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Letter From the President

The STSA 58th Annual Meeting in San Antonio was a great event! Thanks to all who attended and made valuable contributions to the meeting's success. Attendee evaluation forms praised the quality of the educational programming and the unique social spirit that is such an important part of all STSA meetings. For the second year in a row we had record participation among exhibiting companies, and I hope most of you had an opportunity to spend some time in the exhibit hall, meeting with our industry colleagues. At the Business Meeting on Friday afternoon STSA welcomed 29 new Active Members and, with the approval of a recent bylaws change, an inaugural group of 11 Resident Members. And concerning the topic of membership, applications for new members are currently being accepted until September 15. Be sure to encourage colleagues who are not STSA members to apply. I'd particularly like to ask you to reach out to younger CT surgeons and residents, tell them about the Southern Thoracic, and offer to write a letter of support. The application form can be found at www.stsa.org.

There has been much activity for the organization since the conclusion of our meeting in San Antonio. With the results of STSA's recent member needs survey in hand, a strategic planning retreat was held in Fort Lauderdale in January. The two day retreat was an excellent opportunity for committee members to reflect upon your valuable feedback regarding STSA's strengths and potential areas for growth. Look for additional information regarding the goals outlined in the strategic plan once the STSA Council approves a final version at their spring meeting in San Francisco.

We have now turned our full attention to planning the 59th Annual Meeting in Naples, Florida. Our meeting takes place November 7th through the 10th at the Waldorf Astoria Naples – be sure to save the date! My wife Morgan and I toured the hotel during a site visit in late March, and I can attest that this inviting beach property successfully combines modern luxury and friendly hospitality, making it a perfect, family-friendly venue for our organization. STSA staff is working to finalize details before registration opens this summer, but rest assured we will be offering a variety of great social activities and outings to make the most of our beautiful Naples location.

Rick Lee, MD and Mitch Magee, MD, co-chairs of the 2012 Post-Graduate Committee, along with their team have assembled an outstanding program for Thursday morning. See page 5 of this newsletter to review the Post-Graduate speakers and topics. With abstract reviews currently underway, your Program Committee, chaired by Richard Freeman, MD and Steve Hazelrigg, MD, will be meeting in Chicago in May to finalize the scientific program. I'm confident we can look forward to a great lineup of topics and speakers. And of course there will be time in the schedule for socializing and enjoying the beautiful Florida sunshine with your colleagues and family.

This year's President's Invited Lecture is one you will not want to miss. In fact, be sure to invite your spouse or guest to join you; this fascinating talk will appeal to everyone! Dr. Leonard and Nancy Bailey have agreed to speak to us on the topic, "The Value of Life: Lessons Learned from Baby Fae and Xenotransplantation." Their presentation documents the national media frenzy surrounding Baby Fae's transplant, an event that ultimately laid the groundwork for neonatal and infant cardiac transplantation. Bartley Griffith, MD, Program Director at the University of Maryland, has been selected to give the Kent Trinkle



Walter Merrill, MD (right), newly elected STSA President, presents Joseph Coselli, MD with a plaque commemorating his term as President.

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STSA WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Congratulations and welcome to the following cardiothoracic surgeons approved for STSA Membership and residents approved for Resident Membership during the Annual Business Meeting held November 11, 2011 in San Antonio.

Active Members

Shahab Masoud A. Alzeerah	Amarillo, TX
Carl L. Backer	Chicago, IL
Tammy M. Baxter	Miami, FL
David P. Bichell	Nashville, TN
Joel S. Corvera	Indianapolis, IN
Joseph Dearani	Rochester, MN
Emily A. Farkas	Saint Louis, MO
Felix Fernandez	Atlanta, GA
Tom Hamilton	San Antonio, TX
David Hart	Bloomington, IN
Keith A. Havenstrite	Tacoma, WA
Charles W. Hoopes	Lexington, KY
Lauren C. Kane	San Antonio, TX
Minoo Kavarana	Charleston, SC
Sandeep J. Khandhar	Falls Church, VA
Jae Hyun Kim	Gyeonggi-do, South Korea
Bret A. Mettler	Nashville, TN
Philip S. Mullenix	Bethesda, MD
Cyrus J. Parsa	Durham, NC
Allan Pickens	Atlanta, GA
T. Brett Reece	Aurora, CO
Jose R. Rodriguez	Lima, OH
Randy M. Stevens	Philadelphia, PA
Chadwick W. Stouffer	Knoxville, TN
Donald E. Stowell	Oklahoma City, OK
John S. Thurber	Bethesda, MD
Betty C. Tong	Durham, NC
Courtney A. Walker	Ft. Smith, AR
Matthew L. Williams	Louisville, KY

Resident Members

Keki R. Balsara	Johns Hopkins
Amanda L. Eilers	UTHSC San Antonio
Stephen J. Huddleston	Johns Hopkins
Jeremiah T. Martin	Duke University
Russell L. McElveen	University of Mississippi Medical Center
HelenMari L. Merritt	UTHSC San Antonio
Gregory Duncan Rushing	Johns Hopkins
Christopher Sciortino	Johns Hopkins
Neel R. Sodha	Johns Hopkins
Chad N. Stasik	UTHSC San Antonio
Minh P. Tran	Johns Hopkins

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.

