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Letter From the President

The STSA 61st Annual Meeting in Tucson, Arizona 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. At the Business Meeting on Friday afternoon STSA welcomed 31 new Active Members, 14 Resident Members, 4 Associate Members, and 11 Student Members. Regarding membership, applications for new members are currently being accepted until September 15. New in 2015, STSA has expanded Active Membership requirements to include cardiac and thoracic surgeons who completed a general surgery residency in the Southern region. Be sure to encourage colleagues on your cardiothoracic surgery team to join. Applications can be found at www.stsa.org/membership.



John H. Calhoon, MD

There has been much activity for the Association since the conclusion of our meeting in Tucson. We have now turned our full attention to planning the 62nd Annual Meeting. I hope you will plan to join us November 4-7, 2015 at Disney's Yacht & Beach Club Resorts in Lake Buena Vista, FL! STSA staff is working to finalize details before registration opens this summer, but rest assured that we will be offering a variety of great social activities and outings to make the most of our beautiful Disney location.

John Howington, MD and Thomas Wozniak, MD, co-chairs of the 2015 Postgraduate Committee, along with their team have assembled an outstanding program for Thursday morning. See [page 8](#) of this newsletter to review the preliminary Postgraduate Program speakers and topics. Your Program Committee, chaired by Jeff Jacobs, MD and Steve Yang, MD, met in Chicago this May to finalize the scientific program. We can all look forward to a great lineup of topics and speakers. And of course there will be time in the schedule for socializing and enjoying Disney with your colleagues and family.

The Advance Program, meeting registration, and hotel reservations will be available in the coming weeks, but please do save the date for our 62nd Annual Meeting. Also, please take Disney seriously about making reservations early if you plan something away from the scheduled meeting events. Book your hotel rooms and make dining reservations (my personal choices are the California Grill atop the Contemporary Hotel for nightly fireworks and the fancy restaurant, Victoria and Albert's, in the Grand Floridian) early to secure your space. With a diverse 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!

John H. Calhoon, MD



Richard Prager, MD passed the STSA President's gavel to John Calhoon, MD during the STSA 61st Annual Meeting in Tucson, AZ.

STSA Welcomes New Members



STSA welcomed 60 new members at the November 7, 2014 Annual Business Meeting in Tucson, AZ.

Congratulations and welcome to the following cardiothoracic surgeons, residents, interdisciplinary care providers, and medical students approved for STSA Membership during the Annual Business Meeting held November 7, 2014 in Tucson, AZ.

Active Members

Bahaaldin Alsoufi	Atlanta, GA
Brian Bailey	Springfield, MO
Aditya Bansal	New Orleans, LA
Philip Carrott	Ann Arbor, MI
Richard Neal Carter	Kingsport, TN
DuyKhanh Ceppa	Indianapolis, IN
Andrew Chang	Ann Arbor, MI
Mani Daneshmand	Durham, NC
Elizabeth David	Sacramento, CA
Daniel DiBardino	San Diego, CA
Daniel Drake	Traverse City, MI
Jonathan Enlow	Columbus, OH
Robert Ferguson	Asheville, NC
Shaf Holden	Huntsville, AL
James Isbell	Charlottesville, VA
Anoush Jidarian	Atlanta, GA
Bradley Leshnower	Atlanta, GA
James Maloney	Madison, WI
Russell McElveen	Florence, SC
Daniela Molena	Baltimore, MD
Ezequiel Molina	Washington, DC
Basil Nasir	Montreal, QC
Dilip Nath	Washington, DC
Jennifer Solms Nelson	Chapel Hill, NC
Tom Nguyen	Houston, TX
David Rosenbaum	Louisville, KY
Christian Sarateanu	Carbondale, IL
Wade Stinson	Gainesville, FL
Christina Vassileva	Springfield, IL
Deon Vigilance	Indianapolis, IN
Eric Weiss	Milwaukee, WI

