

Winter General Session
Wednesday, January 28, 2026
5:30pm-7:00pm

St. Charles Ballroom, Hilton New Orleans Riverside
(Two Poydras St, New Orleans, LA 70130)

Agenda

Welcome (2-minutes)	Stephen Yang, TSDA President
State of CT-Surgery Education (8-minutes)	Stephen Yang, TSDA President
ACGME Report (10-minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review Committee Update• Question & Answer	Chris Fox, Executive Director, Review Committee for Thoracic Surgery
TSDA In-Training Exam (3-minutes)	Cherie P. Erkmen, TSITE Chair
TECoG Report/Presentation (5-minutes)	Kirsten Freeman, TECoG Chair
TSDA Strategic Priorities (7-minutes)	David Tom Cooke, Immediate Past TSDA President
ACS Report (3-minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ACS-RAS Membership	David Tom Cooke, TSDA Representative to ACS
ABTS Report (17-minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• I-6 Case Requirements• Feedback on Pulse360• Entrustable Professional Activities (EPAs)• Question & Answer	Stephen Yang, TSDA President David Tom Cooke, ABTS Director
STS Report (7-minutes)	TBD

Business Meeting (only PDs or their designates may vote—one vote per institution) (20-minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Updates• Proposed Revised TSDA Bylaws<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Executive Committee Composition○ General Session Attendance○ Quorum○ Other Revisions• 2026-2027 Self-Nomination Process	Ahmet Kilic, Secretary/Treasurer
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- Open Forum
 - Skills Assessment
 - Future Webinars (Faculty Development, Early Specialization, etc.)

New Business (5-minutes)

Stephen Yang, TSDA President

Benson R. Wilcox Resident Award (3-minutes)

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Presentations and related information and reports will be posted on the [General Session page of TSDA.org](#).



50th Anniversary Reception
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Welcome & Remarks (5-minutes)

Stephen Yang, TSDA President

History of the TSDA (15-minutes)

Jeffrey Gold, Past TSDA President

Recognition of Past TSDA Leaders (5-minutes)

Stephen Yang, TSDA President

Remembrance of Dr. John Benfield

Reception (35-minutes)