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FOR THE SURGERY
OF TRAUMA

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Strategic Goals

1 LEADERSHIP

Prepare young surgeon to become leaders

2 DEVELOPMENT

Promote unique programs for the career development of young surgical leaders

3 SCHOLARSHIP

Provide education and training across the continuum of acute surgical care

4 FELLOWSHIP

Encourage a sense of community for personal professional growth

5 COLLABORATION

Work with our stakeholders to advance patient care and trauma systems

2014 ISSUE ONE

Message from the President

Kimberly A. Davis, MD, MBA, FACS, FCCM



Dear Colleagues,

As I return to the frozen tundra of the Northeast, I reflect back on a highly successful meeting in Naples, and the beautiful weather that we experienced. The 27th Annual Scientific Assembly attended by more than 600 trauma providers, representing one of our best years ever. Initial feedback from the meeting has been resoundingly positive. New programmatic initiatives, including the extremely successful mentoring

luncheon "No suit, No tie ...No problem" reflect the innovation of our membership and their willingness to think "outside of the box." Dr. David Feliciano gave an outstanding Frame lecture entitled "So you want to be a trauma surgeon?" which provided an excellent framework for success for junior surgeons looking to design a successful career. This lecture is posted on the **EAST website**. The Oriens lecturer, Dr. Grace Rozycki, spoke about "The strength that it takes" and lessons learned during a highly successful career, to a packed audience. It is anticipated that a manuscript from Dr. Rozycki's lecture will be published in an upcoming issue of the *Journal of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery*. And, Past President Sagraves' gave an insightful lecture on "Maintaining Relevance in a Revolving Trauma World." Dr. Sagraves' address is also posted on the **EAST website**. Building on the work of the Governance Task Force, which was convened following our April strategic planning session, he presented a vision of a more nimble organizational structure, designed by EAST members. As the work of the Governance Task Force continues, Dr. Sagraves will be asked to provide quarterly updates in *EAST News*, to keep our membership apprised of their important work for the organization.

EAST remains a vibrant organization. The call for volunteers was very successful, with more than 100 members expressing interest in serving on a committee or ad hoc committee. Our Executive Director, Christine Eme and I worked hard to assure that most if not all volunteers got their first or second choice for committee service. We also welcomed 178 new members to the organization in January,

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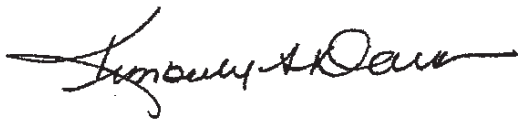
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bringing our total membership to 1,764. We look forward to ongoing productivity from the life-blood of our organization, the young trauma surgeons.

As I look forward, there are clearly issues that need to be addressed to the satisfaction of the membership. The Membership-Bylaws committee, under the guidance of Dr. Oscar Guillamondegui, will tackle the issues raised at the membership meeting, and work to modify our Bylaws as needed, while maintaining the vibrant, forward-thinking nature of EAST. Additionally, the Governance Task Force will take the feedback received at the meeting and continue with their work. Check the upcoming issues of *EAST News* for updates on their work.

As I close, I would again like to thank the organization for the honor of serving as your president over the next year! I will do my best to assure that the founding principles of EAST, the leadership opportunities and career development opportunities for the young trauma surgeon not only continue, but continue to flourish. Thank you for your membership in EAST!

Kimberly,



Kimberly A. Davis, MD, MBA, FACS, FCCM
EAST President

**EAST
Mission Statement**

EAST is a scientific organization providing leadership and development for young surgeons active in the care of the injured patient through interdisciplinary collaboration, scholarship, and fellowship.

**EAST
Vision Statement**

EAST seeks to improve care of the injured by providing a forum for the exchange of knowledge in the practice of trauma surgery; to promote trauma prevention, research, and improved trauma systems design; to encourage investigation and teaching of the methods of preventing and treating trauma; and to stimulate future generations of surgeons to meet the challenge.

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Committee & Ad Hoc Committee appointments are made annually by the EAST President. A Call for Volunteers is also conducted annually in the fall. Information is available on the EAST website and the call is announced via email and electronic communication. Please contact the EAST administrative offices at 312.202.5508 or by email at managementoffice@east.org if you are interested in serving.

