



**TEXAS SURGICAL SOCIETY
NEWSLETTER
and
EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES
FALL 2018**



The 203rd meeting of the Texas Surgical Society was held October 5-7 in Fort Worth at the Worthington Renaissance Hotel downtown, under the direction of **Local Arrangements Chair Doug Lorimer and his wife Pat**. One-hundred and forty-one members, 4 Raleigh Ross Scholars and 26 guests registered for the Scientific Sessions.

On Thursday April 4, the Council met for its traditional afternoon session prior to the meeting.

On Friday morning, sporting events took place: Paul Senter directed the Golf Tournament at the Shady Oaks Country Club for 12 golfers. **Mac Sykes** again received the **Brindley Cup – Low Gross award**. The **Arlington Cup for Low Net** was presented to **Bradford Scott**.

Bob Lovett hosted Sporting Clay Shooting at the Alpine Shooting Range. There were 11 participants; **John Winter** took the trophy.

Jim Norman coordinated the Tennis Tournament at the River Crest Country Club for 4 participants. The **Waco Cup** went to **Jeff and Lynne Stoltenberg** as the men's and women's winners respectively.

On Saturday morning, David Donahue led 6 runners on Saturday morning along the Trinity River; Brian Perry took the San Antonio Cup for speed; the Raleigh White III Award for style and dedication went to Meredith Mason.

The First Scientific Session began Friday at 1:30 pm with the call to order by President Ronny Stewart, who moderated the session. He welcomed attendees and introduced the LAC **Doug Lorimer**, who reviewed the social event itinerary. The session proceeded with five member

presentations as well as presentation of the Raleigh Ross Scholars; the Scholar Program was introduced by President Ronny Stewart. The Scholars are guests of the Society and receive a personalized plaque as well as a monetary award. Four Scholars were introduced:

Stephen Meadors

UTSW-Dallas

Presented by Kareem Abdelfattah

Sean Dieffenbaugher

UT-Houston

Presented by Lillian Kao

Rodrigo Pedraza

Methodist Hospital-Houston

Presented by Brian Dunkin

Meredith Mason

BCOM-Houston

Presented by Brad Scott

Our Invited Guest Scientific Speaker, Timothy Fabian from Memphis, TN, suffered a serious injury just prior to the meeting and was unable to attend. His first presentation entitled **“Cerebrovascular Injuries: A Journey of Investigation”** was given by video; his second presentation planned for Saturday was cancelled.

The Executive Session began at approximately 4:55 p.m. with a Call to Order by President Ronny Stewart. Minutes of the previous Executive Session were unanimously approved.

Treasurer Dick Frazee gave the Treasurer's Report. Current Financial Statements were reviewed. The Society remains in a strong financial position. The Centennial Campaign is growing; the membership is to be complimented for ongoing support. We will continue to delay implementing a registration fee for meetings for now.

The Raleigh Ross Trust financial reports were given; the Trust assets were reviewed and are healthy. Trust awards were given to four recognized programs for Fall 2018. A new addition to the Scholars' Program Rotation will be UTRGV in McAllen, targeted to receive a Trust award in the Fall of 2019.

The spending assumptions for the Society for the next year were reviewed as required by the IRS. We hope to continue aggressive monitoring of meeting expenses and will try diligently to decrease costs to defray spending deficits.

The Texas Surgical Society continues to use email for correspondence to the membership; the treasurer again stressed the fact that it is the responsibility of members to update their contact email changes online in the roster on our website and notify the secretary and treasurer of any changes.

Annual dues are payable by the first day of the first meeting of the year. Members 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. **A “dues status” feature for each member is now available on the website for members to reference.** Members in arrears are subject to forfeiture of membership.

Secretary Shannon Smith gave her report: A current and future meeting overview was given. The ACS approved 10.25 hours of Category 1 CME for this meeting, 6.25 of which is Self-Assessment and 1.0 of which qualifies as Ethics. **Members must have been a meeting registrant and in attendance during the Scientific Sessions (confirmed by having signed the attendance book each day) to be given electronic permission to obtain CME for the meetings!** The ACS-imposed CME date of availability and CME obtaining deadlines were reviewed.

Also, members were strongly encouraged always to book rooms for each meeting through the TSS block of rooms, or with the hotel directly, as opposed to third party vendors, ie, online vendors. Third party-reserved rooms do NOT go toward our hotel-contracted room nights minimum; this costs the Society dearly in hotel financial penalty costs.

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

Spring 2019 April 5-7 McAllen, Rick Martinez
Fall 2019 Oct 4-6 Galveston, Colleen Silva
Spring 2020 April 3-5 Tyler, David Young

The History of Surgery Exhibit was again on display outside the Scientific Sessions; it will follow every meeting for now.

Also, Ken Mattox presented on **“Dr. Arthur Spohn: Surgeon, Inventor and Texas Medical Pioneer”**. He wrote the introduction for the book which was on display for author signing and sale outside the sessions.

Our electronic transition is ongoing; our website manager Kevin McNally with Interactive Palette has enabled successfully thus far the electronic Call for Abstracts, Hotel and Meeting Registrations, Candidate Voting, Program Publication, obtaining of CME and most recently a Current Dues Status feature for each member. We plan to add the ability to complete New Member Applications online, as well as a Member Search by Specialty feature and correct the list of Members by Cities. We are grateful for your patience in our electronic transition.

Members were reminded to peruse our website and look for announcements and meeting information there; also to make certain 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 and/or any other information to correct it.

