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PRESIDENTIAL UPDATE

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President, 2016-2017

Welcome to the second quarterly Newsletter from the Southeastern Surgical Congress. Much has occurred since our June, 2016, Newsletter....

Continuing with our transition in management, the former SESC office in Cumming, Georgia, has now closed. Archival materials from the SESC have been shipped to our new administrative offices in Westwood, Kansas.

The transition in management to "LP etc" (Association Management) has now been completed under the Directors Marjorie Malia and Jill Wilhite. Our new address in Westwood, Kansas, email address, telephone number, and website are listed elsewhere in this Newsletter.

The SESC owes special thanks to Ken Lipsky from Virginia who attended the National Surgical Patient Safety Summit in Chicago on August 4-5, 2016. The Summit was divided into four workgroup sessions as follows: 1. Key safety definitions/elements/processes/phases of care; 2. Human factors/behaviors/cultures/high reliability; 3. Technology/data/performance measurements; and 4. Education/training programs. Ken's summary of the Summit is available from the SESC office.

Special thanks from the SESC, also, to Bryan Richmond from West Virginia. Bryan is the Chair of our Finance Committee and has, with the financial audit provided by LP, revamped the budgeting process for the activities of our central office and for the annual meeting. Under Bryan and LP's leadership, the financial status of the SESC should stabilize this year (2016-2017) and then have positive margins in the years to come.

Under the enlightened leadership of President-Elect David Adams, Chair of the Membership Committee, an invitation to join the SESC was sent to all the recent inductees into the American College of Surgeons who reside in SESC states. This proactive approach was extraordinarily successful, and the Committee has now approved 65 new surgeons for Active Membership.

When the Laws Fund was established to initiate the Henry L. Laws II Annual Lecture, it was noted that the current 501(c)6 tax status of the SESC had limits when dealing with donations to our activities. During the recent (November 11, 2016) conference call of the Council, LP presented two new options for making donations to the SESC. The first option was to establish a separate Foundation as many other surgical societies have done. There are higher costs to establishing a Foundation as compared to the other option [convert to 501(c)3 tax status—see below], and separate bylaws and legal fees would be part of the process. It will cost an estimated \$5000 to set up a Foundation

and, possibly, \$2000 annually to maintain it. A request to the IRS to convert our tax status to 501(c)3 was the second option presented. This is a lower cost option with less paperwork, no need for separate bylaws, and our own bank account can be used without other annual costs. At this time, the Executive Committee has instructed LP to continue to gather information and obtain legal advice re: a possible conversion of the SESC tax status to a 501(c)3.

Under the leadership of Manny Zervos, Chair of the CME Committee, the CME (Program) Committee met in Atlanta on August 27, 2016, and reviewed submitted abstracts for the Resident Forum (to be held on Saturday, February 25, 2017, in Nashville), and for the main SESC meeting (Sunday, Monday, 1/2 day Tuesday, February 26-28, 2017). As in 2015, a Late Breaking Call for Abstracts was subsequently held and more abstracts were accepted for the Quick Shot Session at the meeting in Nashville. With a broad-based program in general surgery and its subspecialties, a premeeting postgraduate course in surgical oncology, 3 invited speakers of national renown, clinically-based panels, Surgical Jeopardy competition for residents, and a beautiful venue in Nashville, we anticipate record-breaking attendance at the 2017 meeting.

The leadership of the SESC and LP held a Strategic Planning Retreat in Washington, DC, on October 15, 2016. The areas covered included the following: 1. Reviewed the Revised Mission Statement of the SESC as proposed by the President; 2. Discussed the benefits of membership and improving recruitment of new members; 3. Discussed improving the annual meeting; 4. Discussed improving long-term finances; 5. Discussed improving "The American Surgeon"; and 6. Assessed the relationship of the SESC with LP as well as LP's performance since the management transition in July, 2016. Based on this Strategic Planning Retreat, a Strategic Plan for the SESC from 2017-2020 will be written by David Adams (President-Elect), Kevin Behrns (Vice-President) and myself. This plan will be submitted to the Executive Committee in January, 2017, to the Council on February 25, 2017, and to the membership at the Business Meeting on Monday, February 27, 2017, in Nashville.

