



## 2022 WINTER NEWSLETTER SOUTHERN SURGICAL ASSOCIATION

DECEMBER 2022

Dear Fellows of the Southern Surgical Association:

The 134<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southern Surgical Association was held December 4-7, 2022, at The Breakers in Palm Beach, Florida. It was a fabulous meeting with record-breaking attendance!

President V. Suzanne Klimberg presided over the meeting. Her memorable Presidential address entitled, “*Global Telesolutions & the Transformation of Surgical Care and Education*,” was outstanding.

The overall scientific program of 34 high-quality presentations with balanced topics was well received with robust discussions of each paper.



*Dr. Klimberg delivers her Presidential Address*

Dr. David Adams delivered an outstanding History of Surgery paper entitled, “*Walter O. Evans, M.D.- Surgeon, Collector, and Preserver of American Art and Letters*”.

The elected officers for 2023 are: President Kenneth W. Sharp (Nashville, TN); 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Ronald M. Stewart (San Antonio, TX); 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Gilbert R. Upchurch, Jr. (Gainesville, FL); Secretary Dai Chung (Dallas, TX); Treasurer Omaidia C. Velazquez (Miami, FL)

Dr. V. Suzanne Klimberg was elected to join the Council of the Association and Dr. Selwyn M. Vickers was elected as the Chair of Council in 2023.



Dr. Timothy J. Eberlein (St. Louis, MO) and Dr. R. Phillip Burns (Chattanooga, TN) were elected as Honorary Fellows of the Association.

Council Chair Herndon welcomed new members at the New Member Reception & Dinner on Sunday. Elected fellows from 2021 were recognized at the dinner.

*Council Chair Herndon announces Honorary Fellows  
Dr. Tim Eberlein and Dr. R. Phillip Burns at the annual banquet*

Fellows and guests enjoyed the variety of fun social activities. The Association was very appreciative of Dr. Gib Upchurch's excellent work as Local Arrangements Chair for organizing a spectacular meeting.

Reports of the activities of the American Board of Surgery, Board of Governors of the American College of Surgeons, and the Advisory Council of the American College of Surgeons were provided by Drs. Kelly McMasters, Nancy Perrier, and Rebecca Britt (read by Dr. Cindy Downard), respectively. All reports are available on the SSA website, once logged in under the *Annual Meeting* tab.



*Local Arrangement Chair, Dr. Gib Upchurch*

Dr. Ronda S. Henry-Tillman from Little Rock, AR, delivered a Guest Lecture on Tuesday on "*Cancer Disparities: Movement Past Documentation*".



*Dr. V. Suzanne Klimberg & Mr. Sam Storthz*

The Annual Presidential Banquet on Tuesday evening celebrated this year's gathering with the acknowledgment of Past-Presidents and Honorary Fellows in attendance.

President Klimberg's guest speaker, Dr. Isabell Rubio, attended the annual banquet and gave an inspiring speech on global collaboration in surgical oncology training.

The 2023 History of Surgery paper was selected by the SSA History of Surgery Program Committee and is entitled, "*A Surgical History of the Lewis and Clark Expedition*," and will be presented by Dr. Jeffrey Bender at the 135<sup>th</sup> annual meeting on December 5, 2023, at The Homestead.

The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Claude Organ, M.D. Lectureship will be given by Dr. Andrea Hayes-Jordan and hosted by Dr. Keith A. Delman at Emory University School of Medicine in 2023.

The following 26 candidates (in alphabetical order) were elected to active membership:

1. Vincent Arlaukas	Brunswick, GA
2. Kenneth Cardona	Atlanta, GA
3. Michael Egger	Louisville, KY
4. Christopher Ellison	Columbus, OH
5. Eric Feliberti	Norfolk, VA
6. Richard Field, III	Centreville, MS
7. Stephen Gray	Washington, DC
8. Jacob Greenberg	Durham, NC
9. Peter Hallowell	Charlottesville, VA
10. Jin He	Baltimore, MD
11. William Hope	Wilmington, NC
12. Colleen Jay	Winston-Salem, NC
13. Helen Krontiras	Birmingham, AL
14. Jonathan Laryea	Little Rock, AR
15. Jong Lee	Galveston, TX
16. Mark Lockett	Charleston, SC
17. Joshua Mammen	Omaha, NE
18. Richard Miller	Fort Worth, TX
19. Francis Moore	Gainesville, FL
20. Timothy Mullet	Lexington, KY
21. Tim Nelson	Tulsa, OK
22. Samir Pandya	Dallas, TX
23. Mayur Patel	Nashville, TN
24. Edward Reece	Scottsdale, AZ
25. Errington Thompson	Huntington, WV
26. Mallory Williams	Washington, DC

