

MINUTES
THORACIC SURGERY RESIDENCY ADMINISTRATORS/COORDINATORS SECTION
ANNUAL MEETING
SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2009
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Suzanne Giannotti, President TS-RACS, opened the meeting at 8:00 AM, welcomed the attendees, reviewed the agenda and announced the guest speakers. See attached attendee list and agenda. Note presenters' title and association/affiliations on agenda.

TOPICS/ Speaker	DISCUSSION	ACTION / FOLLOW UP
Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suzanne Giannotti, President, opened meeting and welcomed guests 8:00 AM 	2008 minutes distributed
Peggy Simpson, EdD "ACGME UPDATE"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview total number of accredited TS programs Announcement - new PIFs released July 1, 2009; Agenda closing dates for RRC Integrated programs and joint program approvals for 'clean' programs only New ACGME contact information and staff – see handout Communication style and preferences – call office or send emails 4/3 program residents can double board 4/3 residents MUST use ACGME case log for first 5 years Notify the RRC and TSDA if you appoint an Associate/Assistant PD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prefers contacting her office and scheduling a "telephone" appointment Review ACGME site FAQs, staff listings, RRC meeting deadlines See TSDA site
Michael Fischbein, MD, PhD "The Logistics of Creating a 6-Year Integrated Training Program"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 Year integrated programs – applications near double from last year 6 year program faculty will teach residents how to be doctors – pre/post op care, triage, H&P. Rotations will be ICU/Trauma, need hands on experience, wire skills, echo, angio, CT, MRI Didactics will include basic H&P, writing orders, anatomy & physiology, fundamental surgical skills, etc. Rationale from General Surgery Programs – CTS residents very enthusiastic, have high skill sets and enthusiastic on CTS rotations 6 year program logistics and format, evaluation and economics Simulation integral part of curriculum ID candidates – ABSITEs, mock orals and GS exams surgical skills, simulation rotation evaluations. Performance evaluations - mature, dedicated to CT, transition path to GS if not a good match will be available Lessons learned 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work closely with your GS program and your DIO Find alternate funding sources See TSDA site
James I. Fann, MD "Simulation in Cardiac Surgery Training"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents enthusiastic re: simulation training Simulations are video taped for time and performance measurement/feedback Repeated exercises build crisis management skills, demand treatment for the critical patient Faculty debrief identifies factors for improvement Unexpected benefit – simulation training reenergizes faculty to teaching 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simulation resource - Chamberlain Group See TSDA site
John H. Calhoon, MD "ABTS Update on 6-Year Integrated Training Program" and "TSDA /	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thanked coordinators for their hard work and challenging responsibilities Thanked TSDA leadership for catalyst to change in regard to 0-6 integrated programs and simulation ABTS revising and requesting that all programs move to 0-6 integrated programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review 0-6 program possibilities and formats Requests feedback re: TSDA weekly curriculum utilization. Are you using it?

