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Attend the STSA 64th Annual Meeting November 8-11 in San Antonio, TX.



Letter From the President

The STSA 63rd Annual Meeting in Naples, Florida was a great event! Thank you 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 29 new Active Members, 18 Candidate Members, 3 Associate Members, and 6 Pre-Candidate Members. Regarding membership, applications for new members are currently being accepted until September 15. Please encourage colleagues on your cardiothoracic surgery team to join, and offer to write a letter of nomination or serve as an applicant's member sponsor. We also strongly encourage applications from residents, students, and allied health personnel. Applications can be found at www.stsa.org/membership.



David R. Jones, MD

There has been much activity for the organization since the conclusion of our meeting in Naples. We have now turned our full attention to planning the 64th Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas. I hope you will plan to join us November 8-11, 2017 at the stunning JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort & Spa! **We have made new and exciting updates to the schedule you may be accustomed to over the years, so be sure to look closely at the Advance Program to see these exciting changes.** A preliminary schedule can be found on page 8. STSA will continue to offer high-quality, informative education that you have come to expect, but with changes that will make your experience that much more enjoyable. Highlights can be found on <http://stsa.org/64thannual/>. 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, including the President's Mixer, All Attendee Luncheon, the Residents Mixer, the Annual Awards Dinner, and luncheons designed specifically for interdisciplinary care providers, a new event for 2017, is the Early Practitioner's Luncheon. STSA will also offer a golf outing on the JW Marriott's beautiful TPC course.

Robert Dabal, MD and Melanie Edwards, MD, Co-Chairs of the 2017 Postgraduate Committee, along with their team have assembled an outstanding program for Saturday morning. See page 9 of this newsletter to review the preliminary Postgraduate Program speakers and topics. Your Program Committee, chaired by S. Adil Husain, MD and Richard Lee, MD, met in Chicago in May to finalize the scientific program. We can all look forward to a great lineup of highly relevant topics and speakers. And of course there will be time in the schedule for socializing and enjoying the beautiful resort setting 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 64th Annual Meeting. Make plans to book your hotel rooms and make dining reservations early to secure your space. 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!

David R. Jones
David R. Jones, MD

STSA Welcomes New Members



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 11, 2016 in Naples, FL.

