



NEWSLETTER

and Society Minutes

TEXAS SURGICAL SOCIETY

FALL 2016



The 199th meeting of the Texas Surgical Society was held September 30 - October 2, 2016 in Dallas, Texas at The Adolphus Hotel under the direction of Local Arrangements Chair **Michael Foreman** and his assistant, Madeline Miller. **Mike, Madeline and the entire Dallas team, hosted a terrific meeting.** Their coordinated efforts and the hospitality of the event chairs generated a wonderful experience for the 167 members and guests who participated in the weekend activities. Dr. Foreman and Madeline were truly exceptional in organization, hospitality and expertise. This was my last meeting as Secretary and Mike, Maddie and the Dallas team made this my most fun.

On Friday morning **Robert Cloud** directed the golf tournament at the *Bear Creek Golf Club* where **Dan Copeland**, of **Midland** (guest of Shelton Viney) was awarded the Brindley Cup Low Gross award and the Longest Drive. **Mac Sykes** of **San Antonio** was awarded the Arlington Cup for Low Net and the Closest to the Pin award.

Tennis under the direction of **Lance Oxford** was held at the *Royal Oaks Country Club*. **Valerie Bauer** of **Odessa** and **Stephen Weatherford** of **Port Arthur** were awarded The Waco Cup.

Christopher Bell organized the sporting clay shooting event at *Elm Fork Shooting Sports*. **David Young** of **Tyler** was another repeat winner of the Fort Worth Shooting Trophy.

Early Saturday morning **Warren Lichliter** and **Bert Smith** escorted our joggers to the *Trinity River Skyline Trail at the Hunt Hill Bridge*. **Daniel Dent** from **San Antonio** was awarded the Raleigh R. White Trophy for being the best runner. **Patrick Nguyen** from **San Antonio** received the award for form and style.

The first Scientific Session was called to order by **President Lee Bloemendal** at 1:30 p.m. on Friday afternoon. He introduced the LAC, **Michael Forman** who welcomed the membership to Dallas and informed them of the array of events planned for the weekend. Seven outstanding papers were presented on Friday afternoon.

Treasurer Richard Frazee, President Bloemendal and **Secretary Ronald Stewart** then recognized the 2016 Fall 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:

Matthew Fultz

Baylor University Medical Center - Dallas

Jacob Opfer

UT Southwestern Medical Center - Dallas

Zachary Scott Pallister

Baylor College of Medicine – Houston

John Hall

UT Medical School – Houston

Joseph Fernandez-Moure

Methodist Hospital – Houston

Andrew Miller

Dell UT Medical School

Following presentation of the Raleigh Ross Scholars, President Bloemendal introduced the honored guest speaker, **Dr. Larry H. Hollier**, Chancellor of LSUHSC New Orleans. **Dr. Hollier** delivered an outstanding talk entitled “Pathophysiology of Spinal Cord Ischemia with TEVAR”.

The Executive Session began at 5:15 p.m. with **Dr. Bloemendal** presiding. Minutes of the previous meeting in Waco were unanimously approved.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by **Richard Frazee**. Financial compilations from the accountant for the six-month period ending 6/30/2016 were presented. The balance in operating account was \$213,726.62 and in LAC account \$30,099.77. Total in the Centennial accounts was \$65,105.72. The balance of the Centennial Fund is invested in the Vanguard account.

Net income for the period was \$118,075.41. The financial status of the Society remains strong.

The Raleigh Ross Trust had assets on 6/30/2015 of \$2,844,484.12 and no liabilities. Grants to each of the eleven participating residency programs for 2015 are \$9000. At year-end 2016, total grants to the programs since inception of the Ross Grant program will be over \$650,000.

The Council had previously authorized an audit of the society coinciding with the transition of the new treasurer. The results of the audit performed by Metzgar, Traplena, & Sullivan were presented. The financial records of the Society were in excellent order and the auditors were complementary of Dr. Reagan's work as treasurer. Material weaknesses were identified in the “segregation of duties” of the treasurer and recommendations were made for oversight of the treasurer's activities on a monthly basis, with reports to the president and secretary. Regarding the duties of the Treasurer the current Constitution needs to be updated. The following corrective actions were unanimously recommended for approval by the membership:

- Oversight by accounting firm Henry & Peters
- Constitutional amendments to reflect current practice
- Bylaw/policy development to address Centennial Fund management in keeping with federal guidelines

The following Constitutional changes were submitted for first reading before the membership:

- Article V Section 5. Delete “and countersigned by the President and Secretary”
- Delete “shall be bonded in a proper amount with the expense of such bonding being borne by the society and insert:
- Article V Section 5. “Oversight of the Treasurer will take place by either a financial monitoring committee to be assigned by the President, or an accounting firm to be approved by the council. The financial monitoring committee or accounting firm will promptly report any concerns regarding financial, accounting, or regulatory irregularity to the President and the Secretary in writing with a monthly report. If needed, the matter of concern will be addressed by the Council, and corrective action taken as needed.”

These proposed constitutional changes will be available for consideration and comment by the membership and voted upon at the business meeting in the Spring.

Memorial tributes were read for:

John C. Baldwin Grant F. Begley Hassan I. Bukhari



1948-2016



1918-2016



1938-2015

Frank G. Moody Francis A. Morris, Jr. Edward C. Saltzstein



1928-2016



1928-2015



1932-2016

Donald W. Steph James C. Terrell, Jr.



1929-2016



1934-2016

The Secretary then gave the report of the Council. The Secretary gave an update of the web site and electronic communication strategies. The Council is very appreciative of the assistance of **Donia Robinson from Gold Star Websites.** This past paper mailout will be the last paper mailout planned for the Society. The Council reviewed the audit and had an extensive discussion concerning the issues noted by our Treasurer. The Council discussed and reviewed the plans for the Centennial Volume of the TSS, being prepared by Dr. Mellick T. Sykes. This is in near final form and will be going to the Publisher over the next several months.

Current membership statistics were reviewed. There are **543 members**, of whom **136 are active**, **371 are senior**, **4 are honorary**, and **32 are non-resident members.** There were **8 deaths** recorded since the last meeting. The importance of nominating excellent, young surgeons was encouraged. Dr. Stewart commented on the excellent quality and participation by our new members, remarking on the quality of the new member papers. **Members are encouraged to propose candidates for membership who meet or exceed** Society qualifications as outlined in the constitution and

by-laws, but to be actively engaged in looking for these surgeons.

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

John Birbari of Fort Worth
Sam Buchanan of Fort Worth
Ramon Cestero of San Antonio
Robert Esterl of San Antonio
Cara Govednik of Waco
Charles M. Jordan of College Station
Jonathan Lundy of Fort Hood
Ashley McGinity of San Antonio
Joseph Mills of Houston
Alberto Pena of Edinburg
Charles Richart of Edinburg
Roger Smith of Round Rock
David Sugarbaker of Houston

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:

Mark Davies of San Antonio
Mark Muir of San Antonio
Robert C. Robbins of Houston

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

Teresa Kroeker of Houston
Damon A. Mimari of San Antonio
Ravi S. Radhakrishnan of Galveston
Donald A. Stewart of Waco
Samual R. Todd of Houston

The Council also reviewed the application of our distinguished and honored guest speaker, **Dr. Larry Hollier**, for honorary fellowship. By unanimous vote of the Council, he was proposed to the membership for election and accepted as an

honorary fellow.

The **Nominating Committee** report was presented by **Bohn Allen**: **Robert Kingman** was nominated for Council Chair. **Anthony Estrera** was nominated for Council 2018. **Michael Dragun** was nominated for Council 2019. **Richard Vigness** was nominated for 2nd Vice President. **George Mimari** was nominated for 1st Vice President. **Ronald Stewart** was nominated for President-Elect. Dr. Stewart was escorted to the podium by Shelton Viney, Mac Sykes, and Dan Dent. A motion by Dr. Viney was made to approve these nominations. This was seconded by Dr. Reagan. There was no further discussion and the nominees were unanimously approved by all in attendance.

