

To: TSDA Executive Committee

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President TS-RACS

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Re: Report on January TS-RACS 2011 Annual Meeting

The TS-RACS Annual Meeting was held Sunday, January 30, 2011 with 31 coordinators attending the STS Annual Meeting. The meeting included the following presentations:

- Peggy Simpson, EdD: Presented a review of current training pathways; an update on Common Program Requirements; documentation of Supervision for Integrated thoracic program residents; duty hour changes as of July 2011; and planned changes for Surgical Operative Log documentation.
- Dr. Ara Vaporciyan: Presented an overview of Integrated program looking at program design; educational curricula; taxonomy of learning, instructional and performance measures, implementation and program evaluation, and suggestions for education of educators.
- Dr. Valerie Rusch: Discussed the ABTS focus on technical and cognitive elements for trainees especially with growth of Integrated programs; simulation as a component of training; surgical case log changes; program consideration to development of intensivist MDs for critical care cardiothoracic surgery; each program should consider a designated Educator for thoracic surgery program; and how to address a problem resident.
- Dr. Craig Baker:  
Maura Sullivan, PhD: Presented the historical medical education evolution to present day with regard to thoracic surgery with the current paradigm shift in process; the role of JCTSE for faculty; overview of educational psychology and development of simulation laboratory for skill acquisition.
- Panel Discussion: Residency Coordinators Panel presentation with Q/A on Integrated Thoracic programs: Rose Haselden, Medical University of South Carolina; Joanne Gizzi University of Maryland; and Shelby Long, University of North Carolina shared their experiences in the program development and implementation process.

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Business Meeting: Election of officers:  
President 2011-13 Marcie O'Reilly – Loma Linda University  
Vice President 2011-13 Judy Corke – University of Texas MD Anderson  
Secretary Maria Riley – University of California Los Angeles

Approved Minutes 2010 TS-RACS meeting  
Updated TS-RACS Directory for TSDA

Future development: Improve coordinator attendance at Annual Meeting  
Consider 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting at AATS  
(may increase attendance if two options)  
Simulation program development  
Broad national goals and objectives based on ACGME competencies  
Work groups: update TSDA quarterly evaluations  
Core Integrated thoracic program resources  
Look to TSDA and JCTSE for leadership:  
Faculty education  
Application of technology for curriculum development  
National outline for all educational pathways