The Council reiterated the following membership requirements:

- Membership in the Association is not effective until the duly elected individual attends a meeting in person. If this individual fails to activate his or her membership after two years following the election through attendance, the membership offer will be withdrawn.
- The Office of the Treasurer will inform members who are in arrears for their dues at the time of the summer/autumn dues letter. If the member remains in arrears at the time of the annual meeting, his or her name will be submitted to the Council and subject to removal from the membership ranks.

We continue to refine the Southern Surgical Association website, adding more features to simplify processes for scientific abstract submissions and new fellow candidate applications. We went through a large refresh recently and upgraded the public-facing site and the member portal, helping to enhance workflow on mobile devices and tablets.

Annual dues and meeting registrations are processed entirely online. All members are encouraged to verify that their contact information is accurate, with particular attention to providing current email addresses and mobile phone numbers to the Secretary's office. The member login section allows Fellows of the Southern Surgical Association to update their

contact information and have access to the contact information of the other Fellows of the Southern Surgical Association (only business addresses are publicly available on the website).

Beginning April 1<sup>st</sup>, members can submit scientific abstracts for the 2023 Annual meeting. The window to submit papers for the 2024 History of Surgery, and proposals for the 12<sup>th</sup> Claude Organ, M.D. Lectureship, will also open on April 1<sup>st</sup>. **The submission deadline for *Scientific Abstract, HOS paper, Claude Organ, M.D. Lectureship proposal and New Member Application is June 30, 2023, at midnight EST.*** In early Spring, members will receive an email announcement with details and instructions on how to submit abstracts online.

Based on the qualifications highlighted in Article IV, Section 2 of the Constitution, senior status was approved for the following active members:

- Jeffrey A. Bailey
- Elliot L. Chaikof
- Francisco G. Cigarroa
- Eugene F. Foley
- Charles D. Fraser
- Terrence M. Fullum
- Robert C. Harland
- Thomas S. Huber
- Jay A. Johanningman
- Edward A. Levine
- Edward D. Norcross
- F. Elizabeth Pritchard
- Michael J. Rohrer
- C. Daniel Smith
- Steven C. Stain
- William Martin Stone
- Thoralf M. Sundt
- Richard H. Turnage

### 2022 Council Members and Officers



*Back Row (L to R): Nancy Perrier, 1<sup>ST</sup> VP; Omaidia Velazquez, Treasurer;  
V. Suzanne Klimberg, President; Dai Chung, Secretary; Bryan Richmond, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP*

*Front Row (L to R): William Chapman, Council Member; John Hanks, Council Member;  
David Herndon, Council Chair; Selwyn Vickers, Council Member; Kelly McMasters, Council Member*

The Shipley Award winner for 2022 will be presented with a plaque in-person during the Tuesday evening banquet at the 2023 Annual Meeting.

The 2023 Annual Meeting of the Southern Surgical Association will be held December 3<sup>rd</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> at The Homestead in Hot Springs, VA. Dr. Harold 'Bo' Lovvorn, III of Nashville, TN, is the Chair of Local Arrangements for the 2023 meeting. Dr. John H. Armstrong of Ocala, FL, was selected as Assistant Local Arrangements Chair.



*Passing of the Gavel, Dr. V. Suzanne Klimberg and Dr. Kenneth Sharp*

Newly elected President, Ken Sharp, closed the 134<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting.

To view the photo gallery from the December meeting, please go to the following site: [Southern Surgical by LILA PHOTO](#). To save photos please click on the Download icon and enter your email address and pin code: 7375

We look forward to a great year in 2023!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dai H. Chung'.

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