

51st Annual Meeting of the Southern Thoracic Surgical Association

Annual Business Meeting Notes November 5, 2004

Fiesta Americana Grand Coral Beach-Cancun, Mexico

I. Call to Order: D. Glenn Pennington, MD called the 51st Annual Business Meeting to order at 5:05 pm CST. He welcomed the membership and thanked them for their participation. Opening remarks given by Dr. Pennington included the acknowledgement of Council and Committee members. Dr. Pennington also acknowledged the STSA Past Presidents in attendance at the meeting.

II. Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Dr. John H. Calhoon reported on the 2004 Annual Meeting registration as of 11/1/04. He noted that 110 members were registered, 76 non-members, 105 spouses and/or guests, 18 nurses or PAs, and 17 residents or fellows.

Dr. Calhoon also reported as of 10/29/04 STSA has 692 active members, 330 senior members, 7 honorary members. He explained STSA now has more than 1,000 members.

Dr. Calhoon added that 2004 was another successful year for new member recruitment. He stated that 41 new applications were received for 2004. Dr. Calhoon acknowledged the efforts of Dr. Marbarger Membership Committee for their recruitment efforts. He stated that the new applicants would be presented to the membership for approval later in the meeting.

Dr. Calhoon then presented information on the STSA financial position. He noted that 2003 had been a good year financially for STSA. The 50th Anniversary meeting was very successful, and reserves are strong. Although final figures were not yet available, expectations are that STSA will have a positive bottom line for the year.

III. Approval of Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes of the November 14, 2003 Annual Business Meeting.

Action: Approved.

IV. Recognition of the New Members: Dr. Pennington and Dr. Calhoon acknowledged and welcomed those members approved for membership at

previous annual meetings who were attending the 2004 meeting. Individuals were presented with their STSA member certificate.

V. Report of the Council: Dr. Joseph I. Miller, Jr., Council Chairman, reported on the actions of The Council to the membership. Dr. Miller updated the membership on the activities of the Council. He also reported that the member dues statements that were recently mailed will give the opportunity for members to make a voluntary contribution to the Thoracic Surgery Foundation for Research and Education (TSFRE).

Dr. Miller also reported that the Council has considered endorsing TSFRE efforts with industry. An ad hoc committee was appointed, and this will be discussed at the Council meeting in April 2005.

Dr. Miller reported that there will be no increase in dues for 2005. He added that the Council was looking into possible offshore locations for the 2008 Annual Meeting, including Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. Discussion of any offshore location will be taken into consideration based on the level of success of the Cancun Meeting.

VI. Report of the Postgraduate Committee Chairman: Dr. Erle Austin gave a brief report on the Postgraduate Program that was held on November 4, 2004. Dr. Austin reported the 2004 Postgraduate Program covered a variety of topics in the areas of adult cardiac, congenital and general thoracic surgery, beginning with a pro and con debate regarding on pump and off-pump cardiac surgery. He said the Program was very well attended, and according to early returns from submitted evaluations; the Program was well received. He noted that some evaluations called for more discussion between presentations. These and all other comments will be forwarded to the 2005 Postgraduate Committee, to be chaired by Dr. Robert Cerfolio and Dr. David Jones.

The STSA Web site will carry details of the Postgraduate Program starting in May 2005.

VII. Report of the Program Committee: Dr. Quintessenza reported on Program committee activities involved in planning the 51st Annual Meeting. Dr. Quintessenza noted that the Committee received 236 abstracts, and from those submissions, 40 papers were selected for oral presentation. New for this year, a poster presentation session was added. This new session took 10 papers which the committee felt were excellent but did not qualify for oral presentations. He added that there were nine videos presented Thursday during movie night. An additional new session, called the Basic Science Surgical Forum which featured five outstanding

research papers. Dr. Quintessenza thanked the members who attended the 51st Annual Meeting and acknowledged the work of the Committee in the development of an excellent program.

VIII. Report of the Membership Committee: Dr. Marbarger reported on the membership committee activities. He stated the STSA had another successful year of new member recruitment with 41 new member applications received. He reported the applications had been reviewed by the committee and requested the membership approval of the applicants. The names of the applicants were presented in PowerPoint.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the new member applicants as presented.

Action: Approved.

Dr. Marbarger then moved to recommend Dr. Denton A. Cooley be approved for honorary membership in the Society. Dr. Marbarger explained that Dr. Cooley is a pioneer and leader in the field of cardiothoracic surgery and has contributed to the Society through the numerous residents and fellows he has trained and through the papers and publications presented at the Society meetings. He requested the membership approval of Dr. Cooley for Honorary Membership.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Dr. Denton A. Cooley for Honorary Membership.

