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# *President's Corner*



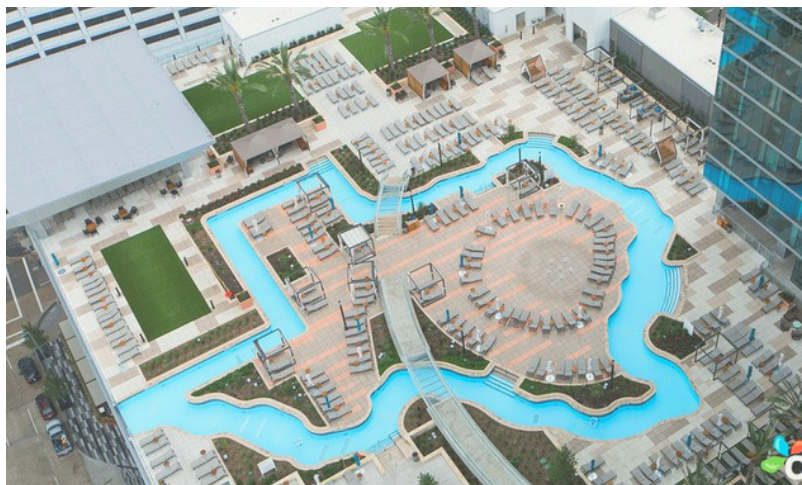
As the newly elected President of the SCCM Texas Chapter, I would like to take a moment to introduce myself to those members whom I haven't met yet. I am a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Critical Care and Nutrition Support at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas. I am originally from Birmingham, Alabama, but have lived many places. Most recently, I moved back to Houston in 2014 from Washington DC. I have been involved with the Texas Chapter since then, serving as chair of the Programs Committee, an active member of the Symposium Committee, as well as the Executive Committee as President-Elect this past year.

I enjoyed meeting many current and new members during the Texas Chapter Reception at the Annual Congress in San Diego, California. We had a great turnout and loved the opportunity to network with old and new colleagues. We also had the pleasure of accepting the 2018 Chapters Alliance Excellence Award at the ACCM Convocation/SCCM Awards Presentation as well as celebrated our member Josh Swan, PharmD who was inducted as a Fellow into the American College of Critical Care Medicine this year.

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of our members, particularly the Board of Directors and Committee Chairs who have aided in the growth of the chapter and given their free time to be involved with the chapter. This past year, our largest accomplishments were the creation of a Research Grant which is currently open and the development of a FCCM mentorship program. Our goals this year include increasing our regional programming presence, with the official expansion into the Austin area in addition to our current regions: Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, and El Paso in addition to expanding our Symposium Committee to support critical care conferences happening throughout the state. We will also consider adding a Community Engagement Committee to focus on giving back and provide critical care focused education to the Texas community.

I look forward to serving as President this year and working with all of our dedicated critical care volunteers. We always welcome feedback on improving your experience as a member of the Texas Chapter. Please feel free to contact me at [president@sccmtexaschapter.org](mailto:president@sccmtexaschapter.org).

***Anne Rain T. Brown, PharmD, BCPS, BCCCP***  
***President, Texas SCCM Chapter***



# Symposium Committee Update

**REAGAN COLLINS,  
PHARMD, BCCCP**

Mark your calendars for the 8th Annual Symposium for the Society of Critical Care Medicine – Texas Chapter which will be held on Friday, October 11th and Saturday, October 12th at the Marriot Marquis Houston in Downtown Houston, Texas. Stay tuned for the theme and agenda!

The Symposium Committee is hard at work preparing for the event and we need your help. Please see the volunteer opportunities below and email [symposium@sccm-texaschapter.org](mailto:symposium@sccm-texaschapter.org) if you are interested or have any additional questions!

## SYMPOSIUM COMMITTEE VICE CHAIR

- **Duties:** Coordinate and set-up all symposium planning meetings for the year (every other week meetings from April – October 2019); keep meeting minutes for all symposium planning meetings; help coordinate areas of specific interest (this may include designing program, developing topics and learning objectives, recruiting speakers, obtaining CE for symposium presentations of your respective discipline, providing advertisement, etc.); attend the symposium as able to provide support/volunteer needs
- **Average Time Commitment:** 4-5 hours/month starting April 2019

## SYMPOSIUM COMMITTEE MEMBER

- **Duties:** Attend symposium planning meetings (every other week meetings from April – October 2019); help coordinate areas of specific interest (this may include designing program, developing topics and learning objectives, recruiting speakers, obtaining CE for symposium presentations of your respective discipline, providing advertisement, etc.); attend the symposium as able to provide support/volunteer needs
- **Average Time Commitment:** 2-3 hours/month starting April 2019



**Annual Congress Update:**  
Congratulations to our chapter receiving the Chapter Alliance Award and to Joshua Swan on being inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Critical Care Medicine (FCCM)!





# COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

Annette Lista, PharmD, BCCCP

The Communications Committee is responsible for the dissemination of information between our chapter and its members. With that being said, we are looking for highly motivated, driven, and digital-savvy volunteers! We have two exciting volunteer opportunities available for the Communications Committee:

## WEBSITE COORDINATOR

- **Duties:** Update official website account with important announcements and events; events include regional educational events and the Annual Symposium; update website with announcements requested by committee chairs; general monthly website maintenance
- **Average time commitment:** 3-5 hours/month

## INSTAGRAM COORDINATOR

- **Duties:** Update official chapter Instagram account with important announcements and events; events include regional educational events and the Annual Symposium; update Instagram account with announcements requested by committee chairs
- **Average time commitment:** 1-3 hours/month

Please email [communications@sccmtexaschapter.org](mailto:communications@sccmtexaschapter.org) if you are interested or have any additional questions regarding the positions!

The Communications Committee would also like to send a big thank you to our members for your patience during our transition to our new email service provider to send out our email announcements. Although, this should help resolve some issues we've had this past year, our emails may end up in your Spam or Junk mail. To reduce the likelihood of this happening, we have several suggestions:

- **Periodically check your Spam or Junk folder**
- **Add us to your contact list**  
([texaschapter.sccm@gmail.com](mailto:texaschapter.sccm@gmail.com))
- **Consider changing your e-mail on file to your personal e-mail address by contacting**  
[memberships@sccmtexaschapter.org](mailto:memberships@sccmtexaschapter.org)
- **Proactively check our website, Facebook, or Twitter for meeting invites and other announcements**

Please continue to look for our emails ([texaschapter.sccm@gmail.com](mailto:texaschapter.sccm@gmail.com)), website ([www.sccmtexaschapter.org](http://www.sccmtexaschapter.org)), Facebook and Twitter (@SCCMTXChapter) for meeting announcements and general organizational communications. Don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Twitter!

# Research Committee Update

Teresa A. Allison, PharmD, BCPS, BCCCP

It has been a busy time for the Research Committee and we have a lot to share with you! First, we would like to congratulate the winners of the Alan I. Fields awards. Please join us at the annual business/awards meeting March 13, 2019 for their platform presentations.

## CRITICAL CARE TRAINEE OR PRACTITIONER WITH LESS THAN 2 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

**Chelsea K Krueger, PharmD; Frank P Tverdek, PharmD; Mike Hernandez, MS; Ala Abudayyeh, MD; Jeffrey J Bruno, PharmD. Aminoglycoside pharmacokinetics in critically-ill patients undergoing renal replacement therapy**

## CRITICAL CARE PRACTITIONER WITH MORE THAN 2 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

**Yi-Chen Lai, M.D; See Wai Chan, M.D. Progressive EKG changes in children at risk for sudden unexpected death in epilepsy**

## RESEARCH GRANT OPPORTUNITY

Second, we would like to encourage all members to submit for the chapter's first research grant of \$4000. This annual research grant is intended for clinical research designed to enhance the care and outcomes of critically ill patients. The application deadline is May 1, 2019. Please go to the Society of Critical Care Medicine Texas Chapter home page or <http://www.sccmtexaschapter.org/research-grant/> for more information on eligibility, expectations, and the application process.

Third, we would like to announce a new chair for the Research Committee, **Michelle Horng, PharmD, BCPS, BCCCP**. She has been a very active member since joining the committee. For the past few years she has lead the Alan I. Fields award process as well as supported the symposium award and grant development. We have no doubt she will be an excellent chair and are excited she has taken on this role! Please send her ideas for committee activities in the upcoming year at [research@sccmtexaschapter.org](mailto:research@sccmtexaschapter.org).

# Nominations Committee Update

Rebecca Attridge, PharmD, MSc, BCPS

The 2019 elections for leadership positions on the SCCM Texas Chapter Executive Committee and Board of Directors are now complete. Congratulations to all who were elected to a leadership position. 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 results of this year's election are:

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- **President Elect: Darrell Alley, MD**
- **Secretary: Teresa Allison, PharmD, BCPS, BCCCP**

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- **Allied Health Seat (2 positions): Brian Dee, PharmD, BCCCP, BCNSP, and Christiane Perme, PT, CCS, FCCM**
- **Nurse Seat: Lisa Beil, MSN, APRN, AGACNP-BC, ACNS-BC**
- **At-Large (2 positions): Jennifer Hartman, PharmD, BCPS, BCCCP, and Ali Seifi, MD, FACP**

If you have any questions regarding the nominations or elections process and how to become more involved, please contact the Nominations Committee at [nominations@sccmtexaschapter.org](mailto:nominations@sccmtexaschapter.org)







# PROGRAM COMMITTEE UPDATE

**ANDRO HERRERA-MENDOZA, DBA, RRT-NPS, RPFT, FACHE**

As we begin our new calendar year, the Programming Committee looks forward to planning another robust year with a broad base of critical care topics for all our member regions. If you have not had an opportunity to actively participate in a local program, I encourage all members to utilize their member-benefit by attending and gaining insight into new modalities and treatment interventions being practiced in critical care medicine today. As Spring approaches, look for expanded access to critical care programming utilizing web-based technology and continued regional programming. One example of improved access incorporating web-based technology is our upcoming Awards Ceremony and End of the Year Business Meeting that will be attended by approximately 100 participants in the following cities; Dallas, El Paso, Houston, and San Antonio. Going into Spring and Summer, look for continued regionalized programming on a variety of Adult and Pediatric Critical Care topics relevant to our membership.

The Program Committee welcomes members interested in planning future chapter meetings and events! We also welcome ideas or suggestions you may have for programming across the state. If you are interested in becoming actively involved in the Program Committee, please contact Andro Herrera-Mendoza, at [programs@scmtexaschapter.org](mailto:programs@scmtexaschapter.org).

Region	Month	Programming
Dallas	January	Nasal High Flow: Clinical Evidence for Optimizing Nasal High Flow
	March	Awards Ceremony and End of the Year Business Meeting Understanding the Impact of Invasive Fungal Infection
El Paso	March	Awards Ceremony and End of the Year Business Meeting
Houston	January	Diagnosing aHUS ECMO
	February	Leaf Patient Monitoring System
	March	Awards Ceremony and End of the Year Business Meeting The Forgotten Phase of CPR
San Antonio	February	Member Networking Social
	March	The Science of Silver: Surgical Site and Soft Tissue Infections Awards Ceremony and End of the Year Business Meeting



# Membership Committee Update

MAGGIE MA, PHARMD, BCPS



**CHAPTER ALLIANCE  
EXCELLENCE  
AWARD WINNER**

*Chapter of the Year*  
2014 & 2018



Our membership has once again, reached an all-time high of over 680 members! It's amazing to see such a constant growth for our chapter. The membership committee would like to acknowledge a few members who worked extra hard to refer their colleagues to our chapter during 2018. The following members received a free 1-year extension to their membership (\$45 value) - **Mark Rose, Andro Herrera-Mendoza, and Phyllis White**. Thank for your hard work and commitment to our chapter! There were many, many other members who have referred their colleagues and we thank you for your support. Remember that the new year resets your referrals, so in order to receive a free 1-year membership, you'll need to refer 3 new members to our chapter (or 4 if you are not a national SCCM member).

Also, we have been using our new email service provider for over 3 months now and want to make sure you all are receiving our emails. We will be sending out a short survey at the beginning of March asking you about your experience with communications, as well as with programming. We would greatly appreciate if you could complete the survey so that we can work to make this chapter most beneficial to the members.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about your membership status, renewal date, or anything else related to your membership, please contact [membership@sccmtexaschapter.org](mailto:membership@sccmtexaschapter.org).

# AWARDS COMMITTEE UPDATE

**LISA BEIL, MSN, APRN, AGACNP-BC, ACNS-BC**

Congratulations to the following 2018 Annual Award winners. Thank you for your dedication and service to the Texas Chapter.

## EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP AWARD

**Andro Herrera-  
Mendoza, DBA, RRT-  
NPS, RPFT, FACHE**

## OUTSTANDING MEMBER AWARD

Houston – **Laura Blackburn,  
PharmD, BCPS, BCCCP**  
Dallas – **Michael Mandipat, RN,  
BSN, CCRN**  
San Antonio – **Jennifer Mireles,  
RD, LD, CNSC**  
El Paso – **Jennifer Hartman,  
PharmD, BCPS, BCCCP**

## EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE AWARD

Clinical Practice – **Elumalai  
Appachi, MD, MBBS, MRCP**  
Education – **Christiane  
Perme, PT, CCS, FCCM**  
Research/Quality  
Improvement – **Cristina  
Gutierrez, MD**

In addition to the Annual Texas Chapter awards listed above, there are several SCCM awards offered at the national level. The following are some of the upcoming national awards:

- **Norma J. Shoemaker Award for Critical Care Nursing Excellence**
- **Barry A Shapiro Memorial Award for Excellence in Critical Care Management**
- **Dr. Joseph and Rae Brown Award**
- **Drs. Vidyasagar and Nagamani Dharmapuri Award for Excellence in Pediatric Critical Care Medicine**

Please visit the Texas Chapter website regarding criteria, submission requirements, and deadline for submission: <https://www.sccmtexaschapter.org/awards/>

I will be passing the Awards Chair to **Olga Rodriguez** this year. It has been a privilege to work more closely with the Chapter leadership and get to know new and existing members. I'm looking forward to my transition into Board of Directors and continuing to make this Chapter a success with each of you. Please give Olga a warm welcome!



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Texas Chapter

The SCCM Texas Chapter is a multidisciplinary organization composed of critical care practitioners, whose purpose is to **foster collaboration** among caregivers at a state level for the enhancement of patient care. Members of the chapter include physicians, nurses, pharmacists, respiratory therapists, physician assistants and other health care professionals.

The Texas Chapter's mission is to provide its members with educational opportunities, professional resources and a chance for networking with other critical care professionals from across the region in order to improve the quality of critical care. For additional information, visit the SCCM national website at: **[www.sccm.org](http://www.sccm.org)**.