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DR. ACCOLA: Let's get started with our business meeting. Welcome, and if everyone could kind of move up that'd be awesome. We've got a big room here. This isn't church. Get everybody up a little closer. Thank you.

It's been a wonderful weekend and I appreciate everyone who's participated in this entire meeting - the councilors, and Laura, and Beth, and Sarah, and we've just had so many people contribute so it's really been an enjoyable week.

I'd like to welcome the Past Presidents. I think there's a slide. Slides on? There we go. I'd like you all to stand and reserve applause until afterwards. But I would like Dr. Baumgartner, Dr. Carpenter, Dr. Calhoon, John whose out on the phone, Dr. Cerfolio, Dr. Coselli, and Dr. Grover, John Hammon, David Jones, Walter Merrill, Gus Mavroudis, Joe Miller, James Pate -I don't believe is here -, Richard Prager, and Dr. Sade. Again, thank you for all of you've done for us and we appreciate it.

(Applause).

DR. ACCOLA: I'd like to acknowledge our Council members. Again, if they will stand and remain standing: David Jones, Dr. Carpenter, Dr. Jacobs, Dr. Freeman, Daniel Miller, Shanda Blackmon, Scott LeMaire - always have trouble with that, where is Scott? There he is, thank you. John Hammon, Blair Marshall, Melanie Edwards, Faisal Bakaeen, and Alec Paterson. Again, these are the people that do all the work and we appreciate it. Thank you.

(Applause).

DR. ACCOLA: Special thanks to, and I'd like these people to come up and receive their certificates for their service to the Southern Thoracic, not only this past year but as an expanded time period. Dr. Richard Freeman, Vice President, as well as going off the Council.

(Applause).

DR. ACCOLA: Makes you feel like you're at home, huh?

Daniel Miller, Secretary/Treasurer, going off the Council.

(Applause).

DR. ACCOLA: And Blair Marshall, Councilor, going off Council.

(Applause).

DR. ACCOLA: Finally, a bit of class comes to the podium.

DR. ACCOLA: I'd like to ask Dr. Dan Miller to come up and present the Secretary/Treasurer's report. Dan?

DR. MILLER: Thank you, Kevin. At this time our first item of business is to approve the minutes from the Annual Business Meeting of 2017. If you'd like to review those they're online at www.stsa.org. So at this time I'd like to call for a motion to accept the minutes of 2017 Annual Business Meeting.

(Motion made, seconded and approved).

Any discussion? Any errors? All in favor? So carried.

At this time I'd like to show you the current, it's not moving, show the current...I got a eight and a half hand, I thought I could push that down pretty good, but I can't.

DR. ACCOLA: Get some slide action?

There we go.

DR. MILLER: There we go. So in regards to the membership category right now, as of the end of October we had 710 Active Members, almost 400 Senior, 53 Candidates, 16 Pre-Candidates, 10 Associate, and 8 Honorary. For almost 1,200 members and for this year we've had 28 new Active applicants for membership, 20 Candidate, 7 Pre-Candidate, and 2 Associate, and that will be discussed later on by Dr. Savage.

This is just a breakdown. You can see the majority of our members are Active and Senior. If you look at the finances from 2011 through 2017, and the kind of green color there is the operating income. We had a little dip in 2015; that was from the David Jones scandal when he was Secretary, but we've come back up from that. That's when he moved to New York City. He had taken a little bit more money to go up there. But the operating income has come back. And the expenses have gone up a little bit just because of Cerfolio is also in New York, also.

If we look at the net assets, continues to grow. We're almost at 2.5 million dollars and we're doing very well and very stable.

One of the big things that occurred...it's not moving, oh there it goes. We have about 1.7 million dollars in our portfolio. David's, one of his, David and Kevin, work on a financial committee, which met for the first time this year. We have three individuals that are going to help overlook things and do our investments. We're going to be a little more aggressive in regards to our investments and also in regards to our cash flows. I think we've got a good plan over the next two to three years and going to do something that's going to be very positive.

