

**General Session**

**Friday, January 26, 2024**

**1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. CT**

**Grand Hyatt Riverwalk (600 E Market St) – Texas Ballroom DE  
San Antonio, TX**

**Agenda**

**General Session (PDs, APDs, Faculty, PCs)**

**1:00-1:50**

**Welcome**

David Tom Cooke, TSDA President

**Benson R. Wilcox Resident Award**

David Tom Cooke, TSDA President  
Rita Milewski, Program Director

**TSRA Report**

- 2023 Accomplishments; Plans for 2024
- 2023 STS/TSRA Traveling Fellowship
- 2023 STS/TSRA Global Outreach Fellowship

David Blitzer, TSRA President  
Jessica Luc (in absentia)  
Anna Olds

**Committee Reports**

- Treasurer's Report
- Congenital Cardiac Surgery Fellowship
- TECoG
- TSDA In-Training Exam

Jonathan Nesbitt, TSDA Secretary/Treasurer  
Stephanie Fuller, Chair  
Kirsten Freeman, Chair  
Ravi Ghanta, Chair

**ABTS Report(s)**

- Candidate Readiness for Certification
- Entrustable Professional Activities [EPAs]

David Fullerton, ABTS Executive Director  
Stephen Yang, ABTS Examination Chair

**ACGME Report**

- Review Committee Update

Chris Fox, Executive Director,  
Review Committee for Thoracic Surgery

**Summation and Discussion**

David Tom Cooke, TSDA President

**Break and Transition to Breakouts**

**1:50-2:00**

## **Breakout Sessions (PDs, APDs, Faculty, PCs) (3, 30-minute round-robins)**

**2:00-3:30**

### **Supporting our Program Coordinators/Q & A**

Shari Meyerson and Carolyn Grissom

*Suggested topics for discussion: PC Resource Needs; Helpful Webinar Topics; Establishing a PC Committee*

### **ABTS/Q & A**

Dave Fullerton and Stephen Yang

*Suggested topics for discussion: EPAs; Candidate Readiness for Certification; Key Feature Exam*

### **ACGME RC/Q & A**

Mark Iannettoni and Chris Fox

*Suggested topics for discussion: Program Director Common Mistakes*

### **TSDA Leadership/Q & A**

David Tom Cooke, TSDA President

*Suggested topics for discussion: What are Our PD and PC Needs? Universal Offer Date and Program Preference Signaling Feedback; SCOTUS Affirmative Action Ruling & GME Recruitment*

## **Closing Session**

**3:30-4:00**

### **President's Remarks**

David Tom Cooke, TSDA President

- TSDA Year to Date Summary
- Winter/Spring Preview
- Closing Thoughts from Membership

### **New Business**

### **Adjourn**

## **Written Reports:**

- *Early Specialization Committee (Chair Ahmet Kilic)*
- *Faculty Development Committee (Chair Elizabeth David)*

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