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