



Society of Critical Care Medicine - Texas Chapter

# Critical Care Corner

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## EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

### HOUSTON

- 05/20/2015

### DALLAS/FORT WORTH

- TBA

### SAN ANTONIO

- TBA

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## President's Corner (Wendi Jones, MSN, ACNP-BC)

Greetings and welcome to 2015! I am honored to serve as the current President of the Texas Chapter of the Society of Critical Care Medicine.

I have had the opportunity to meet many of my fellow Texas Chapter members, but for those of you I have not had the pleasure to meet, allow me to tell you a bit about myself. I am an Acute Care Nurse Practitioner in the Acute Care Department at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. I became involved in the Texas Chapter shortly after the re-inception in 2008. I was appointed to the Board of Directors in 2010 and then elected to the Executive Council in 2012, first as Treasurer, then Secretary and in 2014 as President-Elect. My experience with the Texas Chapter has allowed me to meet and work with some of the most motivated and remarkable individuals in the state of Texas. As your President, I will strive to be deserving of the honor of working with you all.

I could not begin this year without first giving thanks to the 2014 leadership. Jeff Bruno (2014 Chapter President) worked diligently throughout the year and with his hard work and the dedicated Executive Council, Board of Directors and the Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs, the Texas Chapter accomplished many things. Highlights include a two day symposium on Critical Care: From Triage to Recovery. This was the first symposium outside of the city of Houston and we were well received in Dallas! The TSCCM held 22 educational meetings in Houston, Dallas and San Antonio. Additionally, membership in the Texas Chapter has never been higher! Another great accomplishment is that Texas was the winner of the Chapters Alliance Chapter of the Year Award. Thank you to Jeff and the Chapter leadership for an amazing year!

Now, on to 2015.... As we move forward to continue the success of the Texas Chapter, we have identified three primary goals. Our first goal must be to sustain our previous accomplishments and continue to build our infrastructure of committee members. This is where you can begin to get more involved with your chapter. If we are to grow and continue to be an award winning chapter, we need our members to be involved. Want to get involved? Go to our website and click the address under my name. Send me ideas, questions or input. I want to hear from you! This is your chapter and we need your voice to make it what you desire.

The second goal is to update our technology. As we grow throughout the state, we need to move to video conferencing for meetings, starting with the Board of Directors. We have gained Board members in both San Antonio and Dallas, so now is the time! Also, we will be updating the TSCCM web page to better reflect the State of Texas and provide additional interactive features. Did you know TSCCM has a Facebook page? Join us!

The third goal is to take the TSCCM Symposium on the road again this year and I am pleased to announce we will be going to San Antonio! This is an exciting move and is in keeping with my mission to represent all of our members throughout the State of Texas. In closing, I would like to say I am excited to be working with and getting to know you all this year. Remember, you are the key to the continued success of the Texas Chapter. On behalf of myself and the Texas Chapter leadership, we look forward to hearing from you.

Best Regards,  
Wendi Jones  
2015 President, Society of Critical Care Medicine



## Program Committee Update

Brian Dee PharmD, BCPS

We are off to a great year with our chapter meetings! In January, our members in San Antonio welcomed Dr. Keith Sterling who delivered a presentation entitled “Why Treat Sub-massive Pulmonary Embolism.” In Dallas, Dr. Joseph Varon presented on “Fluid Management: Perioperative Implications for Practice” in January and Dr. Alexander Turpie presented on “Rivaroxaban for Reducing the Risk of Stroke and Systemic Embolism in Patients With Nonvalvular Atrial Fibrillation and for the Treatment DVT and PE” in February. Finally, our group in Houston met in February to review updates from the Critical Care Congress held in Phoenix, to discuss the chapter’s accomplishments over the past year, and to present the chapter’s Alan I. Fields award winners. Congratulations to recipients Lan Bui and Joshua Swan!

Be sure to check out our website and your email inbox to reserve your spot at an upcoming chapter meeting! Meetings are tentatively planned for April 9th in San Antonio, May 20th in Houston, and late April or early May in Dallas. We will be updating information on the website as it becomes available and look forward to seeing you there!

The Program Committee welcomes any members interested in planning future chapter meetings and events! If you are interested in becoming more involved in the Program Committee, please contact Brian Dee, PharmD, at [programs@sccmtexaschapter.org](mailto:programs@sccmtexaschapter.org).



## Award Committee Update

Mary Lou Warren DNP, RN, CNS-CC

On behalf of the Society of Critical Care Medicine – Texas Chapter, the Awards Committee was pleased to announce the recipients of the first member awards program during the February 5th chapter meeting. Four members were recognized for their contributions to the chapter and to critically ill patients. Lan Bui and Jennifer Gass both received the 2014 Outstanding Member-Houston Area award. Lan was recognized for her contributions to the chapter through her work with the Communication Committee, and Dr. Gass was recognized for her contributions through the Symposium Planning Committee. Phyllis McCorstin received the 2014 Outstanding Member- Dallas Area award for her contributions to the chapter through her work with coordinating programs and educational offerings for the Dallas area. Joshua Swan received the Excellence in Service Award for Research and Quality Improvement. Joshua Swan was recognized for his contributions to research in the area of delirium and device-related infections and for mentoring others in the research process. In addition to these awards, Matthew Wanat was recognized by the Executive Committee for his outstanding contributions to the leadership of the chapter.

