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Robert Cerfolio, MD passed the STSA President's gavel to Richard Prager, MD during the STSA 60th Annual Meeting in Scottsdale, AZ.

Letter From the President

The STSA 60th Annual Meeting in Scottsdale, 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 Annual Business Meeting on Friday afternoon STSA welcomed 27 new Active Members and 15 Resident Members.



Richard L. Prager, MD

Regarding membership, applications for new members are currently being accepted until September 15. New in 2014, STSA is accepting applications for Associate and Student Membership. Additionally, cardiac and thoracic surgeons who currently practice, or have previously practiced, for one rather than two consecutive years in the southern geographic region now qualify for membership. Be sure to encourage colleagues on your cardiothoracic surgery team to join. I'd particularly like to ask you to reach out to younger CT surgeons and trainees, tell them about the Southern Thoracic, and offer to write a letter of support. Applications can be found at www.stsa.org/membership.

There has been much activity for the organization since the conclusion of our meeting in Scottsdale. We have now turned our full attention to planning the 61st Annual Meeting in Tucson, Arizona. I hope you will plan to join us November 5-8, 2014 at the JW Marriott Tucson Starr Pass Resort & Spa! 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 Scottsdale location.

Robert Lee, MD and Marcus Williams, MD, co-chairs of the 2014 Postgraduate Committee, along with their team have assembled an outstanding program for Thursday morning. See [page 6](#) of this newsletter to review the preliminary Postgraduate Program speakers and topics. Your Program Committee, chaired by Melanie Edwards, MD and Jorge Salazar, 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 the beautiful Arizona sunshine with your colleagues and family.

The Advance Program, meeting registration, and hotel reservations will be available in the coming months, but please do save the date for our 61st 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!

Richard L. Prager, MD

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 1, 2013 in Scottsdale, AZ.

Active Members

| | |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| Brian Bethea | Dallas, TX |
| Mario Castillo-Sang | Charleston, SC |
| Pierre de Delva | Jackson, MS |
| Jeffrey Gaca | Durham, NC |
| James Gangemi | Charlottesville, VA |
| Ravi Ghanta | Charlottesville, VA |
| Bryan Helsel | San Antonio, TX |
| Kamal Khalil | Houston, TX |
| Fawad Khawaja | Gainesville, FL |
| Ahmet Kilic | Columbus, OH |
| Min Kim | Houston, TX |
| Theresa Luu | Athens, GA |
| Hari Mallidi | Houston, TX |
| Simon Maltais | Nashville, TN |
| Jeremiah Martin | Lexington, KY |
| Carlos Mery | Houston, TX |
| Edward Murphy | Grand Rapids, MI |
| Yoshio Otaki | Winston-Salem, NC |
| Ourania Preventza | Houston, TX |
| Theolyn Price | Colorado Springs, CO |
| Harold Roberts | Ft. Lauderdale, FL |
| Todd Rosengart | Houston, TX |
| Stefano Schena | St. Louis, MO |
| Vinod Sebastian | Dallas, TX |
| Loki Skylizard | Long Branch, NJ |
| Chad Stasik | San Antonio, TX |
| Bryce Turnage | Meridian, MS |

Resident Members

| | |
|------------------|---|
| Aaron Abarbanell | Emory University |
| Raed Alnajjar | Baylor College of Medicine/ Texas Heart Institute |
| Michael Bolanos | University of Kentucky |
| Neal Carter | Baylor College of Medicine/ Texas Heart Institute |
| Elizabeth David | UC Davis Medical Center |
| Rajeev Dhupar | MD Anderson Cancer Center |
| Michael Kayatta | Emory University |
| Armin Kiankhooy | University of Virginia |
| Sharon Larson | University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Hospital |
| Basil Nasir | University of Alabama |
| Hao Pan | University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio |
| Manu Sancheti | Emory University |
| Gary Schwartz | Johns Hopkins Hospital |
| Benjamin Wei | Duke University Medical Center |
| Derek Williams | University of Texas Southwestern |

RECRUIT NEW STSA MEMBERS!

Associate and Student Membership categories are now available for allied health professionals, medical students, and general surgery residents.

STSA membership is now available for the entire CT surgery community. Last year, STSA members approved an amendment to the Bylaws that extends active membership to cardiothoracic surgeons with one year, rather than two years, of experience practicing in the Southern region. Two new membership categories were also approved and STSA is currently accepting applications for Associate and Student Membership in addition to Active and Resident Membership.

Tell your colleagues about STSA Membership and encourage them to apply. When inviting a fellow CT surgeon to apply for membership, don't forget to write a letter of nomination. Resident, Associate, and Student Membership applications require the signature of an STSA member in good standing – signing and application is a quick and easy way to show your support.

The Membership Committee, Chaired by Dr. Marc Moon this year, is looking for ways to reach new prospective members. If you have suggestions of ways to communicate with cardiothoracic surgery programs, departments, or institutions, please contact stsa@stsa.org.

**The deadline for new member applications is
September 15, 2014.**



STSA welcomed 42 new members at the November 1, 2013 Annual Business Meeting in Scottsdale, AZ.

**Learn more about STSA Membership categories
and download an application online:**

► **Active Membership**

► **Resident Membership**

► **Associate Membership**

► **Student Membership**

2013 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 **Daniel Miller, MD** at the 60th 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.



John Calhoon, MD (left) accepted the 2013 Osler Abbott Award on Daniel Miller, MD's behalf. Jeffrey Jacobs, MD (right) presented the award.

Lorraine Cerfolio received the 2013 **Tiki Award**. This highly coveted award is given to the person who presents the most memorable and noteworthy slide at the Annual Meeting.



Vinay Badhwar, MD (right) presented the 2013 Tiki Award to Robert Cerfolio, MD and his sons (from left) Alec, Matthew, and Robby Cerfolio.

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. **Kevin D. Accola, MD** was selected as the recipient of the 2013 Mavroudis-Urschel Award.



Honorary Member, Betsey Urschel, presented Kevin Accola, MD with the 2013 Mavroudis-Urschel Award at the Awards Dinner & Dance in Scottsdale.

Bartosz Rylski, MD, of Freiburg, Germany was selected to receive the 2013 **Clifford Van Meter President's Award** for the best adult cardiac surgery scientific paper given at the Annual Meeting. This superior paper titled, "*Aortic Dissection Type A After Previous Cardiac Surgery: Results of an Integrated Surgical Approach*," was selected by STSA President Robert Cerfolio, MD on the basis of originality, content, and presentation.



Robert Cerfolio, MD (left) presented Bartosz Rylski, MD with the 2013 Clifford Van Meter President's Award at the Annual Awards Dinner & Dance in Scottsdale.

R. Douglas Adams, MD, of Owensboro, KY, received the inaugural **Carolyn Reed President's Award** for the best general thoracic scientific paper given at the Annual Meeting, titled, "*Evaluation of Multicenter Initial Robotic Lobectomy Experience Compared to Data from the STS for Thoracotomy and VATS Lobectomy*."

Vincent K.H. Tam, MD, of Fort Worth, TX, received the inaugural **Congenital Heart Surgery President's Award** for the best congenital heart surgery scientific paper given at the Annual Meeting, titled, "*Clinical Experience with Aortic Translocation*."

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. **Timothy George, MD** was recognized as the 2012 Hawley Seiler Resident's Award recipient at the November 2, 2013 Annual Awards Dinner & Dance. New in 2013, the Program Committee and Executive Council announced the award recipient immediately following the conclusion of the 60th Annual Meeting.



Robert Cerfolio, MD (left) presented Timothy George, MD with the 2012 Hawley Seiler Resident's Award in Scottsdale.



Rachel L. Medbery, MD received the 2013 Hawley Seiler Resident's Award for her paper and presentation titled, "*VATS Lobectomy Cost Variability: Implications for a Bundled Payment Era*."

Robert Cerfolio, MD presented Rachel Medbery, MD with the 2013 Hawley Seiler Resident's Award in Scottsdale.

STSA 60th Annual Meeting, Scottsdale, AZ, Oct. 30 – Nov. 2, 2013
view and order photos at www.stsa.org



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.

