

SOUTHERN SURGICAL ASSOCIATION

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Dear Southern Surgical Fellows:

On behalf of President William Chapman, the Council, and the Officers of the Southern Surgical Association, I wish to remind you that the difficult, but necessary decision to cancel the annual meeting of the Southern Surgical Association was made in July. We determined that the Association's unique and long-standing traditions would not be justly honored if transitioned to a virtual platform.

Due to the cancellation of an in-person meeting this year, there have been several adjustments made to some of the usual processes.

ABSTRACTS

We had an excellent turnout of outstanding abstracts covering broad topics, of which 34 were selected for the 2020 Scientific Program. For accepted abstracts, we will publish full-length manuscripts, each with an invited commentary, in the traditional spring issue of the *J Am College Surg*. The electronic version of the 2020 Program Book is attached in this email.

FELLOWSHIP

An electronic booklet listing of new candidates for fellowship in the Southern Surgical Association is attached. Please email the Secretary's office (dai.chung@utsouthwestern.edu) if you have any comments regarding the applicants.

New members elected in 2019 and 2020 will be honored at the traditional black-tie *New Member Reception and Dinner* at The Homestead in 2021.

In light of the 2020 meeting cancellation, the Council has waived the prior one-meeting attendance requirement for new candidate applicants applying for fellowship in 2021 only.

CLAUDE ORGAN, M.D. LECTURESHIP

The 2020 Claude Organ, M.D. Lectureship, which was canceled due to COVID-19, will be hosted by Vanderbilt University Medical Center in 2021.

HISTORY OF MEDICINE

We received several outstanding History of Medicine abstracts this year. The selected abstract by the HOM Committee will be approved by the Council in December and included in the 2021 Program.

ARTHUR M. SHIPLEY AWARD

To continue with the tradition of recognizing the recipient of the Shipley Award at the annual banquet dinner, the 2019 winner shall be awarded in-person at the 2021 Annual Banquet & Dinner. The Shipley Award is presented to the individual who, within the first two years of membership, is deemed to have presented the best scientific paper at the annual meeting. Therefore, due to the absence of in-person

presentations this year, manuscripts submitted to *JACS* will not be judged for this purpose and there will be no recipient for the Shipley Award in 2020. The Council will allow for any new member elected in years 2018, 2019 or 2020, to be eligible for the Arthur M. Shipley Award in 2021.

We encourage members to pay annual dues online by logging into your member profile. If you wish to pay by check, please mail payment to Lindsey Overman, Assistant to Dr. V. Suzanne Klimberg, at the Treasurer's office:

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For any questions regarding member dues, please contact the Treasurer's office at Leoverman@uams.edu or (501) 214-2234. You may also submit an inquiry using the *Contact Us* form linked here: <https://www.southern surg.org/ContactUs.aspx>

The Southern Surgical Leadership would like to extend its sincerest gratitude to all Council members, Fellows and contributors for your continued support throughout this difficult and unprecedented time. We wish everyone good health and remain optimistic to return to The Homestead in December 2021 for the much anticipated 132nd annual meeting of the Southern Surgical Association.

Sincerely,



Dai H. Chung, M.D.
Secretary, Southern Surgical Association

Attachments:

1. 2020 Scientific Program Book
2. Candidates for Fellowship Book