

# President's Message

## New faces in leadership positions

It is my pleasure to introduce to you our newly-elected Board members, as well as some new Committee Chairs chosen by members of the Executive Committee. We are fortunate to have so many capable, interested, and dedicated members willing to serve the society, and I encourage each and every one of you to get involved as well. You can email me at [james.ramsay@emoryhealthcare.org](mailto:james.ramsay@emoryhealthcare.org), or Heather Spiess at [heather@societyhq.com](mailto:heather@societyhq.com).

### New Board Members

Nancy Nussmeier and Bob Savage both completed their terms as elected members of the board this year, and both intend to stay active in the society. Nancy is co-chair of our Philanthropy Task Force, and Bob will be helping define a task force looking into standards for anesthesia in places like the cardiac catheterization laboratory. Both Nancy and Bob have done a great job and it has been a real pleasure to have them on the Board.

Our two newly-elected board members are Linda Shore-Lesserson and Gregg Hartman. Linda has been an active member of SCA for sixteen years, and is no stranger to the board having attended most of our meetings over the last four years in her capacity as Scientific Program Vice Chair and Chair. She is Associate Professor and Chief, Division of Cardiothoracic Anesthesiology, at the Montefiore Medical Center in New York. Linda has presented papers, lectured, and been a panelist at many SCA meetings including the Annual, CPB and Echo meetings. She was a member of the Education Committee and then chaired that committee until it merged with the Scientific Program Committee. She is one of the original committee members investigating ACGME accreditation of cardiovascular fellowships, is a Liaison Editor for our journal, *Anesthesia & Analgesia*, and a member of the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Cardiothoracic and Vascular Anesthesia*. She is also a member of the task force appointed to create the cardiovascular track at the ASA Annual Meeting.

Gregg Hartman is Professor of Anesthesiology at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, New Hampshire. He has been a member of the Society for almost 16 years and has served as a speaker at several SCA Annual Meetings as well as the Echo Meeting. He is currently a Co-Director of our Annual Comprehensive Review & Update of Perioperative Echo meeting; he has served in this role since 2004. Like Linda, Gregg has also attended a number of our Board meetings in his capacity as co-director of our Echo meeting. Before being elected to the Board Gregg was elected to a two-year term on the Nominating Committee from 2003-2005. He has recently been appointed to the National Board of Echocardiography Perioperative TEE examination committee.

### New Committee Chairs

#### Scott T. Reeves, MD

##### Chair, Scientific Program Committee

Scott has served as vice-chair with Linda Shore-Lesserson, and now succeeds Linda as the Chair of the committee which organizes our Annual Meeting. He is Chair and Professor, Department of Anesthesia and Perioperative Medicine at the Medical University of South Carolina. Scott has been a member of the SCA since 1994 and has served on the Society's Education Committee, Certification for Perioperative Transesophageal Echocardiography Task Force, Economics Task Force, and Nominating Committee. He has chaired numerous SCA Workshops, spoken at multiple Comprehensive Review of Intraoperative Echo Meetings and has served as an abstract reviewer for a number of years as well.

#### Robert N. Sladen, MD

##### Chair, International Committee

Rob Sladen has been a member of the SCA since 1980, and has contributed to many of our meetings over the years. Rob succeeds Bel Russell as the International Committee Chair, and will be collaborating with many individuals outside of North America to plan a "satellite" meeting at the World Congress in South Africa in 2008. Rob is Professor and Vice-Chair, and Chief of the Division of Critical Care, in the Department of Anesthesiology at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University, New York. He has served on the SCA's Scientific Program Committee (1990-2, 2002-6) and International Committee (1998-2002), and in conjunction with Manny Fontes has organized the panel on Critical Care Medicine at our Annual Meeting for the last several years. Rob is a past-president of the American Society of Critical Care Anesthesiologists.

#### Bryant A. Murphy, MD

##### Chair, Membership Committee

Bryant succeeds Uday Jain as the new Chair of our Membership Committee. He is a staff anesthesiologist at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center in Fayetteville, NC and is partner in Cumberland Anesthesia Associates. A member of the SCA since 1998, he served as a member of the Membership Committee prior to enthusiastically accepting the position of Chairman. He also served for several years as a facilitator for PBLDs at the Annual Meetings.

#### John F. Butterworth, IV, MD

##### Chair, Publications Committee

John Butterworth is the R. K. Stoelting Professor and Chairman of the Department of Anesthesia at Indiana University. A member of SCA since 1987, he has reviewed scientific abstracts for the annual meeting for many years and has been a frequent contributor to the annual meeting. He has served on the editorial board of the SCA's journal, *Anesthesia & Analgesia* since 2000 and on the Publications Committee since 2004. John succeeds David Cook who served as chair of the committee for four years.

#### Glenn P. Gravlee, MD

##### Chair, Bylaws Committee

Glenn is of course familiar to you all as our immediate Past-President. Glenn has shown an interest (and aptitude!) in bylaws issues over the last several years, and has graciously agreed to serve as successor to Steve Young who was our Bylaws Committee chair (in fact, functionally he was the Bylaws Committee) for five years. Glenn has just moved to Denver where he is Professor and Director of Education in the Anesthesiology Department at the University of Colorado Denver and Health Sciences Center. Glenn has been a member of SCA since 1980, and his past SCA activities of note include: Chair, Allied Health Liaison Committee; Vice Chair and Chair, Education Committee; member of the Fellowship Accreditation Task Force; Chair, Continuing Medical Education (CME) Committee; member of the Board of Directors; Secretary/Treasurer; President-Elect; and President. As immediate Past-President Glenn serves as Chair of the Nominating Committee, and he is also co-chair (with Nancy Nussmeier) of the Philanthropy Task Force. I know Glenn would like to find some SCA members who might have an interest in Bylaws issues!

Congratulations to all our new elected and appointed leaders, and thank you to all those who have served their terms (many of whom served multiple terms)!