To log in to the members only website section:

UN is your email **as listed in roster**

PW is your DOB **in this format: YYYY-MM-DD**

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

Chris and Heather Sherman were able to provide A-V services for this meeting. **We want to continue to stress the need for timely submission of presentations by presenters prior to meetings, proper video saving and embedding technique and with fair warning to the A-V technician if the presentation was created on a MAC! We will clearly outline these issues for all presenters well prior to submission deadline for all meetings, in order to avoid show problems.**

The report of the Council was given by Secretary Shannon Smith. The council is currently chaired by Tony Estrera. There are ongoing Council discussions regarding the critical need to contain cost of meetings while preserving quality of venue and food. We again used a ticket system at this meeting for hotel accountability of alcoholic drinks consumption. Ross Reagan and Dick Frazee are working to analyze historical and current costs and continue to make recommendations for meeting cost control in order to decrease our ongoing spending deficit.

Mac Sykes' Council Report of the Archivist and Archivist Emeritus was reviewed: Mac was highly commended by the Council for his work on the 101-year book which is free for all members who contributed \$2015 or more to the Centennial Fund, \$50 for other members, \$100 for nonmembers. It will be available for distribution at all meetings; we are hoping to avoid becoming a retail store at other times.

Membership Demographics were reviewed: Current statistics still indicate declining active membership and increasing senior membership. Eighty-six percent of membership is considered General Surgery. There are 511 members, 33 are non-resident, 5 are honorary. Efforts in

nominating qualified candidates in their respective communities is the most effective means of reaching the goal of building active membership. Also, society members in communities where Raleigh Ross Scholars have been practicing and are qualified for membership, should act as "champions" of these potential members and help expedite their inclusion in Society membership.

The following 3 members were elevated to senior status: Alan Tyroch, Raymond Staniunus and Sam Ahn.

The following candidates were recommended by the Council to move from the vote sheets to new membership: the motion was made and approved by members:

**Claire Isbell
Kristofer Ouw
John Goss
Kenneth Jastrow
Tuyen Nguyen
Philip Rascoe
Tom Turlington
John Williams**

The following candidates were recommended by the council to move from first to second consideration:

**John Bynon
Kim Insura de la Cruz
Brian Perry
William Perry**

Three complete new member applications will be moved to the next ballot; these include Michael Coburn, Larry Hollier, Jr. and Victor Olivas.

The plan to introduce 3 members to the society at this meeting was reviewed. These new members include **Jose Almeda**, who was unable to attend due to severe illness, **Ramon Cestero** and **Joseph Mills, Sr.** **David Sugarbaker** was intended to be introduced at this meeting, but he sadly passed away very recently.

Memorial tributes were read for:

Michael McArthur

(by Ed Duncan)

James Stouffer

(by John Smith)

Herman Dobbs

(by Laurens Pickard)

Robert Angel

(by Philip Croyle)

The Nominating Committee announced the following candidates for office:

Courtney Townsend, President-Elect

Kris Gugliuzza, First Vice-President

Matt Wall, Second Vice-President

John Crawford, Council 2021

Motions to elect these officers were approved.

The Executive Session was adjourned.

The Friday evening cocktail buffet was held onsite on The Terrace. One-hundred and twenty-three members and guests enjoyed mild weather, an open bar and delicious dinner stations.

President Stewart and President-Elect John Winter along with Society officers and Council members presided over the New Members' Breakfast onsite at 6:30 am on Saturday in the Bur Oak room. They shared glimpses of Society traditions and welcomed **Ramon Cestero** from San Antonio and **Joseph Mills** from Houston.

The Women in Surgery Breakfast in the Cottonwood room at the same time on Saturday morning was attended by 14 members and 1 Scholar guest.

The Saturday spouse activity was attended by 12 guests. The group had lunch and experienced the Shops at Clear Fork.

The Saturday morning Scientific Session was opened by **President Stewart** at 8:00 a.m. This session included nine presentations, three of which were by new members. **Second Vice-President William Shutze** introduced new

members **Ramon Cestero** and **Joseph Mills** to the Society.

The member guest luncheon was held in the Scientific Session Ballroom. **President Stewart** presented "**Photography for the Surgeon**", sharing his lighting, exposure and composition pearls for outstanding photography. **Doug Lorimer** presided over trophy presentations to the sporting event champions.

The Saturday afternoon Scientific Session convened at 1:00 pm with **Second Vice-President Bill Schutze** presiding over seven member presentations.

Saturday evening cocktails and the Presidential Banquet were held in the City Club Ballroom offsite. One-hundred and thirty-nine members and guests were in attendance for the Banquet. **President Stewart** gave his address entitled "**Complex Problem Solving: Lessons Learned from Surgeons**" (and life!). His delivery was engaging, humorous and heartfelt.

The James E. Thompson Award for best paper by a new member went to **Joseph Mills** for his presentation entitled "Developing a Regional Approach to Limb Salvage and Amputation Prevention"

The Presidential Award for Discussion was awarded to **Tyler Hughes**.

Members and guests joined President Stewart in the beautiful Van Cliburn Suite after dinner for cocktails, socializing and live classical and jazz piano for the **President's Reception**. This Society event may have distinguished itself by being the first to attract the attention of the local Constabulary, ie, the Ft. Worth City Police!

The Ethics Breakfast was held at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday morning in Westfork I&II; **Roy S. Martin, M. Div, D. Min** presented Oncology Ethics Cases for consideration and discussion; 49 attendees were present.

Reminder: the upcoming Spring Society Meeting will be held in McAllen, April 5-7 at the 1918 Casa de Palmas Hotel. This hotel is reportedly haunted by two female apparitions clad in black veils, one of whom sings a mournful tune! Local Arrangements Chair Rick Martinez is planning a great meeting at this vibrant venue newly added to the Society Cities Rotation. Mark your calendars now!

Email me at ssmith@eyesoftexas.us for any suggested corrections to this communication.

Shannon Smith, Secretary