Dear Colleagues:

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the STSA 2004 51st Annual Meeting. The meeting was a great success! We had a record number of abstracts submitted for the meeting and our attendance was fantastic. The meeting featured more than 70 presenters, and consisted of the Postgraduate Program, Scientific Sessions, Surgical Motion Pictures, a Poster Session and the new Basic Science Forum. The Postgraduate and Program Committees did a great job!

Orlando promises to be an extremely exciting venue for our 52nd Annual Meeting. In addition to the STSA golfing, fishing and tennis activities; there will be opportunities for visiting Disney World, Epcot, MGM Studios and the Disney Animal Kingdom. Many of us may wish to add a vacation on either end of the meeting.

The Postgraduate Committee has already been hard at work and has outlined an excellent program for our meeting in Orlando. We are featuring many Pro-Con debates, as well as a new addition, a talk on retirement and how to plan for it. I am very excited about the program, which will include some of our most colorful members.

Abstract submission for the Annual Meeting is now open. The deadline for abstracts is April 8th. Be sure to get your submission in early. The Program Committee will meet in late April. I am confident they will come up with innovative processes and new ideas for the 2005 Meeting.

I encourage you to notify your friends and fellow residents who may be eligible for membership to join our group and enjoy the fellowship and education of the Southern Thoracic. Dr. Richard Prager, Chairman of the Membership Committee, will greatly welcome information about potential new members.

I look forward to the 52nd Annual Meeting with great anticipation, and I hope to see all of you in Orlando.

—Irving Kron, MD, STSA President
STSA Welcomes our New Members

Congratulations and Welcome to the following 41 physicians approved for membership in the STSA during the Annual Business meeting held November 5, 2004 in Cancun.

John C. Alexander, Jr., MD  Hackensack, NJ
Bradley Scott Allen, MD  Houston, TX
Saaed A. Ally, MD  Fort Arthur, TX
Richard C. Anderson, MD  Peoria, IL
Arie Blitz, MD  New Orleans, LA
Mark L. Blucher, MD  Saint Louis, MO
Andrea J. Carpenter, MD  San Antonio, TX
Stephen D. Cassivi  Rochester, MN
Edward Po-Chung Chen, MD  Atlanta, GA
William E. Cohn, MD  Houston, TX
Lucas R. Collazo, MD  Annandale, VA
Kathleen N. Fentom, MD  Omaha, NE
Seth D. Force, MD  Atlanta, GA
William Gordon, MD  Pontiac, MI
Peter J. Gruber, MD  Philadelphia, PA
Baron L. Hamman, MD  Dallas, TX
Thomas Hoang, MD  Dallas, TX
WardVaughn Houck, MD  Los Angeles, CA
Vigneshwar Kasirajan, MD  Richmond, VA
V. Antoine Keller, MD  Lafayette, LA
Saeid Khansarinia, MD  Lexington, KY
Jonathan Kevy, MD  Richmond, VA
Edward H. Kincaid, MD  Winston Salem, NC
Brian E. Kogon, MD  Atlanta, GA
King F. Kwong, MD  Baltimore, MD
Richard Lee, MD  Saint Louis, MO
James M. Levett, MD  Cedar Rapids, IA
Mitchell J. Magee, MD  Dallas, TX
Michael C. Mauney, MD  Saint Louis, MO
R. Brent New, MD  Cape Girardeau, MO
Patrick Eugene Parrino, MD  New Orleans, LA
Billy D. Parsons, MD  Texarkana, TX
Peter Pastuszko, MD  Oklahoma City, OK
Arjun Pennathur, MD  Pittsburgh, PA
Robert S. Poston, MD  Baltimore, MD
John D. Puskas, MD  Atlanta, GA
David C. Rice, MB, BCh  Houston, TX
Pierantonio Russo, MD  Columbia, MO
Craig H. Selzman, MD  Chapel Hill, NC
Jon-Cecil M. Walkes, MD  Houston, TX
Michael T. Weaver, MD  New Orleans, LA

New Members: Just a reminder, the Bylaws state you must attend one STSA annual meeting within 4 years of your membership acceptance.

Recruit a Member!

As you know, new members are a key ingredient in maintaining STSA’s vital role in the thoracic and cardiovascular surgeon community. Many of you have already invited others to share in the benefits of our association. STSA is known for its unique camaraderie and social cohesion, combined with a rigorous clinical education program. Please look to your colleagues who are new potential STSA members. Membership forms are available electronically at our Web site, www.stsa.org or call us at 800/685-7872 to have one mailed to you.
Congratulations to the 2004 STSA Annual Meeting Award Recipients!

Dr. Cooley becomes STSA Honorary Member

On Saturday, November 6th 2004, Dr. Denton A. Cooley, MD, became an honorary STSA member. Dr. Cooley is President and Surgeon-in-Chief of the Texas Heart Institute. He is also chief of cardiovascular surgery at St. Luke’s Episcopal Hospital, a consultant in cardiovascular surgery at Texas Children’s Hospital and a clinical professor of surgery at the University of Texas Medical School at Houston. He is the author or co-author of more than 1,300 scientific articles and 12 books.

President’s Award
The President’s Award is given annually to the author of the paper judged to be superior to all others delivered at the Annual Meeting. The 2004 President’s Award was awarded to Malcolm DeCamp, MD of Boston, Massachusetts for his paper and presentation entitled “Patient And Surgical Factors Influencing Air Leak After Lung-volume-reduction Surgery: Lessons Learned From The National Emphysema Treatment Trial”

Hawley H. Seiler, MD Resident’s Award
The Hawley H. Seiler, MD Resident’s Award is presented to the cardiothoracic resident who was judged to be outstanding in manuscript and oral presentation. The 2004 Hawley H. Seiler, MD Resident’s Award was given to Tara Karamlou, MD for her paper and presentation entitled “Use Of A Miniaturized Circuit And An Asanguineous Prime Reduces Organ Dysfunction Following Infant Cardiopulmonary Bypass”.

Tiki Award
The Tiki Award is given to the person who presents a slide judged by a committee appointed by the President to be the most memorable and noteworthy at the Annual Meeting. Ross Ungerleider, MD of Portland, Oregon was named the 2004 Tiki Award recipient. The presentation was made by last year’s winner, Betsy Urschel, assisted by Keith Naunheim, MD.

Osler Abbott Award
The Osler Abbott Award is given to the member who excels in the art of discussion. The 2004 Osler Abbott Award was awarded to Dr. Keith Naunheim of St. Louis, Missouri.

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2005 Call For Abstracts

You are invited to submit abstracts for consideration to be presented at the STSA’s 52nd Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida. All abstracts must be submitted electronically by 11:59pm EST (GMT -5), Friday, April 8, 2005. The online submission tool can be accessed at: http://www.ctsnet.org/abstracts/stsa/856/

Abstracts must be submitted in English. Abstracts will not be accepted on paper or disk. The work submitted must not have been presented, published, or submitted for publication elsewhere.

DVDs abstracts to be considered for the STSA Surgical Motion Picture Session must be submitted by the electronic submission deadline with submission of the DVD to the STSA offices by or on 3/23/05. The DVD Submission cannot be more than 10 minutes long. (Please note-DVDs will not be returned.)

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