Active Members

Raed Alnajjar
Clinton Township, MI

Brett Beecher
Augusta, GA

Donnell Bowen
Houston, TX

Stephen Broderick
Baltimore, MD

Lisa Brown
Sacramento, CA

Errol Bush
Baltimore, MD

Wilson Clements
Chattanooga, TN

David Cleveland
Birmingham, AL

William Conner
Austin, TX

Matthew Danter
Nashville, TN

David Fullerton
Aurora, CO

Dawn Hui
St. Louis, MO

Robert Keenan
Tampa, FL

TK Susheel Kumar
Memphis, TN

Lawrence Lee
Knoxville, TN

Virginia Litle
Boston, MA

Jenifer Marks
Aurora, CO
HelenMari Merritt Genore
Omaha, NE

Raghav Murthy
San Diego, CA

Alykhan Nagji
Kansas City, KS

Soumya Neravetla
Savannah, GA

Brian Pettiford
New Orleans, LA

Matthew Reinersman
Oklahoma City, OK

Sameh Said
Rochester, MN

Gary Schwartz
Dallas, TX

John Storey
Indianapolis, IN

Benjamin Wei
Birmingham, AL

Derek Williams
Dallas, TX

Leora Yarboro
Charlottesville, VA

Associate Members

Michael Lapp
Winchester, VA

Michael Loga
Chattanooga, TN

Nathan Woody
Chattanooga, TN

Candidate Members

Michael Archer
Vanderbilt University

Gautam Bhatia
University of Alabama

Alejandro Bribiesco
Washington University

Nels Carrol
*University of Texas Health
Science Center San Antonio*

Tessa Cartwright
University of Kentucky

Julie Doberne
Duke University

John Evans
Vanderbilt University

Meredith Harrison
University of Virginia

Matt Johnston
Wake Forest University

Christopher Lawrance
Washington University

Bradley LeNoir
*Medical University of South
Carolina*

Giovanni Piovesana
University of Florida

Joshua Rosenblum
Emory University

Raina Sinha
Emory Children's Healthcare

William Smith
Ochsner Clinic Foundation

John Stringham
University of Virginia

Luis Velazco
*Virginia Commonwealth
University*

Brittany Zwischenberger
Duke University

Pre-Candidate Members

Hasan Maredia
Johns Hopkins School of Medicine

Adishesh Narahari
University of Virginia

Joshua Parreco
University of Miami

Benjamin Smood
University of Alabama

Stanley Wolfe
*West Virginia University
School of Medicine*

Sara-Catherine Zingg
*University of Tennessee Health
Science Center*

A Reminder to New STSA Members

Active status will not become effective, nor a certificate of membership presented, until the elected applicant attends 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 will require reapplication for membership.

New STSA Leaders Elected

The 2016 Nominating Committee, Chaired by Walter H. Merrill, MD, elected the following STSA members to leadership positions at the 2016 Annual Business Meeting:

PRESIDENT

David R. Jones, MD

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Kevin Accola, MD

VICE PRESIDENT

Vinod H.Thourani, MD

COUNCILOR

Todd K. Rosengart, MD

COUNCILOR

M. Blair Marshall, MD

COUNCILOR

Mark S. Slaughter, MD

Six STSA members were also appointed to leadership Committees in January 2017 following a self-nomination process. [View the full list of newly appointed STSA Committee Members.](#)



STSA Council Chair, A.J. Carpenter, MD (right), STSA President, David R. Jones, MD (center), and STSA President-Elect, Kevin Accola, MD, attend the 2016 Annual Business Meeting.

Help Recruit New STSA Members

The Membership Committee, Chaired by Edward Po-Chung Chen, MD this year, 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 in a Southern program 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 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. STSA staff and members of the Membership Committee are eager to help; please contact STSA Headquarters at stsa@stsa.org or (312) 202-5892 for assistance.

The deadline for new member applications is September 15, 2017.

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

▶ Active Membership

▶ Candidate Membership

▶ Associate Membership

▶ Pre-Candidate Membership



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TSF STSA Research Grant

STSA has partnered with The Thoracic Surgery Foundation (TSF) to offer the TSF STSA Research Grant, which provides operational support of original research efforts by an early-career cardiothoracic surgeon who has completed their formal training and who is seeking initial funding and recognition for their research program.

STSA is pleased to announce the recipient of the 2017 TSF STSA Research Grant is Anson Lee, MD, for his research project titled, *“Identifying the Common Final Pathway in Post-Operative Atrial Fibrillation with Transcriptome Profiling.”* Dr. Lee is an Assistant Professor of Surgery in the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery at Stanford University School of Medicine.

According to Dr. Lee’s proposal, atrial fibrillation is the most common heart rhythm disorder affecting Americans. A related problem, post-operative fibrillation (POAF), occurs in up to half of patients following open-heart surgery. Dr. Lee’s research seeks to determine the genetic pathways responsible for atrial fibrillation. This goal of this project is to develop personalized therapeutic treatment options. This will primarily be achieved by sequencing the RNA expression profiles of patients who undergo open-heart surgery and compare the patients that develop post-operative atrial fibrillation to those that do not.

TSF will begin accepting applications for the 2018 TSF STSA Research Grant in July. Learn more and download an application at www.thoracicsurgeryfoundation.org.



Anson Lee, MD is the recipient of the 2017 TSF STSA Research Grant

2016 STSA Annual Meeting Award Recipients



Douglas Mathisen, MD, accepted the 2016 Osler Abbott Award during the STSA Annual Awards Dinner in Naples, FL.



A.J. Carpenter, MD (right) presented the 2016 Mavroudis-Urschel Award to Shanda Blackmon, MD (left) during the STSA Annual Awards Dinner in Naples, FL.

The **Osler Abbott Award**, given annually to a member of the Association who excels in the art of discussionmanship, was presented to **Douglas Mathisen, MD** from Massachusetts General Hospital, at the 63rd 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 that have traditionally characterized STSA.

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 personifies the social spirit, camaraderie, and fun for which STSA is famous. **Shanda Blackmon, MD** of the Mayo Clinic, was selected as the recipient of the 2016 Mavroudis-Urschel Award.

Thoralf Sundt, MD of Massachusetts General Hospital, received the **2016 Tiki Award**. This award is given to the person who presents the most memorable and noteworthy slide at the Annual Meeting.

The **2016 President’s Award** papers were selected by STSA President A.J. Carpenter, MD in consultation with the STSA Council on the basis of originality, content, and presentation.

A. Michael Borkon, MD of Saint Luke’s Hospital of Kansas City, received the **2016 Clifford Van Meter President’s Award** for the best adult cardiac surgery scientific presentation at the Annual Meeting, titled *“Timing of Operation for Tricuspid Regurgitation After Heart Transplant.”*

Juliana Stone, MS of Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health, received the **2016 Carolyn Reed President’s Award** for the best general thoracic scientific presentation at the Annual Meeting, titled, *“Surgeon Leadership in the Operating Room: What Behaviors Best Support Surgical Teamwork?”*

William Patrick, MD of Stanford University, received the **2016 George Daicoff President’s Award** for the best congenital heart surgery scientific presentation at the Annual Meeting, titled, *“Major Aortopulmonary Collateral Arteries in Patients with Anatomy other than Pulmonary Atresia with Ventricular Septal Defect.”*

The **Hawley H. Seiler, MD Residents Award** is presented each year to an outstanding cardiothoracic resident whose presentation is deemed superior to all others. **J. Trent Magruder, MD** of Johns Hopkins, received the 2016 Hawley Seiler Resident’s Award for his paper and presentation titled, *“Selective Localization of a Novel Dendrimer Nanoparticle in an Ischemia-reperfusion Model of Myocardial Infarction.”*

Nominations for the STSA Inspiration Award This Summer

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. **Clinton E. Baisden, MD** received the 2016 Inspiration Award.

If you would like to recognize an STSA member who has impacted your career through mentorship, nominate them for the 2017 Inspiration Award. Submit your nomination in writing by September 1. Nomination letters should outline the specific merits of the nominee and his or her positive influences on their mentee(s). Send nominations to David R. Jones, MD, President, Southern Thoracic Surgical Association by mail (633 N. Saint Clair St., Floor 23, Chicago, IL 60611) or e-mail (stsa@stsa.org).

For additional information regarding all STSA awards, visit www.stsa.org/awards.

Medical Student and Resident Scholarship Applications Now Being Accepted

STSA is pleased to announce that **STSA James W. Brooks Scholarship** program has been expanded to include both medical students interested in pursuing a career in cardiothoracic surgery, and residents committed to cardiothoracic surgery. STSA greatly appreciates the Brooks family for its ongoing support of these important awards.

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 San Antonio, TX, November 8-11, 2017. In 2016, Brooks Scholarships were awarded to Caitlin Brown and Andrew Percy. You can read more about the Brooks Scholarship [here](#).

General surgery residents committed to cardiothoracic surgery are eligible to apply for the **STSA James W. Brooks Resident Scholarship**. 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 San Antonio, November 8-11, 2017.

Brooks Scholarships include airfare to attend the STSA 64th Annual Meeting November 8-11, 2017; a three-night stay at the JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country 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. An STSA member mentor will be paired with each scholar to assist in familiarizing them to the STSA Annual Meeting and facilitate introductions.

Applications for the 2017 Brooks Scholarships are now being accepted. Visit www.stsa.org/awards to learn more and access the online applications. **The application deadline for both scholarships is July 14, 2017.**



STSA Council Chair A.J. Carpenter, MD (right) and 2016 STSA Resident Scholar, Caitlin Brown, attended the STSA 63rd Annual Meeting Residents Reception.



From left to right: 2016 STSA Resident Scholar, Sameer Hirji, MD, STSA Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Miller, MD, 2016 STSA Brooks Scholar, Caitlin Brown, 2016 STSA Resident Scholar, David Ranney, MD and 2016 STSA Brooks Scholar Andrew Percy pose for a photo at the Annual Awards Dinner and Dance during the STSA 63rd Annual Meeting in Naples, FL on November 12, 2016.

Save the Date for San Antonio!

The STSA 64th Annual Meeting will be held November 8-11, 2017 at the beautiful JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort & Spa in San Antonio, Texas. The 64th Annual Meeting educational program has been designed by the STSA Postgraduate and Program Committees to meet your educational needs.

STSA President, Dr. David R. Jones, and staff traveled to San Antonio in March to conduct a site visit and found the JW Marriott to be a perfect fit for STSA members, friends, and families. The resort is set on a 36-hole golf course, accompanied by a 9-acre water park and lazy river, stunning views and world-class amenities, including the luxurious Lantana Spa, and exceptional dining.

The Advance Program, registration, and housing information will be available at www.stsa.org this summer. Mark your calendar for November 8-11, 2017 and plan to join us in San Antonio!



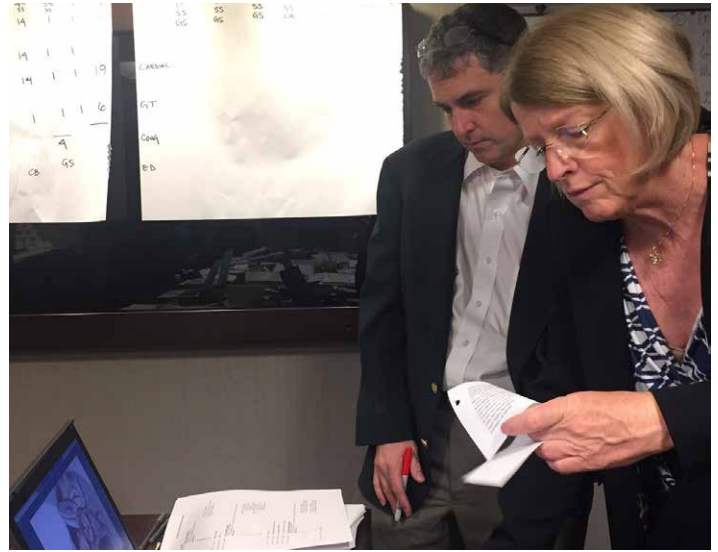
A view of the golf course overlooking the hotel at the JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort & Spa.

The Advance Program, registration, and housing information will be available at www.stsa.org this summer.

Mark your calendar for November 8-11, 2017 and plan to join us in San Antonio!

STSA Program Committee Update

The STSA Program Committee met in Chicago on May 12 to review abstracts and plan the program for the 64th Annual Meeting. All authors have been notified of the status of their submissions. Many excellent submissions were received and an outstanding program will undoubtedly be compiled under the leadership of President David R. Jones, MD and Program Committee Co-Chairs, S. Adil Husain, MD and Richard Lee, MD. Visit www.stsa.org in the coming weeks to review the educational program. Registration and housing will also be available at that time.



STSA Program Committee Chair, Richard Lee, MD (left) and STSA Council Chair, A.J. Carpenter, MD (right) discussed the STSA 64th Annual Meeting adult cardiac educational program.



Online Brooks Scholarship Donations Accepted

STSA accepts online donations for the James W. Brooks Scholarship fund. The Brooks Medical Student Scholarship was founded in 2010 to recognize and honor STSA Past President, Dr. Jim Brooks. Dr. Brooks was a lifetime supporter of the STSA, and he was a great mentor to countless residents and students during his career at the Medical College of Virginia.

The Brooks Medical Student Scholarship is given annually to a 2nd, 3rd, or 4th year medical student in the STSA region who is interested in cardiothoracic surgery. Established in 2014, this year's Brooks Resident Scholarship will be awarded to a general surgery resident who is committed to cardiothoracic surgery. Scholarship recipients receive funding to attend the STSA Annual Meeting and benefit from the guidance of STSA members.

Learn more about the Brooks Scholarships at www.stsa.org/brooksscholarship

- Make a Brooks Scholarship donation online.
- Download a Brooks Scholarship pledge form.

64th ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM OUTLINE

Schedule of Events

The Southern Thoracic Surgical Association is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The STSA designates this live activity for a maximum of 17 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)[™]. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Thursday, November 9, 2017

6:30 am – 5:00 pm	Registration
6:30 am	Continental Breakfast
7:00 am – 7:50 am	Basic Science Forum
7:00 am – 7:50 am	Ethics Debate <i>Battling the Chimera: How Much Disclosure of Rare Risks Is Necessary?</i>
8:00 am – 10:30 am	First Scientific Session
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Exhibit Hall Open
10:30 am – 11:00 am	Break/Visit Exhibits
11:00 am – 11:20 am	President’s Invited Lecturer Pedro del Nido, MD
11:20 am – 12:00 pm	Presidential Address David R. Jones, MD
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	All Attendee Luncheon
1:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Exhibit Hall Open
1:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Break/Visit Exhibits Dessert in the Exhibit Hall
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Second Scientific Session
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Break/Visit Exhibits Coffee Break in Exhibit Hall
3:30 pm – 5:30 pm	Third Scientific Session
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm	Cardiothoracic Surgery Resident Jeopardy Competition, Rounds 1 & 2
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Residents Reception
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	President’s Mixer

Friday, November 10, 2017

6:30 am – 5:00 pm	Registration
6:30 am	Continental Breakfast
7:45 am – 12:00 pm	Exhibit Hall open

SIMULTANEOUS SUBSPECIALTY BREAKOUTS

7:00 am - 8:30 am	Fourth Scientific Session A Cardiac, Thoracic, Congenital
9:00 am - 10:00 am	Fourth Scientific Session B Cardiac, Thoracic, ECMO

10:00 am - 10:30 am	Break/Visit Exhibits
10:30 am - 10:50 am	Kent Trinkle Lectureship Marc R. Moon, MD

SIMULTANEOUS SUBSPECIALTY BREAKOUTS

11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Fourth Scientific Session C Cardiac, Thoracic, Congenital, Transplant
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12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Grab ‘n Go Lunch Early Practitioners Luncheon Interdisciplinary Care Luncheon
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12:45 pm – 3:30 pm	Exhibit Hall Open
1:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Break/Visit Exhibits
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	Update on Practice Management Expert Panel (NEW!) <i>Incorporating New Technology and New Operations into Clinical Practice: How I Do It</i>

2:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Harold Urschel Lectureship Stephen Yang, MD: <i>Mark M. Ravitch: Southern Comfort and Curmudgeonry</i>
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3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Break/Visit Exhibits
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Fifth Scientific Session
4:30 pm – 5:15 pm	STSA Business Meeting
4:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Cardiothoracic Surgery Resident Jeopardy Competition, Final Round
7:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Awards Dinner

Saturday November 11, 2017

7:30 am	Continental Breakfast
8:00 am – 11:40 am	Postgraduate Program (see pg. 9)

64th Annual Meeting Postgraduate Program Outline

Saturday, November 11, 2017, 8:00 am – 11:40 am

Cardiothoracic Surgery: Changing Practices, Changing Technologies

GENERAL SESSION – 8:00 am - 9:15 am		
Special Topics in Cardiothoracic Surgery		
TIMES	TOPICS	SPEAKERS
8:00 am - 8:30 am	Quality and Safety in the Operating Room	Thoralf Sundt, MD
8:30 am - 9:15 am	A Conversation with a Legend: Joseph Coselli, MD	Joseph Coselli, MD
9:15 am - 9:30 am	Break	
GENERAL SESSION – 9:30 am - 10:25 am		
Maximizing Leadership Potential in Your Practice		
TIMES	TOPICS	SPEAKERS
9:30 am - 9:42 am	Transition to Leadership: The Academic Perspective	Walter H. Merrill, MD
9:42 am - 9:56 am	Transition to Leadership: The Private Practice Perspective	Richard K. Freeman, MD
9:56 am - 10:08 am	Defining a Quality Cardiothoracic Surgical Procedure: Who Decides?	Benjamin D. Kozower, MD
10:08 am - 10:25 am	Panel Discussion	All speakers
10:25 am - 10:40 am	Break	
CONCURRENT BREAKOUTS – 10:40 am - 11:40 am		
Advances in Adult Cardiac Surgery: New Techniques and Technologies		
TIMES	TOPICS	SPEAKERS
10:40 am - 11:00 am	Arterial Grafting Update	James E. Davies, MD
11:00 am - 11:20 am	Non-Aortic Valve Transcatheter Therapies: Beyond TAVR	Gorav Ailawadi, MD
11:20 am - 11:40 am	Atrial Fibrillation Surgery: Who and Why	Ralph J. Damiano, Jr., MD
Advances in General Thoracic Surgery: New Techniques and Technologies		
TIMES	TOPICS	SPEAKERS
10:40 am - 11:00 am	General Thoracic Surgery in 2025	Yasufuku Kazuhiro, MD
11:00 am - 11:20 am	Managing the Difficult to Palpate Lung Nodule	James M. Isbell, MD
11:20 am - 11:40 am	EMR and Beyond for Surgeons: How and Why	Thomas J. Watson, MD
Advances in Congenital Heart Surgery: New Techniques and Technologies		
TIMES	TOPICS	SPEAKERS
10:40 am - 11:00 am	Interfacing with the Cath Lab in Adult Congenital Surgery	Brian E. Kogon, MD
11:00 am - 11:20 am	New VAD Technology in Congenital Surgery	Kristine J. Guleserian, MD
11:20 am - 11:40 am	Ozaki Technique for Aortic Valve Repair	Christopher W. Baird, MD
Interdisciplinary Care Provider Breakout: Management of the Difficult Cardiothoracic Patient in the Early Postoperative Period		
TIMES	TOPICS	SPEAKERS
10:40 am - 10:55 am	How to Deal with the Difficult Congenital Patient	Stacy Reynolds, DNP, RN, CPNP
10:55 am - 11:10 am	How to Deal with the Difficult Cardiac Patient	G. Chad Hughes, MD
11:10 am - 11:25 am	How to Deal with the Difficult General Thoracic Patient	Benjamin Wei, MD
11:25 am - 11:40 am	Panel Discussion	All speakers
11:40 am	END OF SESSION / STSA ANNUAL MEETING CONCLUDES	

Robert Dabal, MD, Melanie Edwards, MD,
2017 Postgraduate Committee Co-Chairs

The 2017 Postgraduate Program will be held the morning of Saturday, November 11. The Postgraduate Committee has worked hard to put together an extremely exciting program that will include several innovative sessions, including a session focused on how to maximize leadership potential in your practice; breakout sessions focused on new techniques and technologies for adult cardiac, thoracic, and congenital heart operations; and the breakout session for interdisciplinary care providers, “Management of the Difficult Cardiothoracic Patient in the Early Postoperative Period.” This year’s Legends Lecture will feature Dr. Joseph Coselli, whose work has had a tremendous impact on the field.

STSA 63rd Annual Meeting

Naples, FL, Nov. 9–12, 2016. View and order photos at www.stsphotos.com



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STSA FUTURE MEETINGS

November 8-11, 2017

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

November 7-10, 2018

Omni Amelia Island
Plantation Resort
Amelia Island, Florida

November 6-9, 2019

JW Marriott Marco Island
Beach Resort
Marco Island, Florida

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