EAST Foundation Update

By Fred A. Luchette, MD, MSc, FACS, FCCM, President, EAST Foundation



Point/ Counterpoint

The 33rd Point/Counterpoint Acute Care Surgery Conference will be held June 1-4, 2014 at the Gaylord National Resort in National Harbor, MD. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Look for the Fellow winner of the 2014 EAST Oriens award, Roseanna Guzman-Curtis, MD, MPH, who will be presenting with her sponsor, Dr. Nicole Stassen, at this year's Point/Counterpoint.

EAST Program Committee for executing an outstanding scientific program during the 27th EAST Annual Scientific Assembly in Naples, Florida this past January. The annual meeting provides a unique in-person networking opportunity to collaborate with members of the trauma and acute care surgery community. The EAST Foundation is truly grateful for the partnership opportunity with EAST and looks forward to show its continued support and commitment in furthering the mission of EAST.

On behalf of EAST and the EAST Foundation, I would like to convey our sincere gratitude for your generous contributions over the past year and at the 27th EAST Annual Scientific Assembly. The Foundation held its Annual Donor Raffle and an unprecedented amount of more than \$45,000 in donations and pledges were made during the meeting! It is through your gifts that we are able to support EAST's initiatives and we would like to extend our utmost gratitude for your investment in the future of your organization. The EAST Foundation would also like to thank our generous donors for donating prizes for this year's raffle.

During this past meeting both the EAST Foundation and initiatives of EAST were supported through a variety of educational grants and from our Corporate Partners. The EAST Foundation raised more than \$250,000 in corporate commitments during the 2013-2014 Appeal. Both EAST and the Foundation would like to gratefully acknowledge our Corporate Partners for their contributions and support.

This year at the 27th EAST Annual Scientific Assembly we held the first annual EAST Foundation and EAST Exhibitor Appreciation Reception. The reception is a chance for the Foundation and EAST leadership to extend our thanks to all of our member and corporate partners in addition to the exhibitors of EAST for their generous support. This year we were able to recognize more than 125 members and company representatives for their commitment in supporting the efforts of EAST and the EAST Foundation.

Once again, we extend our thanks to both our Member and Corporate Partners; our success is not possible without your support. Please take a moment to view our **2013-2014 Member Partners and 2014 Corporate Partners** on the Foundation's section of the EAST website.

I would first like to congratulate EAST's President, Dr. Kimberly Davis, EAST's leadership, and the members of the

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Meeting Recap: 27th Annual Scientific Assembly

Here is a snapshot of the meeting in pictures. The 27th Annual Scientific Assembly was attended by more than 600. Thanks to the members that attended, exhibitors, speakers and presenters – it was a huge success. The presentations were educational and the networking, enriching. As with each year, the conference sets out to meet the needs of its attendees and this year really hit the mark. The session, “No Suit, No Tie” was highly attended and new for this year. The Annual Scientific Assembly aims to capture the interest of both long-term members of EAST as well as our other key target, the young trauma surgeon. Visit the **Annual Scientific Assembly** page on the website for more highlights from the conference and presentation videos.



Governance Strategic Initiative Task Force Corner

*Scott G. Sagraves, MD, FACS, Chair, Governance
Strategic Initiative Task Force*

What's the buzz?

EAST member, Vicente H. Gracias, MD will serve as Interim Dean of Medicine and CEO of Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical Group.

Dr. Gracias is currently professor of surgery and chief of acute care surgery at RJWMS. Fellowship-trained and board certified in general surgery, trauma surgery, and surgical critical care, he also serves as the director of both the adult and pediatric trauma centers at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital (RWJUH).

In 2009 Dr. Gracias was recruited to Rutgers RWJMS to lead the creation of a new surgical specialty: acute care surgery. Five years later, access to trauma at RWJMS/RWJUH has improved dramatically.

Kudos Dr. Gracias!

First of all, I would like to thank all the members of the Task Force who worked so hard to create a proposal for Governance changes within EAST. I would also like to thank all of the members that participated in the annual business meeting

in Naples and helped to initiate a discussion on the Bylaws changes necessary to begin a new era of leadership within the EAST Board of Directors.

The members of the Governance Strategic Initiative Task Force heard the membership loud and clear and are back to the drawing board in reviewing the current, antiquated Bylaws and will do our best to keep the membership well-versed in the proposed Bylaws and governance changes that are required to grow EAST into a more efficient and nimble Association that is able to strategize and anticipate changes rather than react to issues that develop. These changes are necessary after a legal review by EAST's attorney to bring the Association into compliance with Tennessee law on 501(c)3 tax exempt associations.