Associate Members

Kristine Deel	Charleston, WV
Syma Prince	Dallas, TX
Andrea Santos	Atlanta, GA
Jeremy Smith	Chattanooga, TN

Resident Members

Muhammad Aftab	Baylor College of Medicine/Texas Heart Institute
Matthew Bott	Washington University
Timothy Danish	Vanderbilt University
Kristofer Freeland	University of Alabama
David Graham	University of Texas Southwestern
Tyler Gunn	University of Kentucky
Phillips Harrington	Emory University
Puja Kachroo	Washington University
Onkar Khullar	Emory University
Jason Muesse	Emory University
Chirag Patel	Emory University
Sarah Schubert	University of Virginia
Julia Swanson	University of Virginia
Henry Todd	Vanderbilt University

Student Members

Christopher Abraham	West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine
Alexander Brescia	Saint Louis University School of Medicine
Brett Broussard	University of Alabama
Lloyd Felmly	Medical University of South Carolina
Mickey Ising	University of Louisville
K. Candis Jones	Wake Forest University
Meghan Kelly	University of Missouri
Daniel McMahon	Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, VA
Bryce Robinson	Wake Forest University
Erin Schumer	University of Louisville
Graham Ungerleider	Wake Forest University

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 Leaders Elected

The 2014 Nominating Committee, Chaired by Keith Naunheim, MD, elected the following STSA members to leadership positions at the November 2014 Annual Business Meeting:

PRESIDENT

John H. Calhoon, MD

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Andrea J. Carpenter, MD

VICE PRESIDENT

Charles B. Huddleston, MD

SECRETARY/TREASURER

Daniel L. Miller, MD

COUNCILOR

Stephen C. Yang, MD

View the entire STSA leadership roster at www.stsa.org/leadership.

Seven STSA members were also appointed to leadership Committees in January 2015. View the full list of newly appointed STSA Committee Members, each of whom participated in the 2015 self-nomination process.



STSA Past President and Nominating Committee Member, Walter Merrill, MD, announced Andrea J. Carpenter as President-Elect at the November 2014 Business Meeting in Tucson.

HELP RECRUIT NEW STSA MEMBERS

The Membership Committee, Chaired by Curtis Tribble, MD this year, would like to remind all STSA members that it considers the Association to be inclusive, and, thus, the Committee would like your help in encouraging eligible cardiothoracic surgery team members to apply for membership.

In addition to the traditional criterion for membership eligibility – practicing or having previously practiced thoracic surgery for at least one year in the **Southern region** – all CT surgeons who trained in general surgery or thoracic surgery in any Southern training program are eligible for membership, as are surgeons who participated in a research program at a Southern institution during their training. STSA provides a wonderful opportunity to all of these surgeons to not only take advantage of the excellent educational opportunities of the Annual Meeting but also to see old friends and fellow trainees on a regular basis.

Furthermore, STSA offers and encourages membership to interdisciplinary care providers (in the Associate Member category), residents, and even medical students from institutions in the Southern region.

Please encourage all of your eligible friends, associates, and mentees to apply for the appropriate category of membership. They will be welcomed. The application process is not at all burdensome for the applicants or for the STSA member sponsoring them.

STSA staff and members of the Membership Committee are eager to be of assistance in the application process if help or advice is needed. For assistance, or if you have suggestions for ways to reach new prospective members, please contact STSA Headquarters at stsa@stsa.org or (312) 202-5892.

The deadline for new member applications is September 15, 2015.

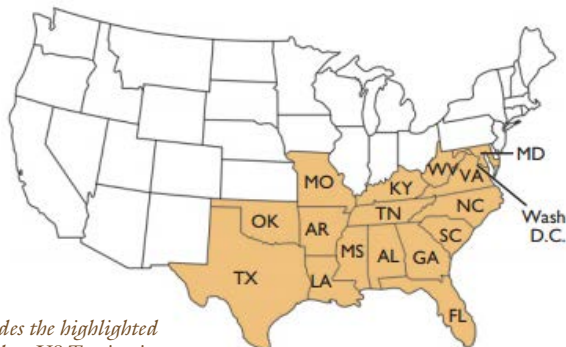
Learn more about STSA Membership categories and download an application at www.stsa.org/membership.

