



December 2015

## **Dr. Johnathan Hughes**

### **Director of TSA PAC and Liaison to ASA PAC**

The Tennessee Society of Anesthesiologists would like to welcome Dr. Jonathan Hughes as the Director of the Tennessee Society of Anesthesiologists Political Action Committee (PAC) and Liaison to the American Society of Anesthesiologists Political Action Committee (PAC). Dr. Hughes is a Cardiothoracic Anesthesiologist in practice at Bristol Anesthesia Services. He completed his anesthesiology training at the University of Alabama, Birmingham and his Cardiothoracic Fellowship at Wake Forest University in North Carolina.

Dr. Hughes has been extremely successful in promoting the PAC within his own group. Bristol Anesthesia Services has a 100% participation rate and the highest average donation rate of any group in Tennessee. Dr. Hughes vision is to form a committee of "PAC Champions" within the state to bring a greater awareness to the benefit of the Political Action Committee and to work at their group level to raise funds. The TSA PAC are used to support the campaigns of those politicians who will impact your practice as an anesthesiologist. Of note, it only takes 67 House and Senate members to determine if and how you can practice medicine.

***Dr. Hughes has been successful in promoting the TSA PAC within his own private practice group, bringing them to a 100% participation level, as well as the highest average donation level of any group in Tennessee.***

**If you are interested in becoming more involved in TSA PAC – contact Dr. Hughes @ [hughesjr@gmail.com](mailto:hughesjr@gmail.com)**

### **Protect the Care of our Veterans**

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The Office of Nursing Services, within the Department of Veterans Affairs, continues to push forward a new policy that would mandate "independent practice for all Advanced Practice Registered Nurses. This policy change would eliminate physician involvement and reduce the standard of care for Veterans, thus putting their healthcare needs at risk.

The classic model of Anesthesia care teams has physician oversight. Veterans should be afforded healthcare that is supervised by an individual who has had thousands of hours of clinical training.

Please help maintain the standard of care for our Veterans. Contact you local member of congress and voice your concerns over the change in the anesthesia care team model.

## Ask your Lawmaker to Stand Up for our Nation's Veterans!

The American Society of Anesthesiologists has made it easy for you to contact your lawmaker regarding the proposed policy known as the "VHA Nursing Handbook."

The link below will take you directly to a form that can be submitted to your lawmaker. Please take a stand and submit the form today.

<http://grassroots.asahq.org/asa/app/write-a-letter?1&engagementId=97314>

### MOCA Redesign – MOCA 2.0™

The ABA is redesigning the MOCA program to provide diplomates with opportunities to continuously learn and demonstrate proficiencies to provide better patient care. The program redesign, known as MOCA 2.0™, is meant to provide a more relevant and personalized approach to helping diplomates assess their knowledge and address knowledge gaps.

MOCA 2.0 is a web-based learning platform. At its core is the [MOCA Minute™](#), an interactive learning tool the ABA is piloting to replace the decennial MOCA exam.

All diplomates with TLCs that expire in or after 2016 will be enrolled in MOCA 2.0, as will diplomates with NTLs who are participating in MOCA. NTLs not enrolled in MOCA will not be enrolled in MOCA 2.0, but are eligible and welcome to participate. MOCA 2.0 for subspecialties will launch in 2017. Until then, the MOCA requirements for diplomates with subspecialty certificates will not change.

For more information visit: [www.theaba.org](http://www.theaba.org)

Source: The American Board of Anesthesiology

#### Change in Executive Director

Please welcome Paige Rinehart as the new Interim Executive Director. We wish Bill Bond the best in his future endeavors! Ms. Rinehart previously worked for the Department of Anesthesiology at The University of Tennessee Medical Center. She has over 30 years of experience in the hospital setting, with 25 years working with Graduate Medical Education. Ms. Rinehart has published a book and chapter, in addition to being an educator on how to manage a residency training program.

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**\*\*Save the Date\*\***  
**TSA 2016 Annual Meeting**  
**Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**Hilton Downtown Nashville**

Lebron Cooper, M.D.	Chair, Department of Anesthesiology, University of Tennessee Health Science Center Memphis, TN
James D. Grant, M.D.	First Vice-President American Society of Anesthesiologists Chair of Anesthesiology, Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine Bloomfield, MI
Morris Kent, M.D.	Medical Anesthesia Group Memphis, TN
Adam King, M.D.	Vanderbilt University Medical Center Nashville, TN
Matthew McEvoy, M.D.	Associate Professor of Anesthesiology Vice Chair Educational Affairs Director Vanderbilt University Medical Center Nashville, TN
Brigitte Messenger, M.D.	Assistant Professor University of Tennessee Graduate School of Medicine Knoxville, TN
James West, M.D.	ASA Director, Tennessee Anesthesia Group Memphis, TN
David J. Wilkerson, M.D.	President World Federation of Societies of Anesthesiologists United Kingdom

**A SVMIC 10% premium credit -  
Offered to those participants that attend the SVMIC portion of the meeting**

**MOCA® Course Offered at Vanderbilt**  
**Sunday, February 21, 2016**

**\*\*\*Discount given to 2016 TSA Annual Meeting Attendees\*\*\***

The Vanderbilt Department of Anesthesiology, in partnership with the Center for Experiential Learning and Assessment (CELA) at Vanderbilt, is offering a Maintenance of Certification in Anesthesiology (MOCA®) course on Sunday, February 21, 2016 immediately after the annual Tennessee Society of Anesthesiologists meeting. This course fulfills the simulation education requirement of Part 4 of the American Board of Anesthesiologists® (ABA) MOCA® Program.

Vanderbilt is offering the course at its state-of-the-art simulation training facility, the Center for Experiential Learning and Assessment, and the Vanderbilt program has been endorsed by the American Society of Anesthesiologists' (ASA) Committee on Simulation Education to provide high quality training to ASA members. We expect this course to be popular, so if you're looking for a way to meet your certification requirement we're very happy to make this opportunity available while you're here in Nashville.

Register online at [www.mc.vanderbilt.edu/moca](http://www.mc.vanderbilt.edu/moca)

If you have any questions, please contact Vanderbilt MOCA® Course Coordinator Beverly Fletcher by email: [Beverly.s.fletcher@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:Beverly.s.fletcher@vanderbilt.edu)

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## TSA Survey

TSA recently sent out a request for members to complete a survey online via Survey Monkey. We would love to have your input! If you haven't completed your survey, please do so. For those that have responded, thank you!

A complete summary of the results of the survey will be published in the Winter Newsletter.

If you have misplaced your link, please send an email to [prinehart@tsahq.com](mailto:prinehart@tsahq.com) and the link will be resