



**TEXAS SURGICAL SOCIETY
NEWSLETTER
and
EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES
FALL 2017**



The 201st meeting of the Texas Surgical Society was held October 6-8 in San Antonio, Texas at the beautiful La Cantera Resort & Spa under the direction of **Local Arrangements Chair Patrick Nguyen and his wife Nga**. Their coordinated efforts generated a superb experience for attendees. 146 members, 7 Raleigh Ross Scholars, and 22 guests registered for and attended the Scientific Sessions. 64 spouses attended social activities, for a grand total of 239 participants at this meeting.

On Thursday October 5, the Council met for their traditional afternoon session.

On Friday morning sporting events commenced: Kent Van Sickle and Russ Woodward directed the Golf Tournament at the Palmer Course at La Cantera for 19 golfers. Dan Copeland of Midland received the Brindley Cup – Low Gross award! The Arlington Cup for Low Net was presented to Rhett Long of Austin.

The Sporting Clay Shooting event was directed by Boyce Oliver at the National Shooting Complex. There were 7 participants; Bob Lovett of Fort Worth was the winner of the Fort Worth Shooting Trophy.

The Tennis Tournament was under the direction of Sherri Stewart and Lillian Liao at La Cantera. Everyone was a winner and received a wonderful workout, laughed and enjoyed each other's company.

There were no joggers registered for jogging so **Dan Dent** took the morning off to relax.

The First Scientific Session began Friday at 1:30 pm, moderated by President Ross Reagan.

He welcomed attendees and introduced the LAC, **Patrick Nguyen** who reviewed the social event itinerary with attendees. The session proceeded well with five engaging member presentations including the first of two by our **Scientific Guest Speaker, nonresident member Tyler Hughes**. Also included was a panel discussion on "Continuing Surgical Excellence by the American Board of Surgery" moderated by J. Patrick Walker.

Fall 2017 Raleigh Ross Scholars were introduced by President. Each was presented by a program representative, with the exception of the Baylor University Medical Center-Dallas scholar; this presentation was written by Bob Goldstein and read by Secretary Shannon Smith in his absence. The scholars are guests of the Society and receive a personalized plaque noting their accomplishments as well as a monetary award. Seven Scholars were recognized:

Phillip Edmundson

Baylor University Medical Center-Dallas

Daniel Robbins

UT Southwestern Medical Center-Dallas

Catherine Seger

Baylor College of Medicine-Houston

Michelle Scerbo

UT Medical School-Houston

Jeffrey Van Eps

Methodist Hospital-Houston

Rhett Long

Dell UT Medical School-Austin

Richard Lu

UT Medical Branch-Galveston

President Reagan introduced our Guest Scientific Speaker, **Tyler Hughes from McPherson, KS**. His first presentation entitled "The Community Surgeon as Educator" was given.

The Executive Session began at approximately 5:00 p.m. with a Call to Order by President Ross B. Reagan. Minutes of the previous Executive Session in Midland were unanimously approved.

Treasurer Dick Frazee gave the Treasurer's Report. Current Financial Statements were concisely reviewed. The Society remains in a strong financial position. Total assets of the Society were \$922,568.44, which represented balances in the Texas Surgical Society Centennial Fund of \$707,374.10; and balances in the Operating fund of 215,195.34.

The Raleigh Ross Trust had assets of \$3,126,546.91 in the Vanguard Wellington Account. As a result of this, awards to the 11 recognized programs was \$9900 for 2017.

The IRS form 1096 and 1099-Misc Copy A for TSS and RRT, prepared by Henry & Peters accounting firm for tax year 2016 was reviewed by the Council, discussed and approved.

The Investment Policy Statement (IPS), initially prepared in 2016 to comply with the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA) was reviewed. No changes were deemed necessary at this time.

The spending assumptions for the Society for the next year were reviewed as required by the IRS. No significant changes in spending are anticipated. Ongoing monitoring of meeting expenses will occur as venue costs continue to rise.

The portfolio performance was reviewed. Total return of investment funds (Vanguard Wellington Fund, Admiral Shares) for the previous calendar year was 11.09 %. For the same period, the S&P 500 had a return of 9.84% and Barclays Intermediate Term Corporate/Government Bond Index showed a return of 2.43%. A continuation of the present investments was recommended unanimously by the Council.

Members in Arrears were discussed. The Council voted to display the members in arrears at the business meeting so that fellow members would have a final opportunity to contact members to bring their dues payments up to date. If there is no response by the members in arrears within 30 days, their memberships will be terminated.

The Texas Surgical Society has adopted email correspondence to the membership. It is the responsibility of the member to update changes of email on the Texas Surgical Society website and notify the secretary and treasurer of the change. Annual dues are payable by the first day of the first meeting of the year. You will receive an invoice for dues via email at the first of each year. A second email reminder will be sent out prior to the meeting. If payment is not received by the due date, a final email and separate letter will be mailed. Members in arrears are subject to forfeiture of membership.

Secretary Shannon Smith gave her report and the Report of the Council. A pertinent current meeting overview was given. We had 175 member attendees at this meeting, 22 invited guests. The ACS has approved 11.5 hours of CME for this meeting, 9.25 of which can be Self-Assessment and 1.0 of which qualifies as Ethics. Reminder cards containing the electronic link for attendees to obtain CME for this meeting were dispersed at the registration desk at time of check-in. You must have been a registrant and in attendance during the Scientific Sessions to be given electronic permission to obtain your CME. The ACS-imposed CME deadline was reviewed.

The Stop the Bleed exhibit and the History of Surgery Exhibit were again present in the lobby outside the Scientific Sessions.

Our electronic transition is ongoing; we have a new website manager, Kevin McNally with Interactive Palette, referred by our original manager on her retirement. He seems to be excellent to work with and is responsive to our needs. The electronic Call for Abstracts, Hotel

and Meeting Registration, Voting, Program publication and obtaining of CME all went fairly smoothly with some minor corrections needed by the website manager.

Members were reminded to peruse the TSS website and look for announcements and meeting information there.

All members were reminded to make certain that their **contact info is correct in the Roster: If you need to make corrections, you must log in with the email which is currently listed in the Roster, even if it is incorrect, and change it or any other information to correct it!**

LOG IN TO MEMBERS ONLY SECTION:

UN: your email as listed in roster

PW: DOB in this format: YYYY-MM-DD

Also, if you are not receiving our emails, add ssmith@eyesoftexas.us to your safe sender list!

We are maintaining our goal for an all-electronic communication strategy for all members and the semi-annual meeting!

Directions for connecting to WiFi onsite were given.

Chris and Heather Sherman were once again our A-V specialists for the meeting. They perform superbly and reliably. They are providing 4 to 6 hearing amplifiers for loan to members with hearing disability during the meetings. We have favorable reports from John Smith that these are successful for audibility during presentations at the Scientific Sessions. They are unable to be used during the Saturday lunch and the Presidential Banquet for technical reasons.

Future meeting dates, locations and LACs were confirmed as follows:

Spring 2018 Houston, Houstonian Hotel, Tony Estrera
Fall 2018 Ft Worth, Worthington Hotel, Doug Lorimer
Spring 2019 Corpus Christi, Victor Ortiz
Fall 2019 Galveston, Collen and Mike Silva

Spring 2020 Tyler, LAC yet to be confirmed

There are ongoing Council discussions regarding the need to contain cost of the meetings while preserving quality of venue and food menus.

The Council recommended the following Pledge revisions proposed by Ronny Stewart; these were moved to approve by President Reagan and were approved: insert “colleagues” in lieu of “brothers and sisters” on line 8, strike “as a lady or a gentleman” on line 15, insert “the referral of any patient” in lieu of “any case” on line 24.

Mac Sykes’ Council Report of the Archivist and Archivist Emeritus was reviewed: He discussed the Society Archives update, ongoing in Galveston. Also his book of the first 100 years of the Society may be ready for distribution at the next meeting. And, the family of one of the founders of the Society, Dr. Reuss, will be donating a painting of him to the Society. We hope to display that painting at the next meeting prior to its being placed in the Archives.

Membership Demographics were reviewed: as of this meeting the Society has 539 members, 131 of whom are active, 369 of whom are senior, 5 are honorary, 34 are nonresident, 227 are classified as general surgery. The Council maintains ongoing ardent discussion regarding the building of active membership in the Society. It is always the consensus that most critical is members’ efforts in nominating qualified candidates in their respective communities for membership in the Society!

The following six members were elevated to senior status: Thomas Ben Coopwood, Stephen M. Settle, Brant E. Victor, Bruce Allyn Hoak, Jack L. Walzel and Ismail Jatoi.

Vote sheet candidates for TSS membership were reviewed.

The following new member candidates will be advanced to the Spring ballot for first consideration: John Williams from College Station, US Army trained, **Kristofer Charlton-Ouw** from

UT Houston, on faculty there, **James Thomas Turlington** from Temple, US Brigadier General involved with strategic planning, **Kenneth Jastrow** from San Angelo, **Tuyen “Tom” Nguyen** from UT Houston, **Philip Rascoe** from UT Houston, **John Goss** from Houston BCOM, full professor there.

The following candidate will be advanced from first to second consideration: Jose Luis Almeda

The following candidates were recommended by the Council to be advanced from second consideration to membership: all were moved to advance to membership and the motion was approved:

John Birbari of Fort Worth
Sam Buchanan of Fort Worth
Ramon Cestero of San Antonio
Robert Esterl of San Antonio
Charles Jordan of College Station
Jonathan Lundy of Fort Sam Houston
Joseph Mills of Houston
Alberto Pena of Edinburg
Roger Smith of Round Rock
David Sugarbaker of Houston

Memorial tributes were read for:



Sherilyn Gordon Burroughs
1968-2017



Burton W. Hink
1928-2017



Howard L. Smith
1928 – 2017



Donal Steph
1929-2016

Sherilyn Gordon Burroughs
(By Brian Dunkin)
Burton Hink
(By Shannon Smith)
Howard Smith

(By Bill Turney)

Donal Steph

(By Ed Duncan)

For the Report of Special Committees, the Raleigh Trustees reported the fact that the Raleigh Ross programs would have a deadline for submission of their Scholar’s name, after which the program would forfeit their grant for that time period.

The Nominating Committee confirmed Ronny Stewart as the Society’s new President and nominated John Winter as President-Elect, Ken Sirinek as First Vice-President, Bill Shutze as Second Vice-President, Tony Estrera as Council Chair, Mike Dragun as Council 2019 and Scott Lemaire newly to the Council as Council 2020. All of these members were moved to approve and those motions were approved.

The Executive Session was adjourned.

The Friday evening cocktail buffet was held onsite in the outdoor lobby courtyard at the La Cantera and was attended by 146 members and guests. All enjoyed beautiful weather, an open bar, dinner and beautiful classical violin and guitar music.

President Reagan and President-Elect Ronny Stewart along with Society officers and Council members presided over the New Members’ Breakfast onsite at 6:30 am on Saturday in San Felipe B. They welcomed two new members, Teresa Kroeker from Austin and Mark Muir from San Antonio. They were presented with copies of books recording the history of the Society and shared glimpses of Society tradition.

The Women in Surgery Breakfast in the San Jose and Terrace room at the same time on Saturday morning was attended by 8 members and 3 guests.

The Saturday spouse activity was attended by 14 guests. **Nga Tran and Elizabeth Balli organized and hosted this event at La Villita and Boudro's Texas Bistro.**

The Saturday morning Scientific Session was opened by **President Reagan** promptly at 8:00 a.m. New member **Mark Muir** presented an outstanding paper. Ten other scientific papers were presented followed by **Second Vice-President Richard Vigness's** presentation of **new members Mark Muir and Teresa Kroeker**. Dr. Kroeker was present at the meeting but was momentarily unable to be in the session room at the time of her presentation. **Mark Davies** was unable to attend this meeting.

The member guest luncheon was held in ballrooms near the Scientific Session. **President Reagan moderated a panel discussion on the "Hurricane Harvey Medical Response" by Ronny Stewart, Ken Mattox and Mike Oz.** 123 members and guests were entertained by this fascinating discussion. **Patrick Nguyen**, presided over trophy presentations to the sporting event champions.

The Saturday afternoon Scientific Session convened at 1:15 with **First Vice-President George E. Mimari** presiding. Guest speaker **Tyler Hughes delivered his second presentation entitled "How to Succeed in Leadership Without Really Trying"**. Presentations from nine members were presented. Cliff Buckley was on the program to present "Current Management for Asymptomatic Significant Ulcerostenotic Carotid Lesions: An International Dilemma"; he was very recently and unexpectedly deceased, so a moment of silence was observed in his memory.

Saturday evening cocktails, the Presidential Banquet and Reception were held in the Ballrooms and Foyer onsite. **168** members and guests were in attendance for the Banquet.

President Ross B. Reagan hosted a memorable and humorous evening; his address was titled "Economic Burns" and was enjoyed by all.

The James E. Thompson Award for best paper by a new member was presented to **Mark Muir** of San Antonio for his excellent presentation titled "**Unusual Presentations of Clostridium Infection.**"

The Presidential Award for Discussion was once again awarded to **J. Patrick Walker.**

Members and guests joined President Reagan in the beautiful foyer and on the adjacent balcony after dinner for cocktails and socializing at the **President's Reception.**

Kids' Movie Night was held during the Banquet and Reception in Hospitality Suite 3223; it was chaperoned, and attended by 8 children

The Ethics Breakfast was held at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday morning in the San Jose room; Ruth Berggren gave an excellent presentation on "Dealing With Complications"; 62 attendees were present.

The next Spring Society Meeting will be held in Houston, April 6-8, 2018, at the Houstonian Hotel. Local Arrangements Chair, **Tony Estrera** is planning a great weekend at this beautiful venue for members and their families. Mark your calendars now!

Please email me at ssmith@eyesoftexas.us for any suggested corrections or edits to the newsletter/minutes!

Respectfully submitted,



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