered hills with an adjacent bird sanctuary, and downtown San Antonio attractions are only twenty minutes away. The peaceful, luxurious atmosphere at the JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort & Spa creates the perfect backdrop to relax and enjoy Southern Texas. Tickets are available for Saturday afternoon activities, including golf, tennis, and mountain biking. And of course, you will want to make plans to attend the Texas Tuxedo Dinner Dance on Saturday night. The perfect finale to a great meeting.

The recent fires in Texas have not affected the San Antonio Hill Country Resort – the area is as beautiful as ever. Visit www.stsa.org and make plans now to attend with your whole family!

# Bylaws Revision to be Presented at STSA Annual Business Meeting in San Antonio

An important revision to the STSA Bylaws will be voted on at the Annual Business Meeting in San Antonio this year. The STSA Council recently approved, for consideration of the membership, a new STSA Resident Membership category that would allow residents matched or enrolled in a thoracic surgery educational program within the STSA region to apply for Resident Membership. After completion of thoracic surgery training a Resident Member may retain their membership status for up to three years and then transition directly to Active Membership after becoming ABTS certified. Please refer to the enclosed STSA News insert to read the specific changes being voted on. The 2011 Annual Business Meeting will be held from 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort on Friday, November 11. Be sure to attend and cast your vote.

## Annual Meeting Program Book Available Online This Year

At a time when printing, paper, and postage costs are continually rising and valuable information can be provided more economically and more expeditiously online, the cost-effectiveness of printing and mailing the Annual Meeting Program Book to all STSA members was recently evaluated by the STSA Council. In an attempt to control costs and manage available resources, the decision was made to discontinue mailing the Program Book to the membership. However, all STSA members will be able to access the Program Book online, and Annual Meeting attendees will still receive the printed Program Book on-site in San Antonio. The detailed Annual Meeting program, including all abstracts, is expected to be available online by early-October.

## STSA Member Needs Survey

You should have recently received an invitation from STSA Council Chair, Dr. Keith S. Naunheim to complete an STSA Member Needs Survey. If you have not yet submitted the quick, 10-minute online survey please do so today! Your responses will assist STSA leadership in future strategic planning efforts to ensure your STSA membership is as beneficial as possible. If you prefer to complete a hard copy version, please send an email request to stsa@stsa.org. We are hoping for a 100% response rate and thank you in advance for your participation!

# 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 educational activity for a maximum of 20.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s) TM. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Wednesday, November 9, 2	2011
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3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Registration

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

#### Thursday, November 10, 2011

6:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Registration

Continental Breakfast 6:45 a.m.

7:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. Post-Graduate Breakouts

Simultaneous Adult Cardiac, Congenital,

and General Thoracic Breakouts

8:30 a.m. – 9:05 a.m. Post-Graduate Pro/Con Debate

> The Specialty of Cardiothoracic Surgery would be Better Served by Joining STS and

AATS into a Single Organization

9:05 a.m. - 10:35 a.m. Post-Graduate General Session

10:55 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Post-Graduate Special Session

Accountable Care Organizations

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. First Scientific Session A

First Scientific Session B 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

#### Friday, November 11, 2011

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. - 11:00 a.m. President's Invited Lecturer

David P. Taggart, MD

CABG in 2012: Implications of the New

ESC/EACTS Guidelines

Kent Trinkle Education Lectureship 11:00 a.m. - 11:20 a.m.

John H. Calhoon, MD

The Best Place to Find a Helping Hand

11:20 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Presidential Address

Joseph S. Coselli, MD

My Heroes Have Always Been Cowboys

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

Third Scientific Session B 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Simultaneous Adult Cardiac, Congenital,

and General Thoracic Breakouts

STSA Business Meeting 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

STSA Members Only

President's Mixer\* 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

#### Saturday, November 12, 2011

6:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Registration

7:00 a.m. – 7:50 a.m. Coding Update

Update on CPT and Physician Payment

Issues for 2012

7:50 a.m. - 8:50 a.m. **Ethics Debate** 

Prisoners on Death Row Should be

Accepted as Organ Donors

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Fourth Scientific Session A

Simultaneous Adult Cardiac, General

Thoracic, and Transplant Breakouts

10:30 a.m. - 10:50 a.m. **History Presentation** 

10:50 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.

Fourth Scientific Session B

1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Golf and Tennis Tournaments

and Mountain Biking Excursion\* Texas Tuxedo Dinner Dance\*

\*Ticketed Events

7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

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