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President's Corner

Greetings Texas Chapter Members,

This will be my final addition to the Texas Chapter newsletter. The year has brought forth many challenges but the Chapter has continued to grow and our success can be attributed to our outstanding members and amazing leadership team. A big thank you to all of the Committee Chairs, Board of Directors, and the Executive Committee for keeping our chapter running smoothly. A special thank you to past president Anne Rain Tanner Brown for working tirelessly across multiple committees to ensure our success.

Despite the COVID surges and new variants, we were able to restart local programming. The Houston area hosted approximately 14 events this year and we were excited to host programming in each of the regions of the Chapter. A big shoutout to Jeannee Campbell and Robert Huff for all of their hard work. If you are interested in helping with programming in your area, please contact programs@sccmtexaschapter.org.

The Chapter also hosted our annual symposium this year and provided continuing education to our members in a virtual format. A sincere thank you to Drs. Henley and Bhalala for all of their hard work in making our symposium successful. If you are interested in helping plan the symposium for next year, please reach out to symposium@sccmtexaschapter.org.

Our annual awards, including the Alan I Fields award and the professional development awards, are currently in the committee selection phase and we are excited to recognize our members. The winners will be notified via email soon and will be honored at our annual business meeting. Stay tuned to your email for more information about our multi-city business meeting to be held shortly after Congress.

Finally, I want to thank all of you for your work in critical care and sticking with the Chapter during a tumultuous year. As we gather at our events, it is great to network with colleagues, share stories, and decompress about the tough couple of years COVID has provided. Please continue to invite your colleagues to help our chapter grow.

For those of you who are attending Congress, we want to welcome you to the Chapter reception to be held Sunday, February 6th at 6:30-7:30pm in Caribe Hilton -Salon del Mar A-B immediately following the SCCM Welcome Reception.

Cheers to the New Year!

Daniel Arellano, PhD, RN, APRN, ACNP-BC, CCRN, CEN, CFRN, EMT-P





Symposium

Thank you to all who helped make this year's **Texas SCCM 2021 symposium** a success! We had a great turn out of **80 attendees** after making the decision to hold the meeting **virtually** for the safety of the members and staff. This is a true testament to the commitment this chapter has to deepen their medical knowledge despite the difficulties of this past year.

As a chapter, we felt it was important to highlight **cultivating resilience** in the medical field and were able to hold sessions on various topics including resilience in critical care medicine during pandemic and disaster situations, special management scenarios during the COVID 19 pandemic, including ECMO and lung transplant, the importance of women's roles in medicine, and novel pharmacological treatments specific to COVID 19. We were also able to explore the concepts of death and dying in the ICU and the **Choosing Wisely campaign tenets**.

We had an array of **poster presentations** and wanted to give a special congratulations to those awarded prizes for their chosen poster presentations and the **Jeopardy** participants and winners!

Thank you to our wonderful chapter leadership including the Texas SCCM chapter president, **Daniel Arellano, PhD, APRN** and the Texas SCCM symposium Chair, **Dr. Utpal Bhalala**. Also, a special thanks to the **Texas SCCM symposium committee** without whom all of this would not be possible.

From the Texas Chapter SCCM symposium committee we would like to wish you a **very happy new year and blessings on the year ahead**.

If you are **interested in joining** the Texas Chapter SCCM symposium committee, please reach out to symposium@sccmtexaschapter.org.





Communications Committee

The Communications Committee is responsible for the dissemination of information between our chapter and its members.

We look forward to seeing our members in-person at the upcoming Society of Critical Care Medicine Congress in Puerto Rico!

Please check our accounts out on **Instagram** (@sccmtxchapter), **Facebook** (SCCM Texas Chapter), and **Twitter** (@SCCMTXChapter)! Please follow to see our latest pictures of our events, membership, and any special announcements. We love to share what our members are doing across the state of Texas. **So, tag us in or send us your pictures!** You can tag us on Instagram by using the hashtag **#SCCMTexasChapter**.

Be on the lookout for our **member spotlights** in the coming months!

We have a volunteer opportunity available!

