

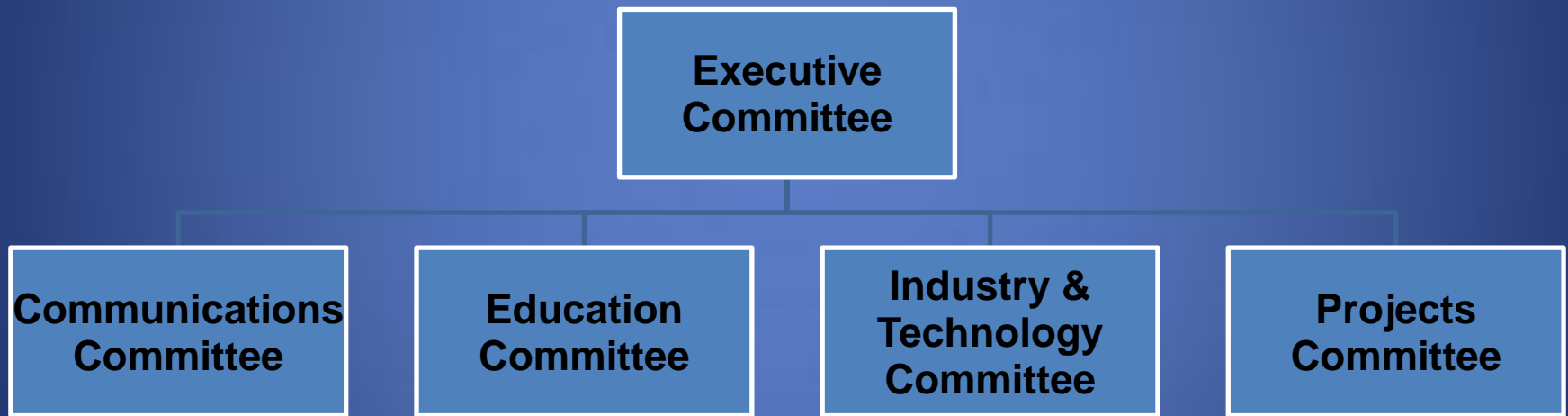
Thoracic Surgery Residents Association

TS-RACS 2012 Update

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TSRA Organization



Executive Committee Officers



President
Jason Williams, Duke



Vice President
Stephen McKellar, Mayo



Secretary
Tom Nguyen, Columbia



Immediate Past President –
Carlos Mery, UVA & Texas Children's



Communications Committee

- Chairman – Tom Nguyen, Columbia
- Roles
 - Communication of TSRA Projects to the residents nationally
 - Communication between committees on the TSRA
 - Communication with Parent organizations (TSDA, STS, AATS, etc.)
- TSRA Website
 - www.tsragnet.org
- CTSNet
- Thoracic Surgery News Resident's Corner
- International Network of Young Cardiothoracic Surgeons on Facebook



Education Committee

- Chair – Stephanie Mick, BWH & Cleveland Clinic
- Vice-Chair – Rob Meguid, U. of Washington
- Roles
 - Surveys to improve education
 - Outstanding program survey – In conjunction with TSDA
 - Workforce survey – In-training exam
 - Educational initiatives
 - TSDA Moodle Course
 - SESATS XI
 - TSDA Curriculum Committee involvement



Industry & Technology Committee

- Chair – Jerry Martin, U. of Kentucky & Duke
- Vice-Chair – Ravi Ghanta, BWH
- Roles
 - Coordinate educational opportunities between industry and residents
 - Contact industry for opportunities
 - Database of courses
 - Advancement of resident education via technology (In concert with TSDA & JTCSE)
 - Web based courses
 - Simulator training



Projects Committee

- Chair – Sam Youssef, Yale
- Role – Organization and development of the annual TSRA projects
- Recent Projects
 - 2009-10: Exceptional Educator Database
 - 2010-11: TSRA Review of Cardiothoracic Surgery
 - 2011-12: TSRA Primer of Cardiothoracic Surgery



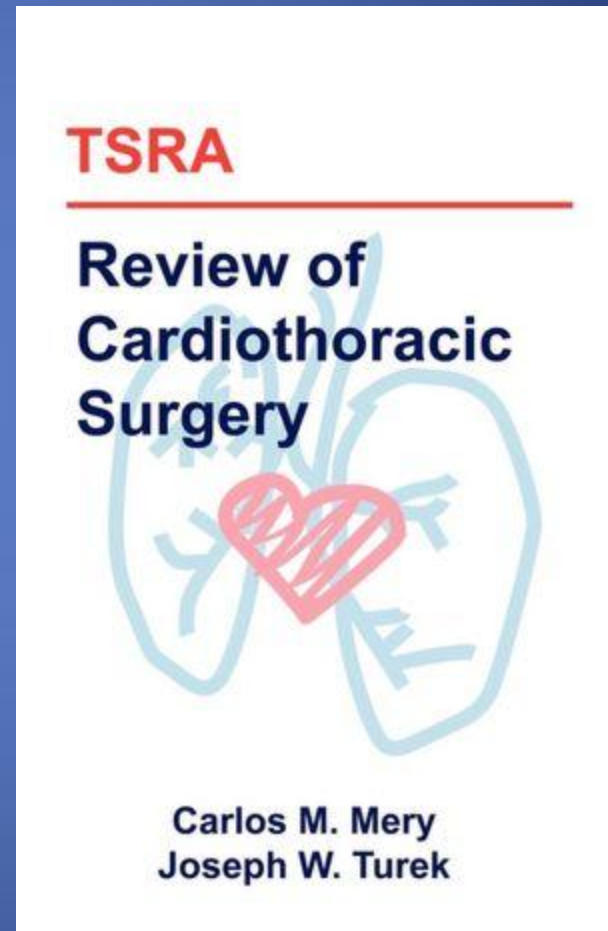
National Representation

- STS
 - Board of Directors
 - Operating Boards
 - Council on Quality, Research, & Patient Safety
 - Council on Education & Members Svcs
 - Council on Healthy Policy & Relationships
 - Multiple Workforces
- JTCSE
- AATS
 - AAMC Organization of Resident Representatives
 - Web Committee
 - Program Committee
 - CT Residents Committee
 - Education Committee
 - SAGR Committee
- Residency Review Committee



TSRA Review of Cardiothoracic Surgery

- Comprehensive yet concise review of major CT surgery topics
- Review prior to cases, during clinic, prior to examinations, etc.
- Circulation (Year End 2011)
 - 3,427 Copies downloaded
 - 200 Hard copies purchased



www.tsranet.org/



TSRA Primer of Cardiothoracic Surgery



- Inspired by TSDA Boot camp
- Need for quick intro to comprehensive collection of CT topics
- Intended for use by July/August first year residents as they navigate their new landscapes/roles
- Additional Handbook for Boot camp?



Upcoming Challenges

- Education of residents at highly variable points in their training
 - Integrated (I-6) Programs
 - 4+3 or 4+4 Programs
 - Standard 2 and 3 year Programs
- Recruitment of residents to our specialty
 - Declining exposure of General Surgery residents
 - Minimal exposure of medical students



How can the TSRA and TS-RACS work together?

- Point medical students, general surgery residents, and new thoracic residents to TSRA website
 - www.tsrnet.org
- Introduce TSRA as the RESIDENTS organization run for residents, by residents
- Initiate mentorship programs at your institutions between your faculty and medical students/general surgery residents
- Encourage thoracic residents to use our tools and programs
 - Review Book
 - Primer
 - Committees
- Encourage your residents to get involved early with the TSRA
- **Please contact any of us at the TSRA if WE can assist YOU!**