► Active Membership

► Resident Membership

► Associate Membership

► Student Membership



The STSA region includes the highlighted states in this image as well as US Territories and commonwealths in the Caribbean.

2014 STSA Annual Meeting Award Recipients

The **Osler Abbott Award**, given annually to a member of the Association who excels in the art of discussionmanship, was presented to **Stephen Yang, MD**, at the 61st 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.

Stephen Yang, MD's poetic discussions during the STSA 61st Annual Meeting earned him the 2014 Osler Abbott Award.



Kristine Guleserian, MD, received the 2014 **Tiki Award**. This highly coveted award is given to the person who presents the most memorable and noteworthy slide at the Annual Meeting.



Robert Cerfolio, MD presented the 2014 Tiki Award to Kristine Guleserian, MD during the STSA Annual Awards Dinner & Dance in Tucson.

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. **Andrea J. Carpenter, MD**, was selected as the recipient of the 2014 Mavroudis-Urschel Award.



Honorary Member, Betsey Urschel, and STSA Past President, Constantine Mavroudis, MD announced the 2014 Mavroudis-Urschel Award recipient during the STSA Annual Awards Dinner & Dance in Tucson.

The 2014 **President's Award** papers were selected by STSA President Richard Prager, MD in consultation with Council on the basis of originality, content, and presentation.

Stefano Mastrobuoni, MD, received the 2014 **Clifford Van Meter President's Award** for the best adult cardiac surgery scientific paper given at the Annual Meeting, titled *"Fifteen-Year Experience With Aortic Valve Sparing – Aortic Root Replacement With The Reimplantation Technique."*

Pamela Samson, MD, received the 2014 **Carolyn Reed President's Award** for the best general thoracic scientific paper given at the Annual Meeting, titled, *"Effects of Delayed Surgical Resection on Short- and Long-term Outcomes in Clinical Stage I Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer."*

Jennifer Solms Nelson, MD, received the 2014 **Congenital Heart Surgery President's Award** for the best congenital heart surgery scientific paper given at the Annual Meeting, titled, *"Long-term Outcomes After the Ross Procedure in Children Vary by Age at Operation."*

The **Hawley H. Seiler, MD, Residents Award** is presented each year to an outstanding cardiothoracic surgery resident whose presentation is deemed superior to all others. Competition for the 61st Annual Meeting Hawley Seiler Residents Award was fierce, with fifteen residents participating. **Damien LaPar, MD**, received the 2014 Hawley Seiler Resident's Award for his paper and presentation titled, *"Bilateral IMA Use for Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting Remains Underutilized: A Propensity Matched Multi-institution Analysis."*

Nominations for the STSA Inspiration Award Now Being Accepted

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.

If you would like to recognize an STSA member who impacted your career through mentorship, nominate them for the 2015 Inspiration Award.

“The Southern Thoracic Surgical Association has been important to me and my family for a long time. I suspect I come from one of the few families that have three current STSA members. The STSA Inspiration Award that I received at last fall’s meeting came as quite a surprise to me. I certainly appreciated learning about the support of my current and former students, residents, and associates who, I was told, nominated me for this award. I was also thrilled that the award was presented to me by one of my own favorite medical school mentors, Dr. Rich Prager, as he has certainly been a role model for me throughout my career. I believe that all of these relationships illustrate very well what the Southern Thoracic means to so many of us, which is that the organization is as much like family as any to which most of us belong.”

Curtis Tribble, MD, 2014 Inspiration Award Recipient

To nominate someone for the 2015 STSA Inspiration Award, please submit your nomination in writing by September 1. The 2015 Inspiration Award recipient will be announced at the 2015 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.



Richard Prager, MD, (right) presented Curtis Tribble, MD, with the 2014 Inspiration Award during the STSA Annual Awards & Dinner Dance in Tucson.