This is just looking at the budget, what is occurred to our budget for 2019, is just a little bit higher than last year. Expenses are going to be a little bit higher. And the main reason that is that we're going to be at a net loss of about \$100,000. The reason that is, we put \$100,000 aside for special

projects. Those are things, especially like the new mobile app, you know that we had, and different things we can do to improve the meeting as such as we have. We are very cash heavy and I think this will be very nice for our membership to do things in the future. So from a financial standpoint we're doing very well.

At this time I'd like for all of the new members who are here attending their first meeting, if you could stand up and be recognized.

(Applause).

DR. MILLER: At the end of the meeting we will have you come up and we will get a nice picture with the new President.

Let's see what else we got. Is that it? Dr. Jones is up. Alright. Thank you.

DR. ACCOLA: I'd like to have Dr. David Jones come to the podium and we'll invite the Committee Chairs to present their reports.

DR. JONES: Thank you, President Accola.

At this point we'd like to hear from

our Committee Chairs and we'll begin with the report of the Program Committee from Dr. Bakaeen and Dr. David.

DR. BAKAEEN: Thank you. That was a great meeting. Wasn't it?

(Applause).

DR. BAKAEEN: I particularly want to thank my coach here, Elizabeth. She had a tough year; she got married, she moved to a new job, but she put in 110%, so I would like to thank her for that. Thank you very much. It's great.

(Applause).

DR. DAVID: Thank you. Should we have the next slide?

DR. BAKAEEN: I'm stuck until I get my next slide, yeah.

I'd like to acknowledge the Program Committee. I'd like to acknowledge our President. He has an act of picking hot and timely topics as you guys have noticed, and picking up great speakers. A perfect example was Coach Lou Holtz. That was a fantastic highlight, I thought of the meeting. I'd also like to acknowledge the hard work of the entire

committee listed here, so thank you very much.

We also have lots of help from the membership, list of people who helped us review the abstracts and pick the very best for this meeting, so thank you for every single person who helped, listed or unlisted.

DR. DAVID: And then, can we have the next slide, please? Thank you.

Regarding the abstracts submissions, looking at previous years the total number of abstracts was down slightly this year, from 250 last year, we had 231 this year. As you'll see there is a big drop in general thoracic abstracts, from 99 to 74 this year. I went back couple of years previous and the 99 was a little bit high, but certainly I think that scenario where we can improve. The congenital submissions were up, as well as transplant, and adult cardiac were about the same.

We did have some lively discussions in the thoracic rooms regarding quality and particularly regarding the dearth of esophageal presentations, so that's something to keep in mind for subsequent submissions next year.

Thank you.

(APPLAUSE).

DR. JONES: Thank you both. We will now hear from the report of the Postgraduate Committee, Drs. Kanter and Miller.

DR. MILLER: I think Kirk already went back to Atlanta, but it was great working with him this year. On doing the Postgraduate we...can you click please? This is a group; we worked really hard. We changed things up this year. For Wednesday night we, instead of having video night we actually had four topics and there were two presentations each, and it was a very entertaining part. It was very laid back, had good food, refreshments, and so forth, but it was very well received. We almost had 100 people there, which was very interactive and things so I think we will continue that in the future, and it was very positive.

Now on Saturday morning tomorrow there's going to be three presentations. The first is one of Kevin's close colleagues, and that you've worked with before. Mr. Soti? Dr. Sotile will be presenting first about

resilience.

DR. ACCOLA: He's a Louisiana guy.

DR. MILLER: He's a Cajun? Alright that's good. Now if we can get Lou Holtz back there, we'd be okay.

I'm emceeding the legends talk by Alec Patterson. Looking forward to that. Share his experiences over several decades and what he's done for the Southern and also for our thoracic surgery. The last talk is by Dr. Shahian, who's at Harvard University, talk to us about quality metrics. That's eight to ten. Apparently it's a good breakfast beforehand. Your spouses are invited so you'll be able to get out on time and I think this will be a great event. We're really looking forward to that. We'd love your feedback so be very truthful on the evaluations for the Postgraduate because that's how we do things for next year. Alright, thank you very much.

(Applause).

DR. JONES: Thank you, Dan. We will now hear the report of the Membership Committee by Dr. Savage.

DR. SAVAGE: To refresh your memories, Active Membership to the society is offered to Board certified cardiothoracic surgeons who currently practice or previously practiced cardiothoracic surgery for at least one consecutive year, have completed a thoracic surgery or general surgery residency program, or have completed a thoracic or cardiovascular research or clinical fellowship for at least one consecutive year in the Southern region. What do I push here? Just the mouse? Here we go.

These are the 2018 new member applicants. The first group following under this rubric is Pre-Candidate Membership, and this is offered to medical students and to general surgery residents in the Southern region. These are the lists of the seven applicants.

Candidate Membership is offered to physicians enrolled in thoracic training programs, and we had a total of 20 new Candidate Member applications, and they are listed here.

Associate Membership is offered to ancillary health professionals who work with cardiothoracic surgeons who are members of the society. We had two applications for this membership status and they are listed here.

Finally, we had 28 new Active Member applications and they are listed here.

All of these applications were screened by the Membership Committee and felt to meet all of the necessary requirements for membership in the society in the designated category. I'd like to have a motion to approve these membership applicants. Do I hear a second? Any discussion?

(Motion made, seconded, and approved).

Dr. SAVAGE: So approved. I'm sorry? We have to take a vote. All in favor? So approved. Thank you.

DR. JONES: Now I'll ask Dr. LeMaire to come forward. Right here he is, to give the report of the CME Director.

DR. LEMAIRE: Thank you. Good afternoon everybody. As Secretary/Treasurer Miller, mentioned one of the key drivers to

putting together the program for the annual meeting, as well as the postgraduate course, are the evaluations that get filled out at the end of every meeting so your feedback is essential.

The feedback from the 2017 meeting was overwhelmingly positive in terms of the content and the speakers. There were several notable items that members felt that they would like to see featured during the current meeting, and I think you saw a lot of that today, as well as yesterday. Particularly focusing on the training paradigms, robotic pulmonary resection, ECMO, and endocarditis. You saw a lot of content featuring those issues that came directly out of the suggestions that were left in the evaluations. Importantly, in 95% of people last year said that they visited the exhibit hall. We thank you for that support. That support is essential for the viability of the meeting, and I noticed there were a lot of people in the exhibit hall again this year, and we want to certainly recognize our sponsors, so thank you for that.

Finally, there were several comments about the new format for the meeting which Past President Jones, and then-President Accola, had advocated over the last couple years to really mix-up the format over some of the older styles and changed the way we handle the postgraduate course, and the feedback from that last year for those changes was overwhelmingly positive. We look forward to seeing what you think about some of the things we did this year, and we'll use that to guide us next year. That concludes my report.

(Applause).

DR. JONES: I'll ask Dr. Hammon to come forward and give the report of the Historian.

DR. HAMMON: I stand before you to describe the nefarious activities of the grim reaper as it relates to our association.

So do we...here we go. Let's start with Theodore Aylward who is, who expired in the latter part of 2016. Dr. Aylward, I didn't know him, and he practiced well before I even joined this group, but he practiced adult cardiac

surgery for 21 years after he graduated from the Wayne State School of Medicine. He is very well known in his hometown of Newport Richie, Florida. And I think he did many things related to, contributions that honored his name in our association.

Next slide will be Robert P. Barnes. Bob Barnes and I shared a single call room at Duke University School of Medicine when we both joined the Duke group, and Bob and I remained close friends until he died on April 2, 2016.

Bob was a remarkable guy. He was born in Glendale, California, and then grew up in Washington. He was awarded an appointment to the U.S. Airforce Academy, and while at the Academy he excelled as a football player and was a starting football player on the Airforce football team. He was very compassionate and had a tenacious work ethic that led him to pursue medicine against the wishes of his parents. And he decided to apply to medical school and he was accepted at every medical school he applied to. He chose to attend the Duke University Medical School, where he

developed a passion for the challenge of cardiovascular surgery. He stayed in the Airforce and worked primarily as a cardiac surgeon. After leaving the Airforce in 1981 he joined a cardiovascular practice in Boise, Idaho. The commitment, his commitment to his patients made him a respected and highly sought after physician. Despite his demanding schedule he was a very, very, personal physician and made every effort to express his personal care and interest in the patients' lives. He retired from his career in medicine in 2003. And unfortunately, developed a neurological syndrome that was extremely difficult for him to get used to as he was very, very, uncoordinated and could not practice his habit of growing grapes. He's survived by his wife Jean, whom all of us from Duke know very well; she's a wonderful woman. And Bob's memory was made very, very obvious to the fellowship of Christian athletes by his friends and family.

The next person is R. Daley Goff from Winchester, Virginia. Dr. Goff expired on November 17th, excuse me, May 25th, 2016. He was

born in a place in North Carolina, that I don't know, Falcon, F-A-L-C-O-N, North Carolina, and he graduated from the University of North Carolina, where he was a Morehead Scholar. He received his bachelor's degree and a doctorate in medicine there at Carolina. And he did his surgical training at the University of Florida. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather. His passion and treasured past time was golf. He was a member of the Winchester Country Club, where he was considered a deacon of the course.

One of his proudest moments was playing football at UNC and scoring the first touchdown for Queen Elizabeth, when in attendance to the game. His partners sponsored an annual Beat the Doc golf tournament, where they would play. Dr. Goff had tried to beat him and that didn't happen very often apparently. So, we...I think we have a person here that really established himself as a very good surgeon, but also a wonderful gentleman and a lot of fun.

The next slide would be J. Alex Haller from Glencoe, Maryland. I think everybody here

that does pediatric cardiac surgery and many that even, that don't, know Dr. Haller, because he was such an outgoing friendly person, and would come up to people that he'd never seen before and introduce himself at the drop of a hat.

He was the professor emeritus of pediatrics and emergency medicine at Johns Hopkins and was the surgeon in charge of the Johns Hopkins Children's Center for nearly 30 years. He obtained his bachelor's degree at Vanderbilt University and when I was there he visited quite often; where he would renew his friendship with Dr. Jim O'Neal, another pediatric surgeon. And he was honored by being a... the person who did the first separation of conjoined twins connected at their chest with his team. So I don't think he can be counted as being the first person to do one, but he certainly organized the first operation.

He also established the Maryland Shock Trauma Center for Children, and established on top of that a statewide shock trauma system. By far the leading cause of pediatric deaths was

then and remains trauma; injury from automobiles accidents, falls, and burns, which was preached by Dr. Haller and also Dr. O'Neal. Both should be honored for that.

He was a recipient of the American Academy of Pediatrics' William Edwards Ladd Medal, the Denis Browne Medal of the British Association of Pediatric Surgeon, and the Vaclav Kafka Medical Award from the Society of Pediatric Surgery in Bohemia.

Dr. Haller was a very great contributor to pediatric surgery and I know all of us will be sad to see him go. He expired on June 13th, 2018, after a long and distinguished career.

The next slide, please. This is Edward Jenkins and that smile that you see on his face is indicative of the fact that he is a real gentleman, and kind person that liked to laugh and have fun. He also performed his residency at Johns Hopkins and joined the faculty at the University of Louisville in 1959, where he served as Chief of Cardiac Surgery in the Louisville General Hospital. The renowned Johns

Hopkins surgeon, now from Blalock, had asked him to return to Baltimore to head new pediatric surgery division, which he did, that was superseded by Alex Haller.

Next slide. This is Marion Lawler, whom many in this group have had experiences with, and that smile on his face was one that just about everybody that knew him was comforted by.

Dr. Lawler was born in...let's see if I wrote this down, looks like I did not, anyway... He was born in Arlington, Texas and died in Arlington, Texas. He was a member of this organization where he was well loved as a kind and very, very entertaining person.

The next slide. This is one of our Past Presidents, Gordon F. Murray, who is extremely well attached to education at Chapel Hill. He graduated AOA from the University of Michigan School of Medicine, after graduating from UNC. He served surgical residencies at Johns Hopkins and then at the Mass General. Following service in the United States Navy, he joined the faculty of the University of North

Carolina Chapel Hill, where he rose to full professor and Chairman of the Department of Surgery.

His latter years were uncomfortable. He developed a cardiorenal dysfunction which resulted in a myocardial infarction which led him to fall and strike his head, and he expired on January 8th, 19...I'm sorry, May 21st, 2018.

Last person on the list is Ahmad Rahbar. Ahmad Rahbar passed away peacefully in September 19th, 2016. And was well known in Wheeling, West Virginia where he practiced for many years. He was born in June 1943 in Iran and moved to the United States at age 19 to pursue a career in medicine, which he quite successfully did.

That is our list of patients who have expired, and I would be glad to see if I could answer any questions that people might have, and if you have any additions to what I said, please don't hesitate to let us hear them. I guess that's it.

Oh here we go. Yes, sir?

MEMBER IN THE AUDIENCE: This past

summer, Dr. John Ochsner.

DR. HAMMON: Oh, I see. Well he's not on our list and you know, that I think he will certainly be there next year. But this gentleman just announced that Dr. John Ochsner from New Orleans passed away this summer and that was a tremendous loss for the hospital there in New Orleans, and as he even into his late 80's came to work and operated every day. Thank you very much.

Let's all stand please. A moment of silence please.

(Moment of silence).

DR. ACCOLA: Thank you, Dr. Hammon.

DR. HAMMON: Yes, sir.

DR. JONES: Okay we will now have the report of the Editor by Dr. Alec Patterson.

DR. PATTERSON: Thank you, David and Kevin. *The Annals* is in good shape, I think. I would rather than dwelling on what's this, on this series of slides, I'd like to first of all thank the members of the editorial team that Kavitha directs in Chicago; they do a terrific job and they keep the process of *The Annals*

running very smoothly. I also want to thank all of the deputy editors who do an enormous amount of work, some of you are here, and I'm sincerely thankful for everything you do for *The Annals*. And also all the members of the editorial board, who work hard to get papers reviewed and move things along fairly promptly.

This is just an illustrative example of the cover. It's actually a depiction of a nicer portrait that Steve Yang put together demonstrating what happens to individuals applying to the I-6 programs.

Can you give me the next slide, please? This just a list of manuscript submissions for an eight-month period. You can see it's a pretty stable number. It's about 4,000 papers annually.

We have a new group of manuscripts invited expert reviews. Some of you have contributed to, and we are grateful for that. The How-I-Teach-It series is coming along well and seems to be a popular addition to *The Annals*.

I would also like to take a moment to

thank Jeff Jacobs for the terrific work that he and his group have done putting together the monthly database reports and patient safety and quality contributions as well; it's been a terrific addition to *The Annals*. Next slide.

This is STS and STSA papers' acceptance rates over the years. It hovers around 60% and hasn't really changed much. Of course original articles are much more likely to be accepted. If they are meeting papers, and, much less, if not. Feature articles are what we refer to as How-I-Do-It case reports, and things like that are accepted at a much lower rate. Next slide.

And these are the papers from the last couple of years. STSA papers... there's still a few out there being reviewed and the rejected numbers are shown there. I think that's the last slide. Oh no, sorry. I do want to comment, and Kavitha asked me if I say a word or two about the website, has changed and that is a good piece of work by Elsevier. We've also got a number of other new features. Thom Varghese took over as our Digital Editor, and he's got a

podcast up now on the STS website, which is kind of interesting to read. So a lot of new features are available to us because of this change in the website. Next slide. I think that terminates by report. Thank you.

(Applause).

DR. JONES: Thank you, Dr. Patterson. We'll now hear from Dr. Richard Prager, Chair of the Nominating Committee.

DR PRAGER: Thank you, Dr. Jones. The Nominating Committee which was made up myself, Drs. Calhoon, Carpenter, and Jones, really has the good fortune to consider many of our members for significant voluntary leadership roles. We're an association of committed members from throughout the South, as well as other parts of the country. It's truly an embarrassment of riches. The committees over the years have considered many, many people. Talented cardiac and thoracic surgeons for distinguished positions of leadership in our association, and this year was no exception.

You see the slate of nominations here. Jeff Jacobs for President; Vice President, Dr.

Alan Speir; Secretary/Treasurer, Shanda Blackmon; and Councilor, T. Brett Reece from the University of Colorado.

The nominee for President-Elect grew up in the South and was educated in high school, college, and medical school in Southern states. With an interest in surgery, our presidential nominee began residency training in general surgery and cardiothoracic surgery, and during this period of time included research years to further expand understandings.

With talent, energy, and intellect, his clinical career progressed rapidly and over approximately twelve years practicing in an academic environment, he obtained the rank of full professor. As his career evolved as a surgeon, educator, and innovator, with a focused on innovative techniques he helped expand his institution's approaches to cardiac surgery, and has been a respected, sought-after participant in national and international meetings, while being considered a thoughtful contributor to the literature. Always committed

and enjoying and participating the Southern Thoracic Surgical Association meetings, our committee's nominee has been on the Medical Education Council for the STSA, the Executive Council, the Program Committee, and the Postgraduate Committee. With this as a foundational background our President-Elect is currently... may I have the next slide? The Chairman of the Department of Cardiac Surgery at MedStar Health and the Washington Hospital Center. Our committee would like to place Vinod Thourani's name as the nominee for President-Elect of the Southern Thoracic Surgical Association to assume the Presidency in November of 2019.

Are there any other nominations from the floor? If not, may I have a nomination by acclamation of the entire slate, including Dr. Thourani? All in favor?

(Motion made, seconded and approved).

DR. PRAGER: Drs. Baumgartner and Carpenter, could you please escort Dr. Thourani to the podium.

(Applause).

DR. THOURANI: This is quite embarrassing quite honestly. For the first time ever I wore jeans to a business meeting. Had I known that, I wouldn't of done that clearly.

I'm actually speechless to be on the stage with such esteemed people. I've known Kevin since I was a medical student at Emory, and he was a cardiac surgery fellow at the time. He's one of the reasons that I went into heart surgery. He and Tom Martin, who by the way are both down in Florida now. And Tom Martin is the guy that I actually scrubbed my first patient with, as a second year med student in a hell of a descending aorta, and at that point I said, "This is it I'm going to be a heart surgeon." So I owe a lot of people, specifically Kevin, Robert Guyton, and Tom Martin, a lot of gratitude.

I actually don't know what to say. And a lot of you know I talk a lot, but I'm speechless, and I really appreciate the honor of this. Following Jeff Jacobs is going to be a phenomenal attainer and I appreciate the thought you've given in selecting me. Thank you

very much.

(Applause).

DR. JONES: Okay, at this time we'll ask Dr. Jacobs to come forward.

New President of the STSA.

(Applause).

DR. JONES: Jeff, do you want to say a few words?

DR. JACOBS: Well, first of all this is the hugest honor of my professional career and thank you very much for this opportunity. I have some big footsteps to follow. And Kevin has been an awesome President; he's done a great job; he brought Lou Holtz here. Even a Miami football fan finds that talk that he gave outstanding. Kevin's presidential address was amazing and I've got some big footsteps to follow, and so congratulations to our current President, and I'll do my best to serve the association. Thank you.

(Applause).

DR. JONES: Now we will have the new Council Chair stand up, Kevin, and give us some final comments.

DR. ACCOLA: It's truly been a lot of fun this year, and obviously couldn't have done that without all of the STSA staff. I'm very appreciative.

This a remarkable association and I think you can see from the emotion and sincerity of the elected officials, the newly elected officials, how important this association is and continues to be, and I think it's being left in great hands, and will continue to flourish.

We appreciate everyone's commentary on some of the changes we made this year, and I think also Martin is wanting the new members to come over for pictures to remind you of that. And next year mark your calendars, the meeting will be in Marco Island, November 6-9th, and we will just continue to do awesome things with this association. Again, but I thank you for the privilege of being a participant this year as your President. Thank you.

(Applause).

DR. ACCOLA: Do we have any, the Council members, if they could come for a

picture here that would be great. Any Council members? It would just take a second. Thank you again.

(The meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm).