



# NEWSLETTER

## and Society Minutes

### TEXAS SURGICAL SOCIETY

APRIL 2014



The 193<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Texas Surgical Society was held April 4-6 in El Paso, Texas at the El Paso Marriott Hotel under the direction of Local Arrangements Chair **Alan Tyroch** and his wife **Roxanne Tyroch**. Their coordinated efforts and the hospitality of the event chairmen generated a wonderful experience for the 72 members and 35 guests who participated in the weekend activities. Both Drs. Tyroch and their team were truly exceptional in organization, hospitality and expertise.

On Friday morning **Ed Saltzstein** directed the golf tournament at the *Butterfield Trail Golf Course*. **John Staub** of Midland was awarded both the Brindley Cup – Low Gross award and the Arlington Cup for Low Net.

Tennis under the direction of **Bruce Applebaum** was held at the *El Paso Tennis Club*. There were no women member participants. **Jack Walzel** from Round Rock took the Men's Waco Trophy.

**Bill Miller** organized the sporting clay shooting event at *the Fort Bliss Rod & Gun Club*. **John Winter** of Dallas was the winner of the Fort Worth Shooting Trophy.

Early Saturday morning **Bruce Applebaum** escorted our joggers to *McKelligon Canyon in the Franklin Mountains State Park*. **Laurens Pickard** from Houston was awarded the The San Antonio Cup for the fastest time. **Bruce Applebaum** from El Paso was awarded the Raleigh R. White Trophy.

The first Scientific Session was called to order by **President Shelton Viney** at 1:30 p.m. on Friday afternoon. He introduced LAC, **Alan Tyroch** who welcomed the membership to El Paso and

informed them of the many events planned for the weekend. **Mellick Sykes** started off the paper presentations with a talk on the publications of the Texas Surgical Society. Four additional paper presentations followed.

**Treasurer Ross Reagan** and **President Viney** then recognized the 2014 spring class of [Raleigh Ross Scholars](#). Recipients were introduced by their Department Chair or Residency Program Director. The scholars are guests of the Society and receive a personalized plaque noting their accomplishments and also receive a monetary award. Recognized were:

**Onur Kutlu**

Texas Tech University HSC - Lubbock

**Natalie Britt**

UT Health Science Center – San Antonio

**Claire Isbell**

Texas A&M University HSC - Temple

**Giovanni Piovesana**

UT Medical Branch – Galveston

**Victor Phuoc**

Texas Tech University HSC – El Paso

Following presentation of the Raleigh Ross Scholars, President Shelton Viney introduced the honored guest speaker, **Dr. Michael J. Sise, Trauma Medical Director at Scripps Mercy Hospital**. **Dr. Sise** delivered an educational talk entitled “**Never be the first to adopt or the last to abandon any therapy or technique.**” Dr. Sise's well-received address delivered sage advice for the care of our patients.

The Executive Session began at 5:15 p.m. with **President Shelton Viney** presiding. Minutes of the previous meeting in Houston were unanimously approved.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by **Ross B. Reagan**. Total assets of the Society increased from \$108,187 at the end of 2012 to \$201,564 at year end 2013. The primary reason for this improvement in financial status was the increase in dues and initiation fees that were effective in 2013. Meeting expenses were unchanged year to year and there was minimal change in general expenses. Over \$10,000 in gifts to the Speakers Fund were received in 2013 and early 2014, including many generous memorial gifts for Marion Lawler, Ed Sykes and other deceased members.

The assets of Raleigh Ross Trust increased from \$2,351,367 at end of 2012 to \$2,725,722 at the end 2013, reflecting a good year for the stock market. In 2014 there will be 11 residency programs receiving grants from the Trust, with the Trustees adding to the grant program the residencies at Texas Tech-El Paso, Methodist Hospital-Houston, and UT Southwestern-Austin. Each of the 11 programs will receive an unrestricted grant of \$9,125 in 2014.

### Memorial tributes were read for:

Perryman Collins



1930-2013

James E. Pridgen



1918-2013

Edwin M. Sykes



1917-2013

**Perryman Collins** of Houston  
(By Laurens Pickard)

**James E. Pridgen** of San Antonio  
(By Ronald M. Stewart)

**Edwin M. Sykes** of San Angelo  
(By Mellick T. Sykes)

**The Secretary then gave the report of the Council.** Updates were given regarding plans for the Fort Worth meeting, where **Richard Vigness** is serving as the LAC. Plans regarding the Centennial Meeting in Galveston were discussed. **Dr. Kristene Gugliuzza** will serve as LAC. The Council received a report from Dr. Chuck Fraser regarding a recommendation to form a capital fund raising campaign. The Council approved moving forward with this plan. The Council reviewed the report given by the Ad Hoc Committee on Membership at the Temple meeting and identified areas to implement. The Council unanimously approved the policy on nondiscrimination:

“The object of the Society, ‘the advancement of the science of surgery’ must never be absent from our thoughts. Personal advancement and petty politics must have no place in our councils. Good work for the love of good work must be our motto. If we reach toward these ideals and retain supreme faith in our possibilities and powers, nothing can prevent our growth into a dignified learned Society that will be a power for good in our own state and an object of admiration to our neighbors.

James E. Thompson, MD

Therefore:

It is the policy of the Texas Surgical Society to provide an environment that provides equal opportunity to all members and all potential members. In accordance with federal and state law, the Texas Surgical Society shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, country of origin, religion,

sex, age, disability, sexual orientation and veteran status.”

The **Report of the Archivist** was given by **Mac Sykes**. He discussed the status of the archival material for the material for the Centennial meeting in Galveston. The next Twenty-Five Year review of the the TSS is under way and is planned to be published following the Centennial meeting.

Current membership statistics were reviewed. There are **549 members**, of whom **147 are active, 370 are senior, 5 are honorary, 4 are distinguished and 27 are non-resident members**. There were **3 deaths** recorded since the last meeting. The importance nominating quality surgeons was discussed. This was also a part of the ad-hoc committee on Membership, noted above. **Members are encouraged to propose candidates for membership who meet or exceed Society qualifications as outlined in the constitution and by-laws.**

The following members were **elevated to senior** status:

**Robert E. Askew, Jr** of Austin  
**Michael E. Brooks** of Ft. Worth  
**David J. Donahue** of Ft. Worth  
**Kristine K. Gugliuzaa** of Galveston  
**James E. Harrell** of Lubbock  
**R. Blair Jackson** of San Antonio  
**James M. Kirby** of Bryan  
**Mark F. Kneuper** of New Braunfels  
**Kelly S. Oggero** of Kingsport, TN  
**William A. Peper** of Waco  
**Wade Rosenberg** of Houston  
**Clifford L. Simmang** of Dallas  
**Leigh Taliaferro** of Abilene  
**Richard Vigness** of Ft. Worth  
**Robert J. Wilcott** of Sherman

Fellowship applications were reviewed by the Council. **The following candidates will be included on the October ballot:**

**Ali Azizzadeh** of Houston  
**William E. Fisher** of Houston  
**Sherilyn Gordon Burroughs** of Houston

**Rohan Jeyarajah** of Dallas  
**Natasha Keric** of San Antonio  
**Jonathan A. Mathy** of Sugar Land  
**Sandeepa Musunuru** of Midland  
**Richard M. Peterson** of San Antonio  
**Aaron Stike** of Midland  
**Michael S. Truitt** of Dallas  
**Reagan Viney** of Midland

Information or comments regarding these or other applicants should be sent to the secretary.

**Candidates for fellowship were reviewed.** The following candidates who were up for first consideration were recommended for movement to second consideration: **DeEtte R. Vasques** of Ft. Worth, **Joe Johnston** of San Antonio, **Tammy Sartor** of Burnet, **Anne Rizzo** of Wichita Falls and **Lillian S. Kao** of Houston.

The following candidates who were up for first consideration were recommended by the Council and unanimously approved for active fellowship by the members: **David L. Callender** (President of The University of Texas Medical Branch - Galveston).

The following members who were reviewed for second consideration were recommended by the Council and **unanimously approved for active fellowship by the members:**

**Jayson D. Aydelotte** of Austin  
**Brittany B. DeBerry** of San Antonio  
**Brian J. Dunkin** of Houston  
**Lillian F. Liao** of San Antonio  
**Ricardo D. Martinez** of Edinburg  
**Patrick Nguyen** of San Antonio  
**Jill S. Stephenson** of Dallas  
**Kent R. Van Sickle** of San Antonio  
**Russell L. Woodard** of San Antonio

The Friday evening cocktail buffet at the **El Paso History Museum** was enjoyed by **128 members and guests**. Members and guests enjoyed a dinner and were able to tour the museum. The

hospitality of the entire team from El Paso was greatly appreciated.

At 6:30 a.m. Saturday morning **Shelton Viney** presided over the New Members' Breakfast. Society officers and Council members welcomed five of the seven new members, presented them with copies of books recording the history of the Society and shared glimpses of Society tradition.

The Saturday spouse activity was attended by fourteen guests. Spouses were transported to a tour of the Art Museum by Gaspar Enriquez (local artist), followed by lunch at Anson 11 and a trip to the Wyler Aerial Tramway.

The Saturday morning Scientific Session was opened by **President Shelton Viney** at 7:30 a.m. Nine scientific papers were presented in the morning session, with five coming from new members.

New members were presented to the membership just prior to Saturday morning's recess by Second Vice-President, **Richard C. Frazee**. Receiving certificates and welcomed into the Society were:

**Daniel Dent** of San Antonio  
**Brian Eastridge** of San Antonio  
**James Fleshman** of Dallas  
**Jeffrey Heinle** of Houston  
**Brian Parrent** of Bryan  
**Todd Rosengart** of Houston  
**Daniel Scott** of Dallas

**Brian Parrent** of Bryan and **Daniel Scott** of Dallas were not able to attend and will receive their certificates at the upcoming meeting in Fort Worth.

The member guest luncheon was held at noon with eighty-nine members and guests in attendance. **Nick Houser** delivered an interesting presentation titled "Cabeza de Vaca's Adventures in Texas in 1535".

At 1:00 p.m. the Saturday afternoon Scientific Session convened with **First Vice-President, Robert W. Feldtman** presiding. Our guest speaker **Dr. Michael J. Sise**, delivered an informative talk entitled "Scan em till they glow: Avoiding the scourge of unnecessary medical radiation". The meeting reconvened in the afternoon and presentations from six members were given before the scientific session adjourned.

Saturday evening cocktails and dinner were held at the hotel, with 123 members and guests in attendance. **Alan Tyroch**, local arrangements chair, presided over trophy presentations to the sporting event champions.

**President Shelton Viney** hosted a memorable evening highlighted by his entertaining and engaging presidential address entitled "24 Minutes, Not a Second Longer: Vignettes of a Surgeon Going Home".

**The James E. Thompson award** for best paper by a new member was awarded to **Dr. Todd Rosengart** from Houston for his presentation, "Cardiac Cellular Reprogramming with "Triplet" Gene Therapy Vectors Improves Cardiac Function after Myocardial Infarction: Implications For Cardiac Regeneration from Small Animal Studies". The judges for the James E. Thompson award had a difficult time in choosing the best paper by a new member as all were excellent!

The Presidential Award for Discussion was awarded to **Robert W. Feldtman** of Dallas.

Members and guests joined **President Shelton Viney** after dinner for coffee, dessert and liquors.

The Ethics Breakfast was held at 8:00 a.m. Sunday morning. **Nick Houser** addressed the 43 attendees with a talk entitled "The World's 1<sup>st</sup> Public Health Campaign: 1804 Small Pox Vaccination". His talk was interesting and stimulated a significant discussion regarding the topic.

The **next meeting** of the Society will be held in **Fort Worth, October 10-12, 2014**, at the **Renaissance Hotel**. Local Arrangement Chair, **Richard Vigness, his wife Linda Vigness**, and **President Shelton Viney** have planned a great meeting for members and their families. Please mark your calendars!

**Please review your demographic information and forward any changes to the Secretary. If you would like to update your photo please forward a JPEG via email to [texassurgicalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:texassurgicalsociety@gmail.com).**

**And again, please strongly consider nominating great young surgeons** in your local area for membership in the Texas Surgical Society.

Lastly, please email [texassurgicalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:texassurgicalsociety@gmail.com) for any suggested corrections or edits to the newsletter/minutes.

**Photos from the meeting** taken by the Secretary are at the following link:  
<http://rmstewartphotography.smugmug.com/Events/2014-Spring-TSS-Meeting-El-Pas/n-s8CGJ/>

Respectfully submitted,



Ronald M. Stewart, MD  
Secretary