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.

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

STSA WELCOMES NEW 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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.”
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.

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.
Save the Date for Tucson, Arizona!

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!

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.

Connect with STSA on Facebook for the latest news, photos, and event updates from the Southern Thoracic!
# 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

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<td>Congenital Heart Surgery Case Presentation &amp; Expert Panel: Anomalous Origin of a Coronary Artery</td>
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<td>General Thoracic Case Presentation &amp; Expert Panel: Lung Cancer Screening at Academic and Non-academic Institutions</td>
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<td>Critical Care Case Presentation &amp; Expert Panel: ECMO &amp; Your Hospital</td>
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## CONCURRENT BREAKOUTS – 9:15 am - 10:35 am

### General Thoracic Breakout

**Moderators:** Richard Freeman and Stephen Yang

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<td>Lung Cancer Biomarkers, Mutations and Genetic Signatures for the Thoracic Surgeon</td>
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### Adult Cardiac Breakout

**Moderators:** Scott LeMaire and J. Michael DiMaio

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### Congenital Breakout

**Moderators:** Paul Chai and Jorge Salazar

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<td>Use of STS Congenital National Database in Research Outcomes Quality Assurance</td>
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## GENERAL SESSION – 10:50 am - 12:00 pm

### EXPERT PANEL DISCUSSION (WITH AUDIENCE RESPONSE SYSTEM)

**Moderator:** Richard Feins

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### SPECIAL SESSION (WITH AUDIENCE RESPONSE SYSTEM)

**Moderator:** Richard Prager

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## LUNCH BREAK

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*Program subject to change.*
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.

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

Visit www.stsa.org for additional information