The Friday evening event at the Cloud Nine Event Level atop Reunion Tower **was enjoyed by 165 members and guests**. Members and guests enjoyed a wonderful array of food, refreshments and beautiful Dallas skyline. The hospitality of the entire team from Dallas was greatly appreciated.

At 6:00 a.m. Saturday morning **Lee Bloemendal presided over the New Members' Breakfast**. Society officers and Council members welcomed our four new members, presented them with copies of books recording the history of the Society and shared glimpses of Society tradition.

Fifteen members attended the **Women in Surgery Breakfast**.

The Saturday spouse activity was attended by 14 guests. Spouses had a lively chef competition at 3015 at Trinity Groves followed by a lovely lunch.

The Saturday morning Scientific Session was opened by **President Lee Bloemendal** at 8:00 a.m. Ten scientific papers were presented in the morning session.

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

James Adams of Midland
Paul Carlton, Jr. of College Station
Geoffrey Funk of Dallas
Josh Goldstrich of Waco

The member guest luncheon was held at noon with 108 members and guests in attendance. Speakers were Dr. Michael Williams, President, UNT Health Science Center and Dr. Stuart Flynn, Founding Dean of TCU's new M.D. degree-seeking medical school, who spoke on cooperation between the programs for cost-saving and other benefits.

At 1:00 p.m. the Saturday afternoon Scientific Session convened with **First Vice-President, Anthony L. Estrera** presiding. Our guest speaker **Dr. Larry Hollier**, delivered a fascinating talk entitled "The Impact of "Privatization" of a Public Healthcare System".

The meeting reconvened in the afternoon and presentations from nine members were given before the scientific session adjourned.

Saturday evening cocktails and dinner were held at the hotel, with **165** members and guests in attendance. **Michael Foreman**, local arrangements chair, presided over trophy presentations to the sporting event champions.

While members and their guests enjoyed their dinner, ten of their children participated in our Kids Movie Night, where they were chaperoned and enjoyed pizza, snacks, games and movies.

President Lee Bloemendal hosted a memorable evening highlighted by his humorous address entitled "**Bloemendal's Unfamiliar Quotations – Words of Wisdom (?) From My Surgical Mentors**".

The James E. Thompson award for best paper by a new member was awarded to **Paul Carlton, Jr.** from College Station for his presentation, "**Necrotic Wounds Associated with Brown Recluse Spider Bites**". The judges for the James E. Thompson award had a difficult time in

choosing the best paper, as the other new member presentations were excellent.

The Presidential Award for Discussion was awarded to **Alan Tyroch** of El Paso.

The TSS Council and Fellows honored **Mellick T. Sykes with the Texas Surgical Society Distinguished Service Award** for his outstanding service as our Archivist and Secretary, and **Dr. Bloemendal** graciously thanked the outgoing Secretary, **Dr. Stewart for his service as secretary.**

Members and guests enjoyed coffee, dessert and liqueurs after dinner in a relaxed and casual setting in the Bloemendal's Presidential Suite.

The Ethics Breakfast was held at 8:00 a.m. Sunday morning. **Ann Marie Warren, Ph.D.**, a local clinical psychologist, addressed 60 attendees with an informative talk entitled *The Ethics of Caring...Suggestions for Surgeons to Protect Against Compassion Fatigue, Burnout and Stress.*

The **next meeting** of the Society will be held in **Midland, April 7-9, 2017**, at the DoubleTree Midland Plaza Hotel. Local Arrangements Chair, **Michael Dragun**, his wife **Gire Dragun**, and **President Ross Reagan** are planning a great meeting for members and their families. Please mark your calendars!

Please review your demographic information and update along with your photo from the website under the members only section!

And again, please actively consider nominating great young surgeons in your local area for fellowship in the Texas Surgical Society.

Please email stewartr@uthscsa.edu for any suggested corrections or edits to the newsletter/minutes. **Lastly, please welcome our new Secretary, Dr. Shannon Smith!!**

Photos from the meeting taken by the Secretary and Chris Sherman are at the following link:

<https://rmstewartphotography.smugmug.com/Events/2016-10-01-TSS-Texas-Surgical/n-Gv3M2V/>

Respectfully submitted,



Ronald M. Stewart, MD Secretary