Thoracic Surgery Residency Program Administrators/Coordinators Section (TS-RACS)  
2013 Report to the Thoracic Surgery Directors Association (TSDA)  
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The TS-RACS Annual Meeting was held on Sunday, January 29, 2012, with a total of 29 coordinators in attendance. Meeting topics included:

- Update on the In-Training Exam and Boot Camp by TSDA President, Dr. George Hicks.
- Overview of TSRA and collaboration with coordinators by TSRA President, Dr. Jason Williams
- ACGME Update (I-6 Programs, Case Logs, Traditional vs. Integrated Site Visits, Next Accreditation System, and Milestones) by Thoracic RRC Director, Dr. Peggy Simpson
- ABTS Update by ABTS Chair, Dr. John Calhoon
- Educate the Educator by JCTSE Surgical Director of Education, Dr. Ed Verrier
- I-6 Panel Discussion with Dr. George Hicks and Dr. John Calhoon and Residency Coordinator Patti Lairsey who shared helpful tips and potential pitfalls for programs interested in applying for I-6 program accreditation

During the Business Meeting, two proposals were submitted to amend the current TS-RACS Bylaws. The first proposal was to amend the President’s duties to include attendance at the TSDA General Session held in conjunction with the AATS Annual Meeting. The second proposal was to amend the Bylaws pertaining to amendment of current Bylaws to allow for the TS-RACS Executive Committee to propose amendments, carry out discussion with TS-RACS members, and for active members to vote through written or electronic communication. This will allow for the TS-RACS to respond to necessary changes in a more timely fashion. The following members were voted into various positions:

- President-Elect: Maria Riley, University of California Los Angeles
- Secretary: Veronica Felix Navarro, University of California San Diego
- Councilor-at-Large: Sandra Schneller, Rush University Medical Center
- Ad Hoc Committee for Job Descriptions: Christine Morrison, University of Virginia, and Veronica Felix Navarro, University of California San Diego
- Ad Hoc Committee for Communications: Carla MacLean, Mayo Clinic and Marcie O’Reilly, Loma Linda University Medical Center

This year’s TS-RACS Annual Meeting, to be held on January, 27, 2013, will provide coordinators with the tools and knowledge to excel in their role within the context of Thoracic Surgery Residency Education. The meeting will focus on ACGME Milestones and the Next Accreditation System and will also include updates from the ACGME, ABTS, TSDA, and TSRA. Coordinator attendance at the annual meeting continues to be a challenge for the TS-RACS. Thirty coordinators have registered to attend the meeting. TS-RACS would appreciate the support of the Program Directors to encourage the Coordinator(s) for their program to attend our Annual Meeting each year.

The TS-RACS Executive Committee and Section Members remain dedicated to supporting the TSDA and JCTSE and continuing to advocate for and work to further the quality education of thoracic surgery residents.

Future plans and goals include:

- Continue to further develop online Group to allow for Coordinator interaction, discussion, networking, and work groups throughout the year, as well as provide online resources for new and current coordinators.
- Continued efforts to increase Coordinator attendance and participation at the TS-RACS Annual Meeting.
- Continued collaboration with and support of the TSDA and JCTSE.