On December 1, 2016, The American Board of Surgery asked the SESC to respond to the ACGME task force's recommendations for Section VI of the Common Program Requirements (resident duty hours). The revised requirements are available on the ACGME website for review and comment by surgical societies or individuals through December 19, 2016. I will be writing the response of the SESC to be distributed to the Executive Committee for review by December 19. Members who wish to review this proposed response should ask for a copy from the SESC office. The final response will be sent to the ACGME by the deadline of December 19, 2016.

Best wishes to the membership for a happy holiday season and for continued personal and family health and happiness in 2017.

Contact me anytime with suggestions, concerns, questions, etc., at cell 404-550-3506 or email davfelic@iupui.edu.



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CME COMMITTEE REPORT

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CME Chair

We are excited to announce the topic of the SESC 2017 Postgraduate Course Meeting, "Hot Topics and Advances in Cancer Care". The Postgraduate Course follows the Resident Forum and Luncheon, which is always a favorite amongst residents and fellows!

This year, the two featured panel discussions are sure to be hits! SESC President, Dr. David Feliciano, will lead the "Challenging Case" panel where discussion will ensue regarding tactical management of difficult cases. Dr. Kevin Behrns and Alex Rosemurgy, will lead the "Catastrophic Cases I have Known" panel discussion which will feature prominent SESC members in various specialties sharing notable cases they have encountered in practice.

Finally, Dr. Timothy Patselas and Dr. Ellis Tinsley will contrast and compare the virtues and drawbacks of the traditional surgical practice model (Tinsley) versus a hospital employment model (Patselas). This session promises to provide insight regarding this timely discussion that can't easily be gleaned from other sources.

For more detailed program information, be sure to visit the SESC website (www.sesc.org) for registration and program information!

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Renaissance Hotel in Nashville from February 25 - 28, 2017 for what promises to be another great meeting of the Southeastern Surgical Congress.

Plans for the SESC 2017 Annual Meeting are well underway! We are excited to share some updates regarding the outstanding program we have in store for you.

This year, we received **438 submitted abstracts for consideration at the 2017 SESC Annual Meeting - a record high!** The SESC CME Planning Committee had the difficult task of grading the quality submissions and determining program placement. We met in August to accomplish our task and selected 10 Resident Forum papers, 37 Oral Presentations (including 6 Gold Medal Finalists), 11 Quick Shot Presentations, 12 Videos and over 300 ePosters! For the first time, we will debut electronic posters into the SESC Annual Meeting format.

In addition to the highlighted original research throughout the meeting, three prominent invited lecturers will also be featured: Dr. Juan Sarmiento will be delivering the A. Hamblin Letton lecture. The Roger T. Sherman Lecture will be given by Dr. Amy J. Goldberg and is titled "Scoop and Run: It's Not the Time that Matters". Following Dr. Goldberg's presentation will be Dr. Gary Dunnington, who will be presenting the Henry L. Laws II, Lecture entitled "Measuring Performance in Surgical Training".



Registration Now Open for the 2017 Annual Meeting

<http://www.cvent.com/d/hvqrnd/4W>



Be sure to follow @SESC_AmSurg on twitter to stay current on the association news! The SESC 2017 Annual Meeting will have a designated hashtag "#SESC17". Start to incorporate the hashtag into your comments now about the annual meeting. See you in Nashville at #SESC17



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The next issue in volume 82 rolls out October 9th!

REMINDER

SESC 2016-2017 MEMBERSHIP DUES PAY ONLINE TODAY!

Thank you for your continued support of the Southeastern Surgical Congress. It is time to renew your SESC membership and pay your 2016-2017 membership dues. Your membership dues include online access to The American Surgeon and an option to purchase a print subscription. The billing cycle is July June. Membership in the SESC provides you with an opportunity to interact with top surgeons, scientists, clinicians and trainees to promote and advance the study and practice of surgery. We encourage you to bring in new members to our premier surgical association.

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OR Send Check to:
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The SESC values your membership and we thank you in advance for your continued involvement and participation.



The SESC 2017 Annual Meeting will once again feature a mobile app!

Be sure to watch the website and email blasts for download instructions in early February. **#SESC17**



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