

Thoracic Surgery Residency Program Administrators/Coordinators Section (TS-RACS)
January 2020 Report to the Thoracic Surgery Directors Association (TSDA)
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- A. New officers were installed:
 - a. Beth Parker, University of Alabama to fulfill remainder of Melissa Banks term,—Councilor-at-Large
 - b. Bridget Frommel, Cedars-Sinai—President Elect
 - c. Sasha Smith, Brigham and Woman’s—Councilor-at-Large

- B. Officers—Bridget Frommel, has changed positions at Cedars Sinai and is no longer working in Thoracic Surgery.
 - a. An election will be held at the business meeting in New Orleans

- C. Sent a needs assessment to coordinators and designed our annual meeting based on responses
 - a. Requests were made to continue to have program administrators give presentations and have more interaction talks. Format of last year’s conference was well received

- D. Emails and a conference call with TS-RACS Executive Committee October 7th to plan 2020 meeting:
 - a. Dr. John Potts of the ACGME will have a *Question and Answer* session with just coordinators before his presentation to the General Session
 - b. Dr. Steven Yang will present to the coordinators on Sunday *Milestones 2.0* and a *Q&A*
 - c. We have 33 registered participants

- E. Working to create a coordinator mentor program where an experienced coordinator is assigned to a new coordinator. The goal is to have a list of experienced coordinators from different regions of the county. When a new coordinator starts, the President of the TS-RACS contacts both the new and experienced coordinator for an on-line introduction. The experience coordinator will make contact quarterly.
 - a. Hopefully this will help new coordinators feel less “alone” by giving them someone they can call with questions or concerns
 - b. Also, to have more coordinators attend the annual meeting