The Awards Committee is looking forward to the 2015 awards process and encourage members to recognize their peers through the program. The committee is also actively looking for members and a new Chair. Please contact Mary Lou if you are interested



From left to right: Jennifer Gass-Houston Outstanding Member Award winner, Wendi Jones-President, Jeff Bruno-Immediate Past President, Lan Bui-Houston Outstanding Member Award winner, Joshua Swan-Excellence in Service Award-Research/Quality Improvement winner, Mary Warren-Award Committee Chair, Michael Sirimatuross-President Elect



From left to right: Wendi Jones-President, Jeff Bruno-Immediate Past President, Matthew Wanat-Excellence in Leadership Award Winner, Michael Sirimatuross-President Elect





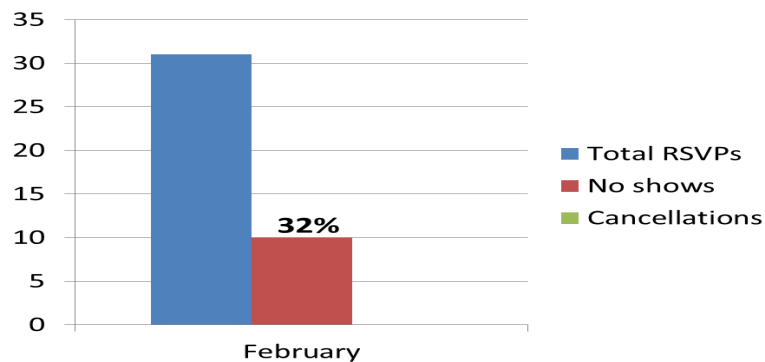
## Can't make the meeting? Don't forget to cancel your RSVP!

We would like to provide a friendly reminder regarding the RSVP process for chapter meetings. While our "no-show" percentage (i.e. those who submit an RSVP but do not attend the meeting) has historically been 20%, we have seen an increase upwards of 40 to 60% over the past 12 months in all three cities. Please be aware that we collect RSVPs in order to provide our meeting sponsors with an expected turnout. Failure to meet that expected turnout can adversely affect our sponsors' budget and ability to support future meetings. If you RSVP for a meeting and later realize you will be unable to attend, please cancel the reservation through our website. Doing so allows our members on a waiting list to attend, as well as helps us provide the sponsor with an accurate expected turnout. Thank you!

### Texas SCCM Chapter Meeting No Show Percentage - 1st quarter of 2015

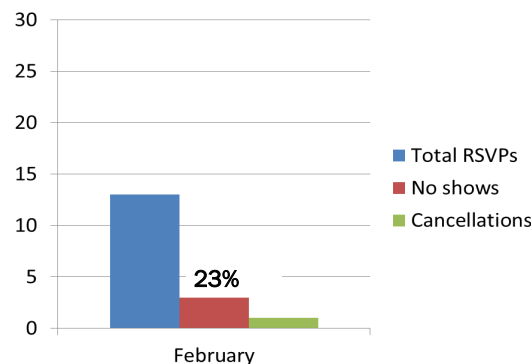
#### Houston

##### Total RSVPs vs. No shows



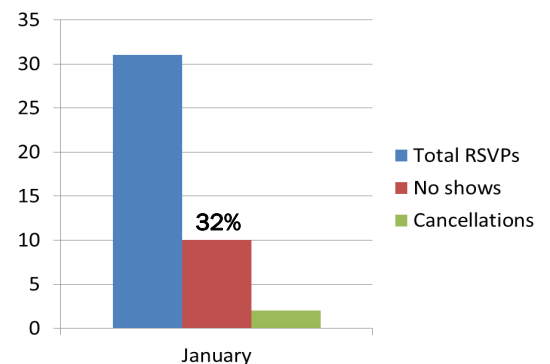
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##### Total RSVPs vs. No shows



#### San Antonio

##### Total RSVPs vs. No shows





## Membership Committee Update

Maggie Ma, PharmD, BCPS

The beginning of 2015 marks a new beginning and the restart of our membership referral program. Remember to refer your colleagues and coworkers in exchange for a free 1-year membership! If you are currently a national SCCM member, you must refer 3 new members. If you are not an SCCM member, you must refer 4 new individuals. If you are not currently a member of national SCCM, why not? Consider joining the national chapter for countless benefits such as access to invaluable resources (including a subscription to Critical Care Medicine) and links to an active critical care community.

For more information about our referral program or membership benefits, please visit our website at [www.sccmtexaschapter.org](http://www.sccmtexaschapter.org) or email [membership@sccmtexaschapter.org](mailto:membership@sccmtexaschapter.org).

## Communications Committee Update

Brian Burleson PharmD, BCPS & Matthew Wanat, PharmD, BCPS

The communications committee is responsible for the dissemination of information between our chapter and its members, and this is primarily done electronically via our chapter website, email communication and social media with our Facebook account. During the last several months, changes to the communications have left us with 6 members. These members are: Matthew Wanat (Website), Don Foronda (Social Media), Lan Bui (Newsletter), Shubhangi Sharma (Dallas Area Coordinator), Jennifer George (Houston Area Coordinator), and Brian Burleson (Chair). Look for our emails ([texaschapter.sccm@gmail.com](mailto:texaschapter.sccm@gmail.com)) or at the website for meeting announcements or general organizational communications.

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