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lecture this year, and I know his insights will be beneficial to us all. And of course I'm very much looking forward to delivering my Presidential Address, titled "Who Do You Say You Are?"

The Advance Program, meeting registration and hotel reservations will be available in the coming months, but please do save the date for our 59th Annual Meeting. With a relevant and timely educational program and all the fun and camaraderie STSA is famous for, it's a meeting you and your family won't want to miss!

Walter H. Merrill, MD
STSA President

RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER!

As a member, you know STSA offers CT surgeons the opportunity to participate in a truly unique organization. Please also remember how vitally important new members are for STSA to maintain its valuable role in the thoracic and cardiovascular surgeon community. STSA needs your help in recruiting new members, especially current and recent trainees. Part of the Southern Thoracic's unique character comes from newly graduated cardiothoracic surgeons who are the lifeblood and future of the specialty. Additionally, STSA now has a newly approved **Resident Member category** and welcomes resident applicants as well. **Prospective members are most likely to apply to STSA after receiving an invitation from a current member to do so.** When inviting a colleague or trainee to apply for **Active** or **Resident** membership, don't forget to offer to write a letter of support. Your encouragement will be an important incentive. **Membership applications** are available electronically at www.stsa.org, or call us at (800) 685-7872 to have one mailed to you.

The deadline for new member applications is September 15, 2012.

2012 MEMBERSHIP DUES

If you have not yet paid your 2012 membership dues, be sure to **log in and pay your dues online** today! For membership assistance contact STSA staff at (800) 685-7872.

STSA ANNUAL MEETING AWARD RECIPIENTS



Vinod Thourani, MD (left) presents the Osler Abbott Award to Jeffery Jacobs, MD.

The Osler Abbott Award, given annually to a member of the Association who excels in the art of discussionmanship, was presented to **Jeffery Jacobs, MD** at the 58th Annual Meeting. This award signifies the importance of open, frank, and candid discussion with a healthy give-and-take among members, resulting in the enhanced camaraderie and esprit-de-corps which have traditionally characterized the STSA.



Constantine Mavroudis, MD (right) and Harold Urschel, MD (left) present the Mavroudis-Urschel Award to Francis Robicsek, MD.

The Mavroudis-Urschel Award was established in 2006 to recognize and honor an STSA member who has made important contributions to the STSA scientific program and has also uniquely personified the social spirit, camaraderie, and fun for which STSA is famous. **Francis Robicsek, MD** was selected as the recipient of the 2011 Mavroudis-Urschel Award.

John H. Calhoon, MD was awarded the 2011 **Tiki Award**. This highly coveted award is given to the person who presents the most memorable and noteworthy slide at the Annual Meeting.

2011 AWARDS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE 59TH ANNUAL MEETING



Kenneth Kesler, MD (center) accepted the 2010 Clifford Van Meter President's Award in San Antonio.

Robert D. Stewart, MD, of Cleveland, OH was selected to receive the 2011 **Clifford Van Meter President's Award** for the best scientific paper given at the Annual Meeting. This superior paper titled, "Contemporary Fontan Operation: Association of Type of Cavopulmonary Connection with Early Outcome" was selected by STSA President Joseph S. Coselli, MD on the basis of originality, content, and presentation.



Joseph Coselli, MD presented Castigliano Bhamidipati, MD (right) with the 2010 Hawley Seiler Resident's Award at the awards dinner in San Antonio.

The Hawley H. Seiler, MD Resident's Award is presented each year to an outstanding cardiothoracic resident whose presentation is deemed superior to all others. The recipient of the 2011 award is **Sameh M. Said, MD** for his paper and presentation titled, "Is There a Real Advantage of Pericardial Bioprostheses in Elderly Patients Undergoing Aortic Valve Replacement?"

Nominations for the STSA Inspiration Award Now Being Accepted



Past Inspiration Award Winners Robert Cerfolio, MD (left) and Kamal Mansour, MD (center) share a laugh with 2011 Tiki Award winner John Calhoun, MD.

To acknowledge the crucial importance of mentorship in developing CT surgeons and to recognize and positively reinforce STSA members who have excelled in their mentorship roles, STSA established its Inspiration Award in 2007. The Inspiration Award is given to the STSA member who has demonstrated exceptional efforts in motivating, inspiring, and cultivating the clinical and research talents of medical students, residents, and/or early career CT surgeons.