To nominate someone for the STSA Inspiration Award, please submit your nomination in writing by September 1 to be considered for presentation at the 2014 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: Richard Prager, 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/awards.



James Robert Headrick, MD (left) received the 2013 Inspiration Award from Robert Cerfolio, MD at the STSA Annual Awards and Dinner Dance in Scottsdale.

Medical Student and Resident Scholarship Opportunities

Medical students interested in pursuing a career in thoracic surgery are encouraged to apply for the **STSA James W. Brooks 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 Tucson November 6-9, 2014. Learn more at www.stsa.org/brooksscholarship.

The inaugural **STSA Residents Scholarship** will be awarded in 2014 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 a letter of support from their Program Director confirming their permission for the applicant to travel to Tucson November 6-9, 2014.

Both the Brooks Scholarship and STSA Residents Scholarship include airfare to attend the STSA 61st Annual Meeting November 6-9, 2014 in Tucson, Arizona; a three-night stay at the JW Marriott Tucson Starr Pass Tucson Resort & Spa; 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 introducing them to the STSA Annual Meeting and facilitate introductions.

Applications for the 2014 Brooks Scholarship and inaugural Residents Scholarship will be available at www.stsa.org later this month. Encourage a trainee at your institution to apply!

The application deadline for both scholarships is July 15, 2014. Recipients will be notified of the Scholarship Committee's decision in early-September.



2013 Brooks Scholarship recipient, Sahar Saddoughi (second from left), attended the Residents Reception on Nov. 1 in Scottsdale with fellow trainees and STSA leaders.

Save the Date for Tucson, Arizona!



TUCSON, ARIZONA | JW MARRIOTT STARR PASS RESORT AND SPA | NOVEMBER 5-8, 2014

Plan to attend the STSA 61st Annual Meeting November 5-8, 2014 at the beautiful JW Marriott Tucson Starr Pass Resort & Spa in Tucson, Arizona. The 61st Annual Meeting educational program has been designed by the STSA Postgraduate Committee and Program Committee to meet your educational needs. Both Committees thoroughly reviewed 2013 Annual Meeting attendee feedback when selecting educational formats, topics, and speakers. The program is coming together nicely and an Advance Program will be available next month.

Nestled against the saguaro-covered foothills of Tucson Mountain Park and just minutes from Tucson International Airport, the JW Marriott Tucson Starr Pass Resort & Spa 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.

Learn more about the resort online. Registration materials will be available at www.stsa.org this summer.

See you in Tucson!



STSA President, Richard Prager, MD and his wife, Laurie Prager, toured the JW Marriott Tucson Starr Pass during a recent site visit.

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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STSA 61st Annual Meeting Postgraduate Program Outline*

Thursday, November 6, 2014, 7:00 am – 12:00 pm

GENERAL SESSION – 7:00 am - 9:00 am

CASE PRESENTATIONS & EXPERT PANELS (WITH AUDIENCE RESPONSE SYSTEM)

Moderators: Robert Lee and Marcus Williams

| Time | Topics | Speakers |
|-------------------|--|--|
| 7:00 am - 7:30 am | Adult Cardiac Case Presentation & Expert Panel: Current Management and Blood Utilization in Adult Cardiac Surgery | Case Presenter: Robert Lee; Panelists: Vic Ferraris, Alan Speir |
| 7:30 am - 8:00 am | Congenital Heart Surgery Case Presentation & Expert Panel: Anomalous Origin of a Coronary Artery | Case Presenter: Paul Chai; Panelists: Kirk Kanter, James Jagers |
| 8:00 am - 8:30 am | General Thoracic Case Presentation & Expert Panel: Lung Cancer Screening at Academic and Non-academic Institutions | Case Presenter: Robert Lee; Panelists: Richard Freeman, John Howington |
| 8:30 am - 9:00 am | Critical Care Case Presentation & Expert Panel: ECMO & Your Hospital | Case Presenter: Marcus Williams; Panelists: Joseph Zwischenberger, Thomas Wozniak |

