

Thoracic Surgery Residency Program Administrators/Coordinators Section Annual Meeting
Minutes
January 26-27, 2019
San Diego, CA

The TS-RACS 2019 Annual Meeting was held at the Marriott Marquis San Diego, in Presidio 1-2, San Diego, CA on Saturday, January 26 and Sunday, January 27, 2019, with a total of 31 registered participants in attendance.

Saturday, January 27

Bridgett Frommel, President Elect, held a Networking meet and greet.

Welcome and Board Introductions by Penny Potvin, C-TAGME

President: Penny Potvin, C-TAGME, Duke University Hospital, NC

President-Elect: Bridgett Frommel, C-TAGME, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, CA

Secretary: Mitzi Clendening, University of Southern California, CA

Councilor: Sasha Smith, Brigham and Women's Hospital, MA

Second **Councilor** position is open and available

During the past year, Maria Riley left the President position to accept a new job, resulting in Penny Potvin, the President-Elect becoming the new President. Bridgett Frommel was elected as the new President-Elect. Sasha Smith was elected as a Counselor at Large, leaving one Councilor position to fill. Mitzi Clendening remains the Secretary-Treasurer for another year.

The agenda was changed in that the comparison of programs was moved to the first presentation to give new coordinators a better comprehension of how all the different TS program tracks

Presentations:

- *Comparison of Traditional, I-6 and 4-3 Programs*, Penny Potvin, Mitzi Clendening
- *Best Practices for Interviews*, moderated by Board Panel
- *Hall of Shame*, an interactive discussion for coordinators to share their stories of things gone bad and how they overcame

TSDA General Session (1:00-4:00 pm)

Sunday, January 28

Welcome and swag give-away moderated by Bridgett Frommel and Mitzi Clendening

We instituted this in 2018 and it was a big hit. It also encourages our Sunday attendance as well as promoting camaraderie among the coordinators.

Presentations:

- *A Coordinator's Guide to Self-Study*, presented by Mitzi Clendening,
- *TAGME certification*, presented by Penny Potvin, C-TAGME and Bridgett Frommel, C-TAGME
- *Challenges of Multiple Programs and Variety Tasks*, presented by Bridgett Frommel, C-TAGME
- *Experience of a Chief Resident*, presented by Heidi Reich, MD Cedars-Sinai Medical Center
- Open Panel discussion Q&A from the audience with our Board Members providing response and expertise.

The TS-RACS 2020 Annual Meeting will be held at the STS 56th Annual Meeting on January 25-26, 2020, in New Orleans, LA.