<p>TS-RACS Collaboration and Goals for the Future”</p>	<p>by 2020.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TSDA curriculum not where it should be, recognized that it needs work and asks for comments and suggestions • Resident dashboard/portfolios – ever increasing significance for programs to assist resident with their portfolios. Build it into your ‘strategic planning’ sessions or annual curriculum meetings • Critical care skills documentation increasingly necessary; build/implement CC into your rotations, part of your goals and objectives • Providing mock orals in your program will help elevate program scores that are declining • TSDA evaluations – out of date • RRC site visits, PIFs, curriculum; Time for transparency and sharing. Let’s form committee and create common set of documents for all. 	<p>Do you like it? Send comments to Dr. Calhoon.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical care skills and certification on the horizon • Provide mock orals • Revise update your evaluations • Chris Morrison to assist with forming Committee to address common set of curriculum documents for all programs utilization • See TSDA site
<p>Richard H. Feins, MD “CT Boot Camp – 2008 Overview”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanked the coordinators for their hard work and dedication. Noted that Shelby Long is not in attendance, but present in her heart and spirit. Shelby has served as our Councilor-at-large for several years. • New initiative for CT “Boot Camp” 1-2 week training period offered regionally and or nationally for PGY 6 residents to learn basic skills before starting program. First Boot Camp a success. Faculty energized as ‘teachers’ and residents acquired skills and provided feedback. All report real satisfaction with first endeavor and expectations for 2009 Boot Camp are high. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact UNC for details re: Boot Camp and registration
<p>Beth Winer Affiliate Manager, TSDA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Winer is new marketing manager for TSDA - actively working on program updates in TSDA database. • Will add category for Assistant Program Director soon • Reviewed TSDA weekly curriculum features and asks for comments or suggestions • Will work with ITE and Boot Camp registration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please access your TSDA site and update your profiles. Call Beth if you have any questions or need assistance. • <u>Meeting minutes and presentation handouts will be posted on TSDA web site.</u>
<p>George L. Hicks, Jr, MD “TSDA Boot Camp”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNC Chapel Hill CT Boot Camp Overview • Simulation is a product drawn from airline/air force training. Basic premise for medical education is place resident in training pressures on simulators before live patients • Overwhelming positive response; faculty truly energized to teaching; motivated students • Learned that the program needs assessment tools to effect learning • Learned repetitive skills garnered the greatest return on investment – need more reproducible sessions • In the future simulation may be good recruitment tool for medical students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep posted for 2009 Boot Camp information
<p>Irving L. Kron, MD “RRC Overview” “TSDA RRC Meeting”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RRC Overview and PIF process • PIF preparation • Issues for RRC • Appeals • Critical Care – ABTS exploring a one year fellowship in critical care • Endovascular Case requirement changes – 10 endo, 5 bronchoscopy -see handout • Call the RRC if you have questions; we are available to assist the programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carla McLean asked question: Why must we continue to cross-reference institutional cases with CTSNet cases for PIF? • Response: We must be able to determine the cases available for the residents. • See TSDA site
<p>Business Meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nomination / Election of Officers called by retiring President, Suzanne Giannotti <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Volunteers and nominations for 2009 officers ○ Suzanne and Christine thank retiring officers, Mary McConnell, Shelby 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suzanne Giannotti retires as President • Christine Morrison advances to President.

	<p>Long and Leslie Sotomayor for their service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carla MacLean Web Committee Report – working on minutes and bylaws, rolling calendar, links, and glossary terms • Review and Approval 2008 Minutes • Christine Morrison thanked Suzanne Giannotti, on behalf of all the coordinators, for her dedicated service and efforts as President TS-RACS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominated and confirmed officers for 2009: Vice President – Mary O'Reilly (2 yr) Secretary – Mitzi Clendening (2 yr) Councilors-at-large: Judy Corke and Nemika Meely-Ross (3 yr)
Open Discussions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carla MacLean: Suggests that all coordinators update their CTSNet tool kit, maintaining the home page, resident information and photos, post jobs, and notify NRMP if hiring after MATCH • Resident files for site review - all residents entering TS must have a <u>letter of good standing from their gen surg PD, as well as a copy of their diploma</u> in their file. • MATCH – check USMLE of applicant, some have not passed in the requisite time period – criteria differs by state. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note - it is program's obligation to notify NRMP if hiring after the MATCH. They must be notified according to contractual agreement. • Contact Carla for information and details
Special Note	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doris Stoll presented at the Program Directors Workshop on Feb 24th • TSDA General Session – “Keys to Designing and Implementing a Six-Year Curriculum” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See TSDA site
Christine Morrison Discussion - Plans for 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris introduced idea of “standardizing” Overall goals and objectives for ALL 86 Thoracic Surgery programs –labeled <u>1st project</u> for 2009 by group. • <u>2nd project</u> – there is need to reconcile the institution volumes in a PIF with the residents surgical operative log reporting. Explore IT solution • <u>3rd project</u> – Explore application/use of ACGME Portfolio for thoracic surgery residents.. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall agreement of group to pursue “standardization of overall goals and objectives for all Thoracic surgical programs • To submit 1 page proposal to TSDA via Dr. Calhoon for potential financial support for a work group to develop Project 1 • Chris to discuss if any potential IT solution to reconciling Institution volume cases with resident's SOL • Will post project work on TS-RACS website section of TSDA.org
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificates of Attendance distributed • Suzanne and Chris thanked all attendees for participation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2008 Minutes approved
Meeting dismissed at 4:30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2010 Conference in Ft. Lauderdale 	