Action: Approved by unanimous vote.

IX. Report of the Continuing Medical Education Committee: Dr. Clifford Van Meter, Jr., CME Director, reported that the STSA is in good standing with the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME). He mentioned that the STSA is subject to reappraisal in 2006. Dr. Van Meter explained we have not been given any precise date when that will happen, and so we will be in a constant state of preparedness. He asked that members be sure to complete the meeting evaluation forms and provide the STSA with feedback on the program for future program development; explaining that it is not only important to the ACCME but it is important to the Council.

X. Report of the Historian: Dr. Urschel presented the names of STSA members who had passed away since the last meeting. Included was Dr. Dewitt Daughtry, STSA's eighth president, who was present at the 50th Anniversary and but subsequently has passed away. Others who passed

away in the previous year were; Dr. Vincent Gurucharri; Dr. Charles Johnson; Dr. Maxton Mauney; Dr. Porter Mayo; Dr. John Miller; Dr. Robert Welsh. The membership rose for a moment of silence.

XI. *The Annals of Thoracic Surgery* Editor's Report: Dr. Edmunds gave a report on the activities of *The Annals*. He reported that the journal had strong subscriptions and advertising results for 2003 to date. He explained that between January and August, 2004, *The Annals* saw a 6.3% increase in the number of manuscripts received. He suggested that the increase was due to the new electronic manuscript processing system implemented on January 1, 2003.

Dr. Edmunds noted that *The Annals* did not publish any printed supplements in 2004. *The Annals* does publish E-only supplements however. He continued, noting that E-only publishing currently focuses on case reports and how-to-do-it articles. Currently there are approximately three to five case reports and two how-to-do-it pieces per issue. E-only publication, he added, moves up publication from about 16 months' wait to about three to four months' wait. Dr. Edmunds said E-only manuscripts are cited and indexed like print articles. They are also listed in the table of contents. They are considered as scholarly as any of the print articles.

Dr. Edmunds went on to note that *The Annals* is investigating the possibility of providing CME credits for *Annals* articles. He will report back as investigations continue. He also noted that the *Annals* editorial offices have moved to 3440 Market Street, in Philadelphia. Dr Edmunds ended his report saying the subscriptions have exceeded 10,000, and he hopes they will be 11,000 next year.

XII. Report of the ACS Governor: Dr. Hammon gave a brief report on the activities of the American College of Surgeons. He stated that the ACS meeting in October was well-attended and thought to be successful. He noted that Bill Sasser, former STSA President, was elected Vice-President of the College. In addition, Tim Gardner was elected to the Chair of the Advisory Council in Cardiothoracic Surgery in addition to several other elections and nominations. Dr. Hammon also noted that malpractice reform continued to be a primary issue of concern at the ACS meeting.

XIII. Report of the ACS Advisory Council Representative: Dr. Mavroudis updated the membership on the activities of the ACS Advisory Council. Dr. Mavroudis mentioned in addition to his appointment to the Advisory Council, he was also appointed to the Joint Council on Cardiothoracic Education.

XVI. Report of the Nominating Committee: Dr. Watson, Chairman of the STSA Nominating Committee, introduced and acknowledged Committee members William Sasser, Constantine Mavroudis, and Joseph I. Miller. The Nominating Committee is responsible for providing a proposed slate of nominations for the offices of President, President-Elect, Vice-President, and Councilor.

Dr. Watson announced the slate of candidates for the upcoming year:

Vice – President – Joe Coselli [insert affiliation]

Councilor-at-Large (one position open for 2005) - Keith Naunheim
[add affiliation]

A motion was made and seconded to close the nominations for Vice President and Councilor-at Large.

Action: Approved

A motion was made and seconded to approve the committee's nominations for Vice President and Councilor-at-Large.

Action: Approved.

Dr. Watson announced the committee's nomination of Ross Ungerleider (insert affiliation) for President-Elect.

A motion was made and seconded to close the nominations for President-elect.

Action Approved.

XVII. Adjournment: Dr. Pennington recognized and introduced the new President, Dr. Irving Kron, who thanked everyone for attending and encouraged all to attend next year's meeting in Orland.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm EST.

Respectfully submitted,

John H. Calhoon, MD, Secretary/Treasurer