The proposed Bylaws changes will come about after much work by the Governance and Staffing Strategic Initiative Task Force, the Membership-Bylaws Committee, and the Board of Directors of EAST. I anticipate you will see some structural changes within the document clarifying the reporting structure of the Association, which makes for a more efficient Board of Directors who will be able to respond to issues pertinent to the Association in a much more timely manner. These changes maintain the opportunities for individual EAST members to volunteer within EAST, and establish the path for a member to ascend to the Board of Directors based upon your work productivity within the committee structure of the organization.

The Task Force has already met since the Annual Scientific Assembly and has developed a list of lessons learned from the business meeting and its Bylaws review mode currently. By the time this segment of the newsletter has been released, the Task Force should have met with EAST's attorney who specializes in tax-exempt association management. The goal of that meeting will be to delineate Bylaws changes that are legally mandated to keep our Association in accordance with all applicable laws pertaining to our Association's 501(c)3 tax exempt status.

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2014 EAST Community Outreach Event: Gulf Coast High School

*By A. Britton Christmas, MD, FACS, EAST Injury Control
and Violence Prevention Committee*

For the third straight year, EAST members brought awareness and service to the host city of the Annual Scientific Assembly. During the 27th Annual Scientific Assembly of The Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma, the Injury Control and Violence Prevention Committee (ICVP) under the leadership of Drs. Britt Christmas and Wendy Greene held the third annual EAST Community Outreach program. On Tuesday, January 14, 2014 the EAST ICVP Committee and collaborators provided a Teen Distracted Driving and Careers in Trauma Forum at Gulf Coast High School in Naples, Florida.

The forum consisted of a variety of sessions held to address age groups ranging from 15-18 years old, a targeted demographic for positively influencing driving habits of inexperienced drivers. Funded by the EAST Foundation, this outreach program was able to provide iPad minis for student competition winners as well as monetary gift cards for local volunteer collaborators.

The purpose of the Forum was to equip youth with practical knowledge for developing safe driving habits. Furthermore, the event emphasized advocacy within student peer groups and education regarding the lethal combination of inexperience, distracted driving, and the deleterious effects of intoxication on driving. This was truly an effective program marked by high levels of youth involvement not only as program participants, but also as future resources and peer educators in future injury prevention efforts.

During the 2014 program, we were also pleased to offer a Careers in Trauma session for students in the Gulf Coast High School Medical Academy. Through the participation of our many diverse EAST volunteers, the students were able to gain valuable perspectives regarding careers in pre-hospital medicine, nursing, injury prevention and trauma, critical care, and acute care surgery.

Overall, 150 students participated in the program, which was highlighted by local television and print media outlets. Visit the **EAST YouTube Channel** for a video capturing the event.

Thanks to the EAST members and local area law enforcement who participated. See a listing of collaborators on the right.

Thank you to the collaborators:

A. Britton Christmas

Chair, EAST ICVP Committee

Wendy Greene

**Chair, EAST Community
Outreach Task Force**

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EAST UPDATES: Are You in the Know?

Traumacasts

New traumacasts are available on the EAST website.

These are a series of audio interviews addressing upcoming research and its application to the injured patient, education efforts related to trauma, and novel methods in the management of injury.

Listen and earn CME Credit. Select Traumacasts now eligible for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit TM self-assessment credits toward Part 2 of the ABS MOC Program. Visit the **EAST Education Center** for details.

New topics include:

- Adjunctive Treatment of Abdominal Catastrophes and Sepsis with Direct Peritoneal Resuscitation (DPR): Indication For Use in Acute Care Surgery - Podcast #36
- Outpatient Laparoscopic Appendectomy - Podcast #35
- Effects of Obesity in the Care of the Traumatically Injured - Podcast #34

EAST Foundation Update (continued from page 4)

This past January 2014 at the EAST meeting, dodgeball was back! The EAST Foundation hosted its 7th Annual Dodgeball Tournament. Please join me in congratulating our First Place team, “Team Insanity - MetroHealth”, led by team captain Dr. Jeffrey Claridge. Our runner up was “Mayo ICE”, led by team Dr. Martin Zielinski. All of the teams that participated deserve accolades for their participation and sportsmanship! We would like to thank the EAST Injury Control & Violence Prevention Committee and Dr. Glen Tinkoff and Dr. Erik Barquist for organizing and participating in this special event. The competition raised \$4,800, and was sponsored by Emergency Surgical Staffing, Inc. All team registration fees and proceeds were donated to the EAST Foundation. Take a moment to view the tournament results and photos taken during the tournament posted on the **Foundation’s website**.

During the previous year, the Foundation distributed nearly \$152,500 in scholarships, awards, and funding for EAST programs. The Foundation is proud to provide support for the following initiatives, GRADE Workshop Scholarships, Brandeis University Leadership Conference in Health Policy and Management Scholarship, Cox-Templeton Injury Prevention Paper Competition, EAST Leadership Development Workshop, EAST Oriens Award Traveling Scholarship, John M. Templeton, Jr., MD Injury Prevention Research Scholarship, Raymond H. Alexander, MD Resident Paper Competition, Scott B. Frame, MD Memorial Lecture, Society of Trauma Nurses-EAST Foundation Nurse Fellow Program, and the Trauma Research Scholarship. The EAST Foundation also funded the EAST Community Outreach Program implemented by EAST’s Injury Control and Violence Prevention Committee. A link to the 2014 EAST Distracted Driving Program can be found on the Foundation website at **www.east.org**. The Foundation expresses its appreciation to our Corporate Partners, Dr. Jack and Pina Templeton, Dorothy K. Commanday Foundation and Edward Yelon, in addition to our Member Partners that provide funding which helps to support the programs, scholarships, and awards of EAST. To view a list of the EAST Foundation’s scholarships and awards, please visit **www.east.org**.

After years of service to our organization, I would like to extend a special thank you to our departing Board of Trustee members: Dr. Kim Nagy, who served as the EAST Foundation Treasurer; Dr. Andrew Bernard who served as a Trustee member; and Dr. Shahid Shafi who served as an Ex-Officio member of the Board. Your guidance and advice have been invaluable and we are indebted to you.

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Please join me in welcoming the new members of the Foundation Board of Trustees: Dr. Fred Luchette, President; Dr. Patrick Reilly, Vice President; Dr. Vicente Gracias, Treasurer; Dr. Donald Jenkins, Secretary; Dr. Stephen Barnes; Dr. Erik Barquist; Dr. Robert Barraco; Dr. Mark Gestring; Amber Kyle; Dr. Lawrence Lottenberg; Dr. Patricia O'Neill; Dr. Scott Sagraves; Dr. Jeffrey Salomone; Elizabeth Seislove; and Dr. Jay Yelon. Serving as Ex Officio members will be Dr. Bruce Crookes, EAST Secretary/Treasurer; Dr. Kimberly Davis, EAST President; and Dr. Joseph DuBose, Chair of the EAST Research-Scholarship Committee.

We truly enjoyed seeing and meeting so many of you at the EAST Annual Scientific Assembly in Florida. If you were unable to make a donation during the EAST Annual Scientific Assembly and would like to do so now, we encourage you to visit www.east.org to download the contribution form or donate online. If you have any questions about the EAST Foundation, please feel free to contact us at east-foundation@east.org. The EAST Foundation Board of Trustees is looking forward to the year ahead and to the opportunity to continue to support the Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma (EAST) and its members. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Fred A. Luchette, MD, MSc, FACS, FCCM

Governance Strategic Initiative Task Force Corner (continued from page 6)

The goal is to have something to present to the full Board of Directors from the Task Force for the Board's review at the April Board of Directors meeting. Once this is approved, I will notify the membership electronically of the proposed changes including legal explanations as to why the changes are required. Thank you for your time.

**EAST UPDATES:
Are You in the Know?****Trauma Bay**

Have you checked **Trauma Bay** lately?

It's YOUR private social network - just for EAST members. In this password-protected area, you can ask questions, seek feedback, or offer some of your own advice. Take advantage of your peers and get quick access to information and answers.

Recent posts include:

Lilac Vein Injury

Rib Stabilization Hardware

Log in, connect, engage.

**Dates to Remember**

Visit the **News and Events** section of the EAST website for the most up-to-date news and listing of upcoming events.

April 30, 2014

Rao R. Ivatury Trauma Symposium

Location: Richmond, VA

June 1-4, 2014

33rd Point/Counterpoint Acute Care Surgery Conference

Location: National Harbor, MD

August 6-8, 2014

TEACH and GRADE

Location: New York Academy of Medicine

Welcome 2014 New Members!

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