To nominate someone for the STSA Inspiration Award, please submit your nomination in writing by September 1 to be considered for presentation at the 2012 STSA Annual Meeting. Recommendation letters should outline the specific merits of the nominee and his or her positive influences on the 'mentee(s).' The recipient must be a member of the STSA in good standing. The award will be given at the discretion of the President in consultation with the Council.

Mail or e-mail nominations to: Walter Merrill, MD, President, Southern Thoracic Surgical Association, 633 N. Saint Clair St., Floor 23, Chicago, IL 60611, E-mail: stsa@stsa.org

For additional information regarding the STSA Inspiration Award, and all other STSA awards, visit www.stsa.org and click on "[Awards](#)."

SAVE THE DATE FOR NAPLES, FLORIDA!



Dr. and Mrs. Walter Merrill toured the beautiful Waldorf Astoria Naples during a recent site visit.

The STSA 59th Annual Meeting will be held November 7-10, 2012 at the beautiful **Waldorf Astoria in Naples**, Florida. Located on 23 waterfront acres along the Gulf Coast of Florida and just 35 minutes from Fort Myers International Airport, the Waldorf Naples is the perfect venue for an STSA meeting. The relaxed but luxurious hotel is just the right size for STSA and offers endless activities for families and guests. With an outstanding lineup of educational and social activities, you won't want to miss the opportunity to experience STSA in this beautiful beach setting! Registration materials will be available at www.stsa.org this summer. Mark your calendar for November 7-10, 2012 and plan to join us in Naples!

STSA PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING

STSA 59TH ANNUAL MEETING
VISIT WWW.STSA.ORG
NOVEMBER 7-10, 2012
SAVE THE DATE!

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WALDORF ASTORIA NAPLES
NAPLES, FLORIDA

The STSA Program Committee will meet in Chicago on May 11 to review abstracts and plan the program for the 59th Annual Meeting at the Waldorf Astoria Naples. Authors will be notified of the status of their submissions the week of May 14. Many excellent submissions were received and an outstanding program will undoubtedly be compiled under the leadership of

President Walter Merrill, MD and Program Committee Co-Chairs Richard Freeman, MD and Steve Hazelrigg, MD. Visit www.stsa.org in the coming weeks to review the Advance Program outline.

STSA 59th Annual Meeting POST-GRADUATE PROGRAM OUTLINE

Thursday, Nov. 8, 2012, 7:00 am - 12:00 pm

GENERAL SESSION – 7:00 am - 8:30 am

CASE PRESENTATIONS/DEBATE (WITH AUDIENCE RESPONSE SYSTEM)

Moderators: Vinod Thourani and David Jones

Time	Topics	Speakers
7:00 am - 7:30 am	<i>Adult Cardiac Case & Debate</i> - Best Approach to Treat a 50 Year Old With Aortic Stenosis and Atrial Fibrillation	Case Presenter - Niv Ad
	** Recommend Bioprosthetic and Mini-Maze	Richard Lee
	** Recommend Mechanical Valve and No AF treatment	Brian Bethea
7:30 am - 8:00 am	<i>Congenital Case & Debate</i> - Partial Anomalous Pulmonary Venous Connection (PAPVC) is Best Performed in a Pediatric Cardiac Center by a Pediatric Cardiac Surgeon	
	** Pro Side	
	** Con Side	
8:00 am - 8:30 am	<i>General Thoracic Case & Debate</i> - Management of T1a Lung Cancer in Patients at High Risk for Pulmonary Resection	Case Presenter - Robert Cerfolio
	** Recommend Lobectomy	Joshua Sonett
	** Recommend Minimally Invasive Minimal Resection	Mitchell Magee

BREAK -----8:30 am - 8:50 am-----

CONCURRENT BREAKOUTS – 8:50 am - 10:00 am

Adult Cardiac Breakout

Moderators: Neal Kon and Marcus Williams

Time	Topics	Speakers
8:50 am - 9:12 am	Mitral Valve Repair of Bileaflet Prolapse	Kevin Accola
9:12 am - 9:34 am	Myocardial Protection in 2012: When and How Should you Stop the Heart?	John Hammon
9:34 am - 9:56 am	Arterial Revascularization: The Role of Rotal Arterial Revascularization in 2012	Joseph Sabik

General Thoracic Breakout

Moderators: Robert Lee and Alan Pickens

Time	Topics	Speakers
8:50 am - 9:12 am	Quality Metrics in a General Thoracic Surgery: A Prelude to Star Rating Programs and Public Reporting	Alec Patterson
9:12 am - 9:34 am	Minimally Invasive Treatment Alternatives in Benign Esophageal Disease	Dan Miller
9:34 am - 9:56 am	Managing Post-operative Pain in the Thoracic Patient in 2012	Ara Vaporciyan