BREAK ----- 9:00 am - 9:15 am -----

CONCURRENT BREAKOUTS – 9:15 am - 10:35 am

General Thoracic Breakout

Moderators: Richard Freeman and Stephen Yang

| Time | Topic | Speaker |
|---------------------|---|-----------------|
| 9:15 am - 9:42 am | SBT vs. Sublobar Resection for One-Centimeter Lesions | Traves Crabtree |
| 9:42 am - 10:09 am | Current Management of Stage III-A (P123N2M0) Lung Cancer | David Jones |
| 10:09 am - 10:35 am | Lung Cancer Biomarkers, Mutations and Genetic Signatures for the Thoracic Surgeon | David Harpole |

Adult Cardiac Breakout

Moderators: Scott LeMaire and J. Michael DiMaio

| Time | Topic | Speaker |
|---------------------|---|-----------------|
| 9:15 am - 9:42 am | TAVR 2014 Update | Michael Reardon |
| 9:42 am - 10:09 am | Minimally Invasive Valve Surgery | Donald Glower |
| 10:09 am - 10:35 am | Current Management of Type A and B Acute Dissection | Edward Chen |

Congenital Breakout

Moderators: Paul Chai and Jorge Salazar

| Time | Topic | Speaker |
|---------------------|--|-------------------------|
| 9:15 am - 9:42 am | Surgical Treatment of Ebstein's Anomaly: From Neonate to Adult | Christopher Knott-Craig |
| 9:42 am - 10:09 am | Biventricular Repair in Borderline Hearts | Sitaram Emani |
| 10:09 am - 10:35 am | Use of STS Congenital National Database in Research Outcomes Quality Assurance | Jeffrey Jacobs |

BREAK ----- 10:35 am - 10:50 am -----

GENERAL SESSION – 10:50 am - 12:00 pm

EXPERT PANEL DISCUSSION (WITH AUDIENCE RESPONSE SYSTEM)

Moderator: Richard Feins

| Time | Topic | Speakers |
|---------------------|----------------------|--|
| 10:50 am - 11:20 am | Educating Our Future | I6 Approach - Michael Argenziano Traditional Approach - TBA |

SPECIAL SESSION (WITH AUDIENCE RESPONSE SYSTEM)

Moderator: Richard Prager

| Time | Topic | Speaker |
|---------------------|--------------|---------|
| 11:20 am - 12:00 pm | Coming soon! | TBA |

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

CME Update: STSA Reaccredited by ACCME for New Four-Year Term

At its March 2014 meeting, the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) awarded STSA Accreditation through March 31, 2018. ACCME's decision was based on a review of STSA's self study report, evidence of performance-in practice files, and accreditation interview, which were completed by Vinod Thourani, MD Past Director of CME; Richard Freeman, MD, Director of CME; and STSA staff.

The CME Committee and staff will continue their work to ensure STSA complies with ACCME policies and fulfills its mission to deliver high-quality, practical, innovative, and scientifically rigorous educational programming at its Annual Meeting. Learn more about STSA's CME activities at www.stsa.org/cme. For questions or comments regarding STSA's CME policies or ACCME accreditation, please contact Megan Drumm at mdrumm@stsa.org.

STSA Program Committee Meeting

The STSA Program Committee met in Chicago on May 9 to review abstracts and plan the program for the 61st Annual Meeting at the JW Marriott Tucson Starr Pass Resort & Spa in Tucson, Arizona. Authors will be notified of the status of their submissions as soon as possible. Many excellent submissions were received and an outstanding program will undoubtedly be compiled under the leadership of President Richard Prager, MD and Program Committee Co-Chairs, Melanie Edwards, MD and Jorge Salazar, MD. Visit www.stsa.org in the coming weeks to review the Advance Program outline.

2014 Membership Dues

If you have not yet paid your 2014 membership dues, be sure to **log in and pay your dues online** today! For membership assistance contact STSA staff at (800) 685-7872.

Update Your Membership 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.

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STSA FUTURE MEETINGS

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

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

November 9-12, 2016
Waldorf Astoria Naples
Naples, Florida

November 8-11, 2017
JW Marriott San Antonio
Hill Country Resort & Spa
San Antonio, TX

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