Mail or e-mail nominations to:

John Calhoon, MD, President
Southern Thoracic Surgical Association
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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/awards.

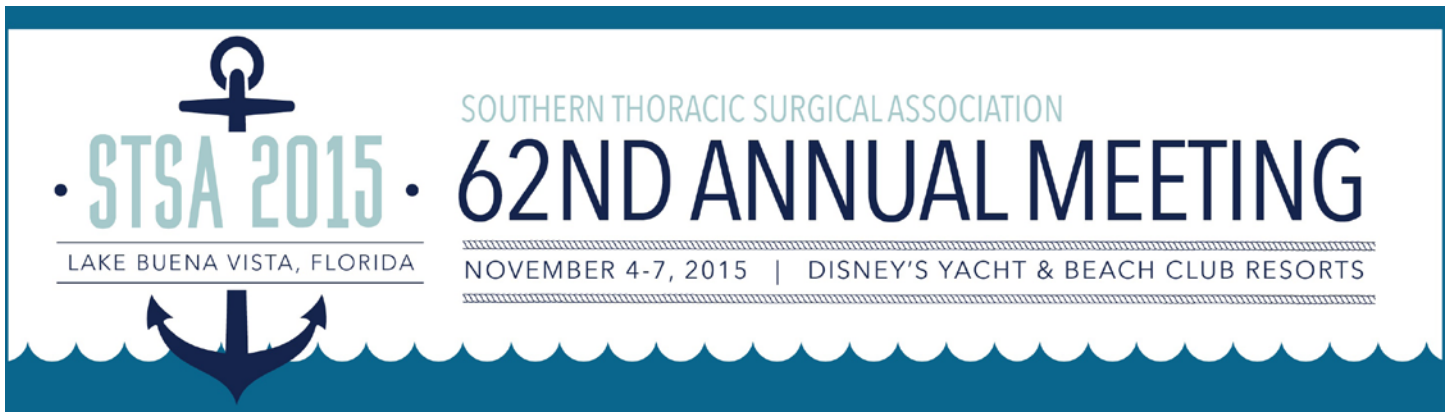
STSA Annual Meeting Presentation Videos Available on CTSNet

If you missed the STSA 61st Annual Meeting last fall in Tucson – or if you would like to revisit educational content – you can now view select educational presentations online. STSA partnered with CTSNet to provide 61st Annual Meeting Postgraduate Program educational video online for free to the cardiothoracic surgery community. View all available presentations at www.ctsnet.org/stsa-2014.

Video of the 61st Annual Meeting expert panel discussion on the use of ECMO in the treatment of adult pulmonary failure is now posted on CTSNet. Participants included (from left), Marcus Williams, MD; Robert Lee, MD; Joseph Zwischenberger, MD; and Thomas Wozniak, MD.



Save the Date for Disney!



Plan to attend the STSA 62nd Annual Meeting November 5-8, 2015 at the well-situated and charming Disney's Yacht & Beach Club Resorts. The 62nd Annual Meeting educational program has been designed by the STSA Postgraduate Committee and Program Committee to meet your educational needs. The program is coming together nicely and an Advance Program will be available next month.

Special Disney meeting highlights that attendees and their families can look forward to include:

- Guest appearances by Mickey and his friends with plenty of photo opportunities;
- The November 6 President's Mixer will conclude at *Epcot*®, where STSA will have a front row seat for fireworks;
- Awards Dinner & Dance attendees will enjoy a fun evening and delicious meal on November 7. Reduced-price tickets for children will be available;
- STSA social activities on November 7 will feature a golf tournament along with several other options that the whole family can enjoy;
- Attendees staying at Disney's Yacht Club will have access to a 3-acre waterpark hosting a lazy river, sand bottom pool with beach entry, and one of the highest hotel waterslides in *Walt Disney World*®. Yacht Club guests will also enjoy 24-hour fitness club access, free Wi-Fi throughout the resort and convention center, and exclusive Disney theme park ticket options.

