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.

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!
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 Little
Boston, MA

Jenifer Marks
Aurora, CO
HelenMari Merritt Genore
Omaha, NE
Ragvah 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

Candidate Members

Michael Archer
Vanderbilt University
Gautam Bhatia
University of Alabama
Alejandro Bribriesco
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

Associate Members

Michael Lapp
Winchester, VA
Michael Loga
Chattanooga, TN
Nathan Woody
Chattanooga, TN

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.
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.
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.

2016 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 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-cors 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.

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.
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!
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.

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.

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**Special Topics in Cardiothoracic Surgery**

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### GENERAL SESSION – 9:30 am - 10:25 am

**Maximizing Leadership Potential in Your Practice**

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<td>Defining a Quality Cardiothoracic Surgical Procedure: Who Decides?</td>
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### CONCURRENT BREAKOUTS – 10:40 am - 11:40 am

#### Advances in Adult Cardiac Surgery: New Techniques and Technologies

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<td>James E. Davies, MD</td>
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<td>Non-Aortic Valve Transcatheter Therapies: Beyond TAVR</td>
<td>Gorav Ailawadi, MD</td>
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<td>Atrial Fibrillation Surgery: Who and Why</td>
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#### Advances in General Thoracic Surgery: New Techniques and Technologies

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<td>James M. Isbell, MD</td>
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<td>EMR and Beyond for Surgeons: How and Why</td>
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#### Advances in Congenital Heart Surgery: New Techniques and Technologies

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<td>Ozaki Technique for Aortic Valve Repair</td>
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#### Interdisciplinary Care Provider Breakout: Management of the Difficult Cardiothoracic Patient in the Early Postoperative Period

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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 gratefully acknowledges the following companies for their support of the STSA 63rd Annual Meeting, held November 9-12, 2016 in Naples, FL.

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2017 Membership Dues

If you have not yet paid your 2017 membership dues, be sure to log in and pay your dues online today!

For membership assistance contact STSA staff at 312-202-5892.

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
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