Thoracic Surgery Residency Program Administrators/Coordinators Section (TS-RACS)
2017 Report to the Thoracic Surgery Directors Association (TSDA)
Submitted by Jill Rose, TS-RACS President

The TS-RACS committee is planning for the 2018 Annual Meeting to be held at Westin Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort (room to be arranged) on Saturday, January 27 and Sunday, January 28, 2018. A total of 27 registrations have been received following an email sent by TSDA to open registration and promote the meeting sent to all program coordinators on Friday, September 29, 2017 and a program director support request sent on Tuesday, October 3, 2017.

As a result of these TSDA emails, new program coordinators and directors have requested mentorship from TS-RACS and our committee members are planning to supplement our current email support with the topic of mentorship planned as our first agenda item for January 2018. This initiative is spearheaded by Mitzi Clendening, TS-RACS member/nominee for Secretary/Treasurer. Dr. Walter McGregor, Program Director at the Allegheny General Hospital thoracic surgery residency program has agreed to be the TS-RACS opening address on Mentorship/Building Relationships: Residents and Coordinators.

The TS-RACS committee held a conference call on Monday, August 28, 2017 at 1.00 pm CT with Beth Winer and Rachel Pebworth.to discuss the following agenda:

- TSDA email blast messages
- Nominations for President-Elect and Secretary/Treasurer according to bylaws
- Annual Meeting topics and speakers to enhance program coordinators' skills such as:
    - Effectively managing communication at all levels
    - Improving proactiveness in program activities and
    - Consistently working towards improving and examining the effectiveness of administrative tasks and support systems

It was decided that our first priority for the January 2018 Annual Meeting is to offer guidance and support to our peers by displaying a genuine interest in listening, while building effective working relationships and offering a helping hand. Our planned learning outcome is to demonstrate an increase in knowledge, improvement in practice and strategies in education, and effective utilization of data to improve trainee learning and program effectiveness.

As can be seen from the attached agenda, the TS-RACS committee has planned a full agenda that promotes synergy within the program coordinators section team.

Future meetings will address improving the education environment for residents, and forming an assessments academy to provide opportunities for participants to help their department/division advance and implement an effective assessment plan, using such platforms as http://depts.washington.edu/emtrcs/index.html#emtrcs

THORACIC SURGERY RESIDENCY ADMINISTRATORS/COORDINATORS SECTION (TS-RACS)
Annual Meeting Agenda
January 27-28, 2018
Westin Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort, Oceanside II
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Session 1: Saturday, January 27, 2018

7:45 am-8:00 am	Continental Breakfast/Registration
8:00 am-8:10 am	Welcome, Board Introductions, Business Meeting, Election of Officers **Jill Rose**, President and **Maria Riley**, President-Elect
8:10 am-8:30 am	**Mitzi Clendening**, Secretary/Treasurer Coordinator Networking – Introductions, Contact Information, Mentoring
8:45 am-9:45 am	**Sandra L. Starnes, MD** Program Director, University of Cincinnati College of Medicine Topic: Thoracic Surgery Changes and New Requirements
10:00 am-10:45 am	**Mark D. Iannettoni, MD, MBA** Program Director, East Carolina Heart Institute at ECU Topic: Wellness in Residents, Faculty and Program Coordinators
11:00 am-11:45 am	**Walter E. McGregor, MD** Program Director, Allegheny General Hospital Topic: GRIT – How Gritty Are You?
11:45 am-12:45 pm	Lunch and Shuttle to Broward County Convention Center
1:00 pm-4:00 pm	TSDA General Session (Broward County Convention Center, Palm Ballroom A)

Session 2: Sunday, January 28, 2018

8:00 am-9.00 am	Continental Breakfast & TS-RACS Round Table for Best Practices Q&A
9:00 am-10:00 am	**Ara Vaporciyan, MD, FACS, MHPE** and team Program Director, MD Anderson Cancer Center Topic: STS Thoracic Surgical Curriculum LMS Curriculum Update
10:00 am-11.00 am	**Paul Schipper, MD, FACS FACCP** Program Director, Oregon Health & Science Thoracic Surgery Residency Topic: Integrated Thoracic Surgery Residency Programs – Attracting Medical Students into Cardiothoracic Surgery
11:00 am-12:00 pm	**Dave A. Fullerton, MD** Executive Director, American Board of Thoracic Surgery Program Director, University of Colorado School of Medicine Topic: American Board of Thoracic Surgery Changes in Requirements