

President's Message, October 2021

All of us are highly gratified by the successful 2021 TSGE annual meeting at the Westin Galleria in Dallas, and plan to take advantage of our momentum for a 2022 of unprecedented success. The meeting was successful because the talent and work of our outstanding speakers, board members, committee members, and we are especially grateful for the diligent work of the course directors Dr. Lisa Casey and Dr. Charles Owens and our wonderful Executive Director, Ky Camero. Despite some stress and inconvenience caused by the Delta surge of Covid 19, we managed to have terrific sessions, enthusiastic attendance, and a lot of fun. One highlight was the members celebration with excellent live music and delicious food in the ballroom of the hotel on Saturday night. Thank you everyone for making this special event happen.

The annual business meeting held on Saturday of the annual meeting highlighted our successful advocacy in the Texas Legislature, recognition of immediate past president Jeffrey Lee and this year's Marcel Patterson award winner, Dr. Jay Yepuri. We also gave special recognition to the enormous contributions by several long-standing board members who transitioned to ex officio status after years of service- Delbert Chumley, MD; Shad Dabaghi, MD; Harry Sarles, Jr., MD; Frank Lanza, MD; Bruce Levy, MD; Loren Owensby, MD; J. Kent Hamilton, MD and Edward Carpenter, MD.

We enter 2022 in a very strong position. Committee membership has dramatically increased and there are several exciting new opportunities for members to become involved. These include the small practice working group for medical practices of three or fewer physicians, the women's committee, a new working group for advanced practice providers in gastroenterology, and the newly formed academic medicine task force. TSGE needs your involvement and is seeking enthusiastic members to participate in these and other committees. Stay tuned for important upcoming projects.

Finally, planning has already begun for next year's annual meeting scheduled for the weekend of September 22-25, 2022, at the J.W. Marriott in Austin. Put it on your calendars now; it will be an event not to be missed.

I wish you all every success and blessing and look forward to seeing you soon.

Very sincerely,

Louis J Wilson MD, TSGE President