The STSA 64th Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas 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, the new and improved schedule, and the unique social spirit that is such an important part of all STSA meetings. At the Business Meeting on Friday afternoon STSA welcomed new Active Members, Candidate Members, Associate Members, and Pre-Candidate Members. 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/becomeamember/

There has been much activity for the organization since the conclusion of our meeting in San Antonio. We have now turned our full attention to planning the 65th Annual Meeting in beautiful Amelia Island, Florida. I hope you will plan to join us November 7-10, 2018 at the stunning Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort. We are maintaining the same schedule as 2017, which was overwhelmingly applauded by attendees, with one notable addition. Added back into the schedule is Wednesday night programming. Check in to the hotel, come as you are, and attend the first half of the STSA Postgraduate Program. This year’s evening topic, “I Wish I Could Have Done That Case Over” will be accompanied by an informal dinner. Other exciting additions are two high-profile speakers that will bring a special touch to the meeting. Be sure to look closely at the Advance Program for more information! 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 https://stsa.org/65thannual/. 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 Reception, the Annual Awards Dinner, and the Early Practitioner’s Luncheon.

Kirk Kanter, MD and Dan Miller MD, Co-Chairs of the 2018 Postgraduate Committee, and their team have assembled an outstanding program for Wednesday night and Saturday morning. See page 9 of this newsletter to review the preliminary Postgraduate Program speakers and topics. Your Program Committee, chaired by Faisal Bakaeen, MD and Elizabeth David, 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 65th 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 10, 2017 in San Antonio, TX.

Active Members
George Arnaoutakis
Gainsville, FL
Keki Balsara
St. Louis, MO
Matthew Bott
New York, NY
Ryan Davies
Dallas, TX
Matthew Gaudet
New Orleans, LA
Erin Gillaspie
Nashville, TN
Danielle Gottlieb Sen
New Orleans, LA
Rachel Harrison
Memphis, TN
Lynn Huffman
Dallas, TX
Jeffrey Javidfar
Atlanta, GA
David Kaczorowski
Baltimore, MD
Tomer Karas
Orlando, FL
Onkar Khullar
Atlanta, GA
Armin Kiankhooy
Los Angeles, CA
Damien LaPar
New York, NY
Raymond Lee
Winston-Salem, NC
Joseph Monfre
Casper, WY
Aundrea Oliver
Greenville, NC
Timothy Piroli
Dallas, TX
Ryan Plichta
Durham, NC
Scott Reznik
Dallas, TX
Eric Scuevi
Atlanta, GA
Asas Shaft
Raleigh, NC
Subhadra Shashidharan
Atlanta, GA
Christian Shults
Washington, DC
Raina Sinha
Minneapolis, MN
James Speicher
Greenville, NC
Julia Swanson
Portland, OR
Bradley Taylor
Baltimore, MD
Dustin Walters
Charlottesville, VA
Benny Weksler
Memphis, TN

Associate Members
Alexis Frederick
Cumming, GA
Brianda Hooper
Grayson, GA
Jennifer Schauer
Johns Creek, GA

Candidate Members
Hamza Aziz
Johns Hopkins Hospital
Hope Cordova
University of Texas San Antonio
Trevor Ellison
Johns Hopkins Hospital
Kirsten Freeman
University of Florida
Swaminathan Gnanashanmugam
Texas Heart Institute/ Baylor College of Medicine

Pre-Candidate Members
Kathryn Engelhardt
Medical University of South Carolina
David Hall
University of Florida School of Medicine
Sigrid Johannesen
University of Oklahoma
Tara Semenkovich
Washington University in St. Louis/Barnes Jewish Hospital
Julie Stortz
University of Florida School of Medicine
Melanie Subramanian
Washington University in St. Louis/Barnes Jewish Hospital
Melissa Taylor
East Tennessee State University College of Medicine

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, however, will require reapplication for membership.

Rajat Kumar
University of Alabama at Birmingham
Paul Linsky
University of Alabama at Birmingham
James Mace
University of Alabama at Birmingham
Joseph Martinez
UT Southwestern Medical Center
Erinn Ogburn
University of Kentucky
Victor Reis
University of Miami/Jackson Health System
Alex Schutz
Texas Heart Institute/ Baylor College of Medicine
Tyler Wallen
University of Florida
Help Recruit New STSA Members

The Membership Committee, Chaired by Edward Savage, 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, 2018.

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

STSA membership elected the following leaders at the 2017 STSA Business Meeting, held on November 10, 2017. The slate of candidates were identified by the STSA Nominating Committee:

**PRESIDENT**
Kevin Accola, MD

**PRESIDENT-ELECT**
Jeff Jacobs, MD

**VICE PRESIDENT**
Richard Freeman, MD

**SECRETARY/TREASURER-ELECT**
Shanda Blackmon, MD

**COUNCILOR**
Faisal Bakaeen, MD

**COUNCILOR**
Melanie Edwards, MD

Several STSA members were also appointed to leadership Committees in January 2018 following a self-nomination process. View the full list of STSA Leaders.
2017 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 Daniela Molena, MD from Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, at the 64th 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 personified the social spirit, camaraderie, and fun for which STSA is famous. Stephen Yang, MD of Johns Hopkins Hospital, was selected as the recipient of the 2017 Mavroudis-Urschel Award.

Joseph Dearani, MD of the Mayo Clinic, received the 2017 Tiki Award. This award is given to the person who presents the most memorable and noteworthy slide at the Annual Meeting.

The 2017 President’s Award papers were selected by STSA President David R. Jones, MD in consultation with Council on the basis of originality, content, and presentation.

Anita Nguyen, MD of Mayo Clinic, received the 2017 Clifford Van Meter President’s Award for the best adult cardiac surgery scientific presentation at the Annual Meeting, titled “Reverse Remodeling of the Left Atrium Following Transaortic Myectomy in Patients With Obstructive Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy.”

Linda Martin, MD of the University of Virginia, received the 2017 Carolyn Reed President’s Award for the best general thoracic scientific presentation at the Annual Meeting, titled, “Implementing a Thoracic Enhanced Recovery Program: Lessons Learned in the First Year.”

Minoo Kavarana, MD of the Medical University of South Carolina, received the 2017 George Daicoff President’s Award for the best congenital heart surgery scientific presentation at the Annual Meeting, titled, “Pulmonary Arteriovenous Malformation Regression Following a Fontan is Associated With Angiopoietin-2 Driven Angiogenesis Inhibition.”

The Hawley H. Seiler, MD Residents Award is presented each year to an outstanding cardiothoracic resident whose presentation is deemed superior to all others. Joshua Rosenblum, MD of Emory University, received the 2017 Hawley Seiler Resident’s Award for his paper and presentation titled, “STS Predicted Risk of Mortality Score Predicts Thirty-day Readmission Following Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting.”

TSF STSA Research Grant

STSA, in partnership with The Thoracic Surgery Foundation (TSF) offered the TSF STSA Research Award, 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 that the recipient of the 2018 TSF STSA Research Grant is Paul C. Tang, MD, PhD, for his research project titled, “Improving Donor Heart Function Following Ischemia-Reperfusion Injury by Innate Immune Inhibition Using Valproic Acid.” Dr. Tang is an Assistant Professor of Cardiac Surgery at the University of Michigan.

Dr. Tang’s project examines whether dampening inflammation in hearts obtained from organ donors can improve the function of these hearts after it been revived by reestablishing blood flow after a period of cold storage. He proposes using the drug valproic acid (VPA) to decrease the inflammation that is associated with the heart not receiving enough oxygen during organ transport to the recipient patient.

TSF has updated this award for 2019 and it will be known going forward as the TSF STSA Resident Research Award. Applications will open in July 2018. Learn more and access an application at www.thoracicsurgeryfoundation.org.

“The STSA Award provided an opportunity to obtain critical preliminary data from our donor heart experiments. This will allow us to be competitive in applying for larger grants from both government and private sources. An important step in promoting scientific contributions from cardiothoracic surgeons.”

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Save the Date for Amelia Island, Florida!
Omni Amelia Island Plantation

The STSA 65th Annual Meeting will be held November 7-10, 2018 at the stunning Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort in Amelia Island, Florida. The 65th Annual Meeting educational program has been designed by the STSA Postgraduate and Program Committees to meet your educational needs.

STSA President, Dr. Kevin Accola, and staff traveled to Amelia Island in March to conduct a site visit and found the Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort to be an ideal location for STSA members, friends, and families. The luxury resort is nestled on 1,350 acres at the top of a barrier island just off the Northeast Florida coast. Unparalleled views of the Atlantic Ocean and spacious accommodations are available in every room. The multi-tiered pool deck features an adults-only infinity edge pool, a 10,000-square-foot family-friend pool, Splash Park water playground, and supervised activities. The hotel offers 36 holes of championship golf, and a variety of relaxing and rejuvenating treatments in their beautiful spa.

Join us for the President’s Invited Lecturer and special guest, Coach Lou Holtz, on Thursday, Nov 8. Lou Holtz has established himself as one of the most successful college football coaches of all time. He is the only coach in the history of college football to:

1) Take 6 different teams to a bowl game.
2) Win 5 bowl games with different teams.
3) To have 4 different college teams ranked in the final Top 20 poll.

For many years, Lou has been considered among the greatest speaking legends in America today. He speaks on overcoming seemingly impossible challenges by setting your own goals and working to achieve them. He has built a reputation as a motivator, a demanding disciplinarian, and someone who relishes challenges and hard work. We are privileged and enthused to hear Lou speak about “Reflections on Leadership” and how his life experiences can be tied into different aspects of cardiothoracic surgery.

We are pleased to announce special guest speaker, Wayne M. Sotile, PhD, for the Saturday morning Postgraduate Breakfast Session. Dr. Sotile is a pioneer in the fields of health psychology, resilience, and work/life balance for high performing people. He is one the world’s most seasoned clinicians specializing in life coaching for physicians. This session will provide attendees with an engaging and compassionate “leadership and resilience check-up.” Participants will gain insights from structured self-assessments, guided discussions, and description of evidence-based tactics and strategies that differentiate physicians who thrive through change from those who flounder in disillusionment and burnout. Please join us for this special topic. Spouses are encouraged to attend! Breakfast will be served prior to the start of the session.

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

Mark your calendar for November 7-10, 2018 and plan to join us in Amelia Island!
Online Brooks Scholarship Donations Accepted

STSA accepts online donations for the James W. Brooks Medical Student and Resident Scholarship fund. The Brooks 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 Scholarship is given annually to 2nd, 3rd, or 4th year medical students and general surgery residents in the STSA region who are interested in 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/brooks.

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

STSA Program Committee Update

The STSA Program Committee met in Chicago on May 18 to review abstracts and plan the program for the 65th Annual Meeting at the Omni Amelia Island Resort. 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 Kevin Accola, MD and Program Committee Co-Chairs, Faisal Bakaeen, MD and Elizabeth David, MD. Visit www.stsa.org in the coming weeks to review the educational program. Registration and housing will also be available at that time.

New this year! Video abstracts in the Exhibit Hall! Authors will present their video abstracts during meeting breaks, and attendees will have an opportunity for open discussion. Although CME will not be offered in conjunction with these presentations, it’s an opportunity to engage with fellow surgeons in an informal, social environment.

STSA CME Director, Scott LeMaire, MD (left), STSA President, Kevin Accola, MD (Middle) and STSA Program Committee Chair, Faisal Bakaeen, MD (right) discussed the STSA 65th Annual Meeting adult cardiac educational program.
65th ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM OUTLINE

Schedule of Events

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of The Society of Thoracic Surgeons and The Southern Thoracic Surgical Association. The Society of Thoracic Surgeons is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The Society of Thoracic Surgeons designates this live activity for a maximum of 17.50 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim on the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

**Wednesday, November 7, 2018**

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65th Annual Meeting
Postgraduate Program Outline

The Postgraduate Committee has worked hard to plan an extremely exciting program for the 65th Annual Meeting with a different approach. New this year, the Postgraduate Program has been split into two sessions in order to incorporate an array of presentations which will highlight a number of trending topics in cardiothoracic surgery as well as accommodate our attendees’ ability to participate.

Join us Wednesday evening for the meeting’s official kick-off with an informal session accompanied by wings n’ things. A reception including wings, pizza and refreshments will be served from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. Four interactive case presentations and discussions will follow from 7:00pm – 9:00pm addressing the important topic, “I Wish I Could Have Done That Case Over.” Many of you will have arrived on Wednesday afternoon or evening, so “come as you are” and join your fellow attendees in a more casual environment for networking, a light dinner, and education.

On Saturday morning, breakfast will be served outside the general session room beginning at 7:30am for attendees and their guests. Grab some fuel to start your morning and plan to attend the second Postgraduate Session titled “The Past, Present and Future” from 8:00am – 10:00am. This session will feature personal-focus based talks beginning with STSA’s special guest, Dr. Wayne Sotile. Wayne will discuss lessons in physician resilience and burnout. All spouses are encouraged to attend! Similar to last year, we will also host the “fireside chat” with cardiothoracic surgery legend, Dr. Alec Patterson, interviewed by Dr. Daniel Miller. The morning will close with an important update from Dr. David Shahian, on public reporting and its impact on surgeons and patients.

Kirk Kanter, MD
Daniel Miller, MD
2018 Postgraduate Committee Co-Chairs

> STSA 65th Annual Meeting Postgraduate Program

**Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2018 & Saturday, Nov. 10, 2018**

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**Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2018**

**Welcome Reception** - 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

**GENERAL SESSION** – 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

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