



Spring Newsletter Southern Surgical Association

April 2023

Dear Fellows of the Southern Surgical Association:

We are excited to announce that the 135th Annual Meeting of the Southern Surgical Association will be held at The Omni Homestead in Hot Springs, VA, December 3rd- 6th. The following items require your attention:

SSA MEETING REGISTRATION & MEMBER DUES

We encourage everyone to pay annual dues and register for the meeting online through the member portal [Member Login](#). Member dues and upcoming meeting registration fees should be paid annually by **September 1st** to avoid a \$50 late fee. If you prefer to register and pay by mail, please return your completed registration and dues form attached with correct payment information to Lindsey Overman at the Treasurer's office. Please mail your completed registration form and payment to the mailing address located at the bottom of the form.

ABSTRACTS

Abstracts to be considered for 2023 Scientific Program are now being accepted. Abstracts should be limited to 300 words in length and may include **one figure** or **table**; they should be submitted by the sponsoring Fellow using the instructions attached. The deadline to submit is **June 30th by midnight EST**. The system will notify the Author when their abstract has been successfully submitted and will show the status, *Abstract Submittal Received*. Hard copy paper submissions will not be accepted.

In general, only SSA members are allowed to present papers at the annual meeting. However, up to fourteen (14) non-members may be granted permission to present a paper. If you wish for a non-member to be considered to present, you must indicate their name and email address at the time your abstract is submitted (medical students, surgical residents, and fellows will not be considered). The selected non-member presenters will be chosen by the Program Committee and the submitting member author will be notified of the decision. Please review the presentation guidelines posted in the Abstracts section. SSA members as well as non-member co-authors (including residents and fellows) are allowed to close the paper.

CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP

We are now accepting new candidate applications for the 2023 SSA membership application cycle. Only SSA Active and Senior members can initiate the application process on behalf of a candidate, through the member portal. The initiating member will default to be the primary sponsor and should identify two additional SSA members who will serve as the secondary and tertiary sponsors for the proposed candidate. All three (3) sponsoring Fellows must submit a letter of recommendation through the member application portal by the **June 30th deadline**.

Eligible candidates must have attended at least one annual in-person meeting as a guest prior to the current application year, and previous meeting year(s) attended must be stated in letters of nomination. Please refer to the [Membership](#) page for additional requirements of qualified candidates. For candidates who wish to be "reconsidered" for membership, **three new sponsor letters** are required, and new information should be submitted including an updated curriculum vitae, publications, and other new relevant information.

ARTHUR M. SHIPLEY AWARD

New fellows of the Association are eligible to receive the Shipley Award which honors the best scientific paper presentation by a new member in their first two years of membership. Each year since 1957 the SSA has awarded this prestigious gold medal award. The Shipley Award has become one of the major highlights of the annual meeting and is recognized as a distinction of astute surgical scholarship.

HISTORY OF SURGERY

History of Surgery (HOS) abstract submissions are now being accepted. The deadline to submit a History of Surgery abstract is **June 30th**. Please upload your HOS abstract by logging onto the SSA website and clicking on the History of Surgery tab to select “*Submit a scholarship application*”. The HOS scholarship application selected will be presented at the 2024 SSA Annual Meeting at The Breakers in Palm Beach, Florida. For additional information, please visit the [Awards](#) section online.

CLAUDE ORGAN LECTURESHIP

Applications for the 2024 Claude Organ Lectureship are currently being accepted. Please email your proposal letter (application) with a brief background of your proposed topic and guest speaker selection to Kate Peach at katherine.peach@utsouthwestern.edu by **June 30th** for consideration. Information on the Claude Organ Lectureship application requirements can be found [here](#) and is linked on the Awards tab on the SSA website.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

For the second year, the SSA DEI Task Force and Southern Surgical Leadership are excited to announce the Leadership Development Program (LDP). The LDP was developed by the DEI Task Force in 2021 with support, in part, by the American College of Surgeons Board of Regents Innovative Grant for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Anti-Racism. Candidates selected for the 2023 program will be matched with SSA members and focus on mentorship and networking.

MEETING GUESTS

Members may formally invite guests after completing their own meeting registration for the 2023 SSA Annual Meeting. When registering and inviting a guest online, please provide all requested contact information for each attendee to ensure they receive a notification with instructions to complete meeting registration and to book their stay under the SSA room block. Any member who wishes to invite guest(s) should notify the Secretary’s Office no later than October 1st.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Please use the link: [The Omni Homestead Resort | Southern Surgical Association 2023 \(omnihotels.com\)](https://www.omnihotels.com) to book your hotel reservation or manage an existing reservation. This link will be active now through November 6th, or as block room availability lasts. The SSA has contracted room rates with the Homestead for a specified date range. When booking your stay under the Southern Surgical Association room block, your rate includes Modified American Plan (MAP). It includes breakfast in the Main Dining Room and dinner daily at the onsite restaurants; this also includes the Tuesday evening banquet dinner. Lunch meals and alcoholic beverages are not included. Please enter accurate room occupancy and modify accordingly as this affects pricing. If you require assistance with your reservation, please contact the hotel directly at (800) 838-1766.

If you choose to stay outside of the SSA room block on Tuesday, December 5th, the cost to attend the Presidential Banquet Dinner and Dance on Tuesday evening is **\$200 per person** and should be paid for in advance.

The Omni Homestead recently invested \$140+ million for renovations and work is scheduled to be completed this fall. Many areas of the hotel, including guest rooms and meeting rooms, have already been updated. More information detailing the renovations can be found here. [2022 Renovation | The Omni Homestead Resort](#)

SOCIAL EVENT OPTIONS

Local Arrangements Chair, Dr. Bo Lovvorn, has selected a variety of activities that will be sure to cater to everyone's interests. Please preview the attached social events information sheet with descriptions of the activities we plan to offer this year at The Homestead. A social events registration form and sign-up instructions for these activities will be available in October as part of the Fall newsletter mailing.

JACS

The April 2023 issue of the *J Am Coll Surg* featuring presented manuscripts from the 134th Annual Meeting of the Southern Surgical Association is available online [Current Issue : Journal of the American College of Surgeons \(lww.com\)](#). You can view all 35 outstanding papers and discussions from the December 2022 Annual meeting.

TRANSACTIONS

Please visit the [Transactions](#) tab of the website to view Southern Surgical Association Archives and digital volumes of recent transactions.

CONTACT INFORMATION

The member information database on the SSA website is used for all correspondence. Your current information on file is used for member listings in the Annual Meeting Program Book, the Family Register Booklet, and the SSA website Membership page. **We encourage everyone to log in and confirm their contact information is complete and up to date.** To verify your correct information is stored in the database, please access the [SSA Member Login](#) page and sign in to review or make updates. Your username is your email address on file. If you have not logged in and changed your password, your default password is your last name + your birth year (i.e., Smith1975). Please only capitalize the first letter of your last name. For questions regarding member login please contact Kate Peach at: katherine.peach@utsouthwestern.edu.

President, Dr. Ken Sharp, and the Officers of the Southern Surgical look forward to greeting you at The Homestead in December.

Sincerely,



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Secretary, Southern Surgical Association

Attachments:

1. Meeting Registration Form/ Membership Dues Form
2. Abstract Online Submission Instructions
3. Online Submission Instructions for Fellowship Applications
4. Summary of Social Events & Activities