Congenital Breakout

Moderators: James Gangemi and Jorge Salazar

Time	Topics	Speakers
8:50 am - 9:12 am	Update on Repair of Congenital Heart Defects in Low-Birth-Weight Infants	Joseph Forbess
9:12 am - 9:34 am	Management of Incidental Coronary Artery Anomalies in Asymptomatic Patients	James Tweddell
9:34 am - 9:56 am	Scimitar Syndrome and Other Systemic Venous Anomalies	Charles Huddleston

BREAK -----10:00 am - 10:20 am-----

GENERAL SESSION – 10:20 am - 12:00 pm

PRO/CON DEATES (WITH AUDIENCE RESPONSE SYSTEM)

Moderators: Richard Lee and Mitchell Magee

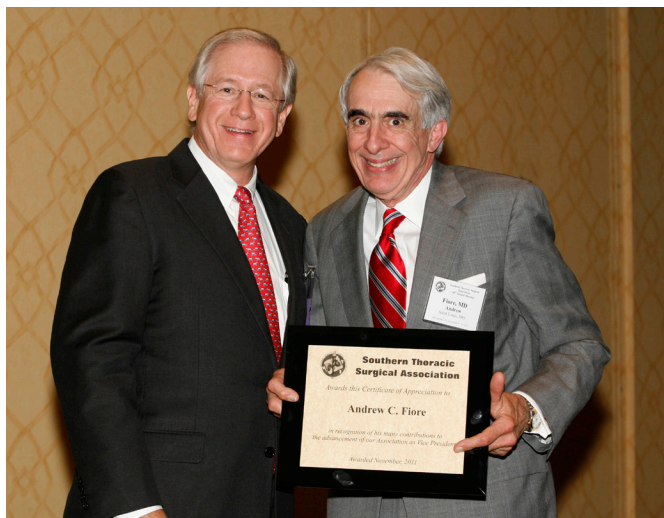
Time	Topics	Speakers
10:20 am - 10:50 am	The Societies Should Support and Promote Subspecialization Certification in the Interest of Patient Care	Pro - Keith Naunheim
		Con - Reid Tribble
10:50 am - 11:20 am	Destination VADS Should Only Be Done In a Transplant Center	Pro - Edwin McGee
		Con - Mark Slaughter

SPECIAL SESSION

Introduction: Walter Merrill

Time	Topics	Speakers
11:20 am - 12:00 pm	Topic Coming Soon!	Coming Soon!

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STSA HEADQUARTERS STAFF UPDATE



STSA Executive Director Katie Bochenek (left) and Senior Coordinator Megan Wright on site at the 58th Annual Meeting in San Antonio.

STSA Executive Director, Katie Bochenek

Katie was promoted to STSA Executive Director on February 6, 2012. During the six years she has worked with STSA, Katie has acquired an extensive background in the management of STSA's day-to-day operations and long-term development goals. In her new role, she looks forward to furthering STSA's mission to support its members in the pursuit of the highest quality patient care, education, scientific achievement, collegiality, and life balance. Katie continues her role as Affiliate Manager for The Society of Thoracic Surgeons and also serves as Executive Director of Women in Thoracic Surgery. Contact Katie at kbochenek@stsa.org or (312) 202-5835.

Senior Coordinator, Affiliate Organizations, Megan Wright

Previously the STS Marketing & Communications Coordinator, Megan comes to STSA with a breadth of knowledge and experience in database management, dues, meeting and event registration, survey implementation, communications, and program planning. Meg will bring her organizational skills, creativity, and dedication to a wide variety of STSA projects and will also serve as Senior Coordinator of TSDA, TSRA, TSFRE, and WTS. You may have met Meg at the Annual Meeting in San Antonio, but if not be sure to stop by the registration desk in Naples and welcome her to the STSA team! You can reach her at mwright@stsa.org or (312) 202-5864.



Beth Winer, Senior Manager of Affiliate Organizations, at TSDA's Boot Camp with STSA member Rick Feins, MD. Beth joined the STSA team in February and will work closely with STSA leadership in her new role.

Senior Manager, Affiliate Organizations, Beth Winer

Beth was promoted to Senior Manager, Affiliate Organizations on February 6, 2012. For nearly four years previous, Beth was Affiliate and Marketing Manager for the STS, working primarily with the Thoracic Surgery Directors Association (TSDA). Beth managed day-to-day operations for TSDA, including the In-Training Exam, Weekly Curricula, and Booth Camp, and developed and implemented numerous surveys for STS and its affiliate organizations. In her new role, Beth oversees operations for STSA, WTS, and TSFRE, and is the Executive Director of TSDA. Contact Beth at bwiner@stsa.org or (312) 202-5855.

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION TODAY!

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STSA FUTURE MEETINGS

November 7-10, 2012
Waldorf Astoria Naples
Naples, Florida

November 6-9, 2013
Hyatt Regency
Bonaventure
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

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

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

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