STSA has a room block secured at Disney's Yacht Club and will begin taking reservations in June 2015. Mark your calendar now and plan to reserve early.

See you in Disney!



STSA President, John Calhoon, MD and his wife, Sarah Lucero Calhoon along with their daughter, toured Disney's Yacht & Beach Club Resorts during a recent site visit.

The 62nd Annual Meeting Advance Program, registration, and hotel reservations at Disney's Yacht Club will be available in June.

Visit www.stsa.org/62ndannual for the latest information about the upcoming meeting.

STSA Program Committee Update

The STSA Program Committee met in Chicago on May 8 to review abstracts and plan the program for the 62nd Annual Meeting at Disney's Yacht & Beach Club Resorts. Many excellent abstract submissions were received and an outstanding program will undoubtedly be compiled under the leadership of President John Calhoon, MD and Program Committee Co-chairs, Jeffrey Jacobs, MD and Stephen Yang, MD. Visit www.stsa.org in the coming weeks to review the Advance Program outline. Registration and housing will open in June.

The Program Committee planned the 62nd Annual Meeting scientific program based on an expansive needs assessment. Part of this assessment included a thorough review of **STSA 61st Annual Meeting evaluation data**. Among all of the useful information collected from attendees were comments expressing frustration that several 2014 sessions went over the allotted time scheduled. STSA is committed to providing each member, discussant, and author the opportunity to share their work and thoughts – without taking time belonging to others on the program.

In an effort to continuously improve STSA meetings, the Program Committee has decided to employ “Bouncers” to back up the moderators when someone inadvertently starts to run over their allotted time. “Bouncers” will have the opportunity to turn off the microphone and slides when someone does not stay to time



STSA Program Committee members and abstract reviewers (from left) Charles Huddleston, MD; John Calhoon, MD; Jeffrey Jacobs, MD; and James St. Louis, MD discussed the STSA 62nd Annual Meeting congenital heart surgery educational program.

as outlined by moderators. They may also act as referees and place offenders in “time out, assign stroke and distance penalties or disqualification”. The Committee looks forward to an educational, fun, and prompt meeting this fall, and hopes that you do too!

Medical Student and Resident Scholarship Opportunities

Medical students interested in pursuing a career in cardiothoracic surgery are encouraged to apply for the **STSA James W. Brooks Medical Student Scholarship**. Eligible applicants include 2nd, 3rd, and 4th year medical students who demonstrate a commitment to cardiothoracic surgery. Interested applicants must complete an online application and submit a current version of their CV, a letter of nomination from an STSA member, and a letter of support from their medical school dean confirming their permission for the applicant to travel to Florida November 5-8, 2015.

2014 Brooks Scholarship recipient, Xiaoying (Xiaoxiao) Lou was recently interviewed by STSA about her experience attending the 61st Annual Meeting as a Brooks Scholarship recipient. Xiaoxiao said, “The whole experience was amazing – the sessions were

worthwhile and educational, the social events were well organized and fun, but I especially enjoyed meeting the other attendees. Everyone I met was so supportive and encouraging, and I left the meeting even more excited about the field and inspired to be a part of it.” **Read the full interview!**

The **STSA Residents Scholarship** will be awarded in 2015 to a general surgery or thoracic surgery resident committed to cardiothoracic surgery. Interested applicants must complete an online application and submit a current version of their CV, a letter of nomination from an STSA member, and letter of support from their Program Director confirming their permission for the applicant to travel to Florida November 5-8, 2015.

Both the STSA Brooks and Residents Scholarships include airfare to attend the STSA 62nd Annual Meeting November 5-8, 2015; a three-night stay at Disney's Yacht Club Resort; and reimbursement for travel-related expenses to attend the meeting. Scholarship recipients will also receive tickets to attend the President's Mixer and Annual Awards Dinner & Dance. An STSA member mentor will be paired with each scholar to assist in familiarizing them with the STSA Annual Meeting and facilitating introductions.

Applications for the 2015 Brooks Scholarship and Residents Scholarship will be available at www.stsa.org in late-May.

The application deadline for both scholarships is July 15, 2015. Recipients will be notified of the Scholarship Committee's decision in early-September.



2014 Brooks Scholarship recipients, Xiaoying Lou and Mickey Ising, attended the 61st Annual Meeting Awards Dinner & Dance in Tucson.

STSA 62nd Annual Meeting Postgraduate Program Outline*

Thursday November 5, 2015, 7:00 am – 12:00 pm

GENERAL SESSION – 7:00 am - 8:30 am

Mistakes/Pitfalls Case Presentations

Moderator: Kevin Accola

Times	Topics	Speakers
7:00 am - 7:22 am	Aortic Case Presentation	Tony Estrera
7:22 am - 7:44 am	Adult Cardiac Case Presentation	V. Seenu Reddy
7:44 am - 8:06 am	Recovery from Esophageal Disasters & Failures	Scott Johnson
8:06 am - 8:28 am	Lung Transplantation Pulmonary Venous Obstruction	Thomas Wozniak

BREAK -----8:30 am - 8:45 am-----

CONCURRENT BREAKOUTS – 8:45 am - 10:05 am

General Thoracic Breakout

Moderators: Melanie Edwards and John Howington

Times	Topics	Speakers
8:45 am - 9:12 am	Pancoast Tumor Resection – Anterior Approach	Garrett Walsh
9:12 am - 9:39 am	Robotic Thymectomy: Tips, Pitfalls and Long Term Outcomes	Richard Freeman
9:39 am - 10:05 am	POEM	TBA

Adult Cardiac Breakout

Moderators: Faisal Bakaeen and Thomas Beaver

Times	Topics	Speakers
8:45 am - 9:12 am	Valve-sparing Root Replacement Techniques	Edward Chen
9:12 am - 9:39 am	Minimally Invasive and Off-pump Placement of Durable VADS	Simon Maltais
9:39 am - 10:05 am	Aortic Transection & Stenting	Himanshu Patel

Congenital Breakout

Moderators: Carl Backer or Robert Dabal

Times	Topics	Speakers
8:45 am - 9:12 am	AV Valve Repair in Single Ventricle Patients	Paul Chai
9:12 am - 9:39 am	Tricuspid Valve Repair	Joseph Dearani
9:39 am - 10:05 am	Body & Brain Protection During Arch Repair	Jorge Salazar

BREAK -----10:05 am - 10:20 am-----

GENERAL SESSION – 10:20 am - 12:00 pm

Special Topics in Cardiothoracic Surgery

Moderators: Daniel Miller and Thomas Wozniak

Times	Topics	Speakers
10:20 am - 10:50 am	ECMO	Robert Bartlett
10:50 am - 11:20 am	Role of the Thoracic Surgeon in the ICU	Glenn Whitman

SPECIAL SESSION

Introduction: Richard Prager

Time	Topic(s)	Speaker(s)
11:20 am - 12:00 pm	Heart Valve Surgery: A Lifelong of Learning	Tirone David

LUNCH BREAK -----12:00 pm - 1:00 pm-----

**Program subject to change.*

STSA 61st Annual Meeting, Tucson, AZ, Nov. 5-8, 2014
View and order photos at www.stsaphotos.com



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www.stsa.org/whats-new

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Update Your Member Contact Information

Visit 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.

2015 Membership Dues

If you have not yet paid your 2015 membership dues, be sure to **log in and pay your dues online** today! For membership assistance contact STSA staff at (800) 685-7872.

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STSA FUTURE MEETINGS

November 4-7, 2015

Disney's Yacht &
Beach Club Resorts

Lake Buena Vista, Florida

November 9-12, 2016

Naples Grande Beach
Resort

Naples, Florida

November 8-11, 2017

JW Marriott San Antonio
Hill Country Resort & Spa
San Antonio, Texas

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