Email communications@sccmtexaschapter.org if you are interested in becoming the

Austin Communications Coordinator:

- Sends communications for Austin programming
- Works with Programming to collect RSVPs and prepare sign in sheet
- Average time commitment: 2-3 hours/month



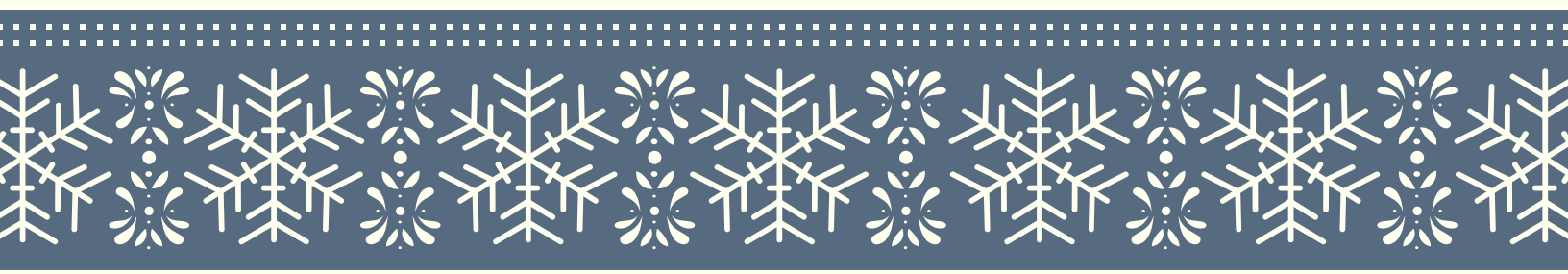
Research Committee

The research committee is hard at work in the review phase for the **Joseph L. Nates Grant** this winter. We had four excellent applications this year and expect to announce the recipient after the New Year.

We are also in the review phase for the **Alan Fields award** with a record 15 applications this year. With these two awards we are looking forward to an exciting New Year.

We are continuing to look for members who are interested in research to join our team. We are in particular need of nurses, nurse practitioners, respiratory therapists, dieticians, physical or occupational therapists, physician assistants, and other allied health professionals.

Please review the information on the SCCM-Texas Chapter website Research tab or contact research@sccmtexaschapter.org for more information on joining the research committee.



Nominations Committee

Elections for leadership positions for the SCCM Texas Chapter Executive Council and Board of Directors are now complete. We thank the chapter for the high number of votes in this year's election and the many candidates who volunteered to serve the chapter. Thank you for your participation!

The Chapter would like to thank **Reagan Collins, PharmD** for her time spent as Treasurer the past two years as well as **Brian Dee, PharmD, Christiane Perme, PT, Lisa Beil, RN, Jennifer Hartman, PharmD** and **Ali Seifi, MD** for their dedication and time while serving on the Board of Directors the past three years.

THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION ARE:

Executive Council:

1. President Elect:

Brandy McKelvy, MD, FCCP

2. Treasurer:

Melanie Madorsky, PharmD, BCPS, BCCP, BCCCP

Board of Directors:

1. Nurse seat:

Olga C. Rodriguez, DNP, MSN, RN CPHQ

2. At-Large seats:

Dana Foster, PharmD, BCCCP

Nisha Rathi, MD

3. Allied Health seats:

Ryan P. Bierle DMSc, PA, LP, FAWM

Rebecca McClay, DNP, MS, ACNPC-AG, NPD-BC, CCRN-CMC-CSC

CONGRATULATIONS to the newly elected!

If you have any questions about the nominations process, FCCM Mentorship Program, or would like to get involved with the committee please email us at nominations@sccmtexaschapter.org.

Programs Committee

Happy Holidays! We have enjoyed an active Programming schedule, and with the New Year approaching we should enjoy more events for our members. I highly encourage members that if there is a topic to discuss, please bring it to your local programmer. The SCCM Congress is just around the corner in February 2022 in Puerto Rico, so don't forget to register for the event. In the meantime, enjoy your Holidays with those close to you, and thank you for being a Texas SCCM member.

Here's a summary of the events we hosted this season:

El Paso, Oct 28: Tracheostomies with a Twist Speaker, Susan McLean, MD

Houston at Grace's, Nov 10: Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension Understanding Disease, Pathophysiology and Diagnosis, Sandeep Sahay, MD sponsored by Janssen

San Antonio at J-Prime Steakhouse, Nov 11: Treatment Options in Distributive Shock, Craig Ainsworth, MD sponsored by La Jolla Pharmaceuticals

El Paso, Nov 17: Pharmaceutical Drips and Titration of Drugs Speaker, Stacy Evans, PharmD

Dallas/Fort Worth at Wine Wood Grill, Nov 18: Nasal High Flow Therapy, sponsored by Fisher & Paykel Healthcare

Houston at La Griglia, Dec 8: Avycaz-The Review of Clinical Profile, Christian Santock, MD sponsored by Abbvie

Austin at Ill Forks, Dec 9: Fetroja, David Nicolau, PharmD sponsored by Shionogi

Houston at Simone on Sunset Dec 15: Jingle and Mingle Holiday

If you have ideas or topics to discuss, please reach out to your local area Program Coordinators.

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Houston: Jeanneé Campbell, PA-C houston1@sccmchapter.org

Austin: Lauren Guerrero APRN, DNP, AGACNP-BC
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Membership Committee

Our chapter is currently on the rise with over 620 members in our chapter now!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the membership drive recently. Our membership drive increased our social media followers by 5% and pulled in 20 new members.

The winners of our membership drive are **Emily Highsmith and Mercedes Judkins**! They each won a \$100 Amazon gift card.

Also, we are excited to announce that it's time for our **semi-annual cookie giveaway**

where we celebrate all of you and the work that you do each and every day! Entering is easy, just fill out the survey at tinyurl.com/texaschaptercookies by December 31st to nominate your unit to be one of 3 winners.

Winners will be notified after the new year.



For as long as supplies last, the Texas Chapter is sending a welcome kit to new members. This kit contains a welcome letter, Texas Chapter reusable grocery bag, and a TX Chapter badge reel.



Awards Committee

SCCM Texas Chapter Awards include the following:

1. Outstanding Member Award

(one member will be awarded from each of the Dallas, Houston, El Paso, San Antonio, and "Other Texas" areas)

2. Excellence in Service Award (one award for each category)

- a. Education
- b. Clinical Practice
- c. Research/Quality Improvement

3. Professional Development Award (four in total)

Nominations are no longer being accepted for the SCCM Texas Chapter Annual Awards and Professional Development Award.

Thank you to those who took advantage of this opportunity to recognize their colleagues, peers, and board members for their hard work and dedication during this unprecedented year! We appreciate those who considered submitting your nominations to recognize those who have gone above and beyond over the last year.

If you missed the deadline, know that the awards committee looks forward to future opportunities to honor those who dedicate themselves to promoting excellence.

We would also like to welcome The Awards Committee's newest member,

Frances Okpaluba!!

Thank you, Frances, for joining our team!

Please email awards@sccmtexaschapter.org if you have any questions.

Community Engagement

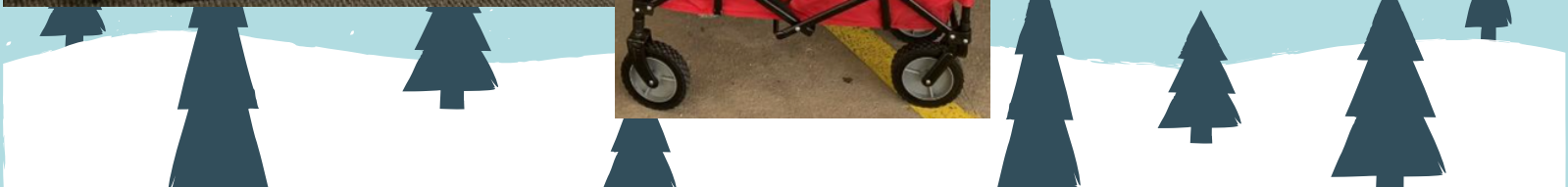
The committee is planning a **BLS instructor** course soon. Please watch your email and website for upcoming details.

Any ideas for community engagement will be appreciated.

Also, the committee is searching for members of the committee and a chairperson.



At a Houston area social, donations were collected for the Montrose Center. This Center "empowers our community—primarily lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) individuals and their families—to live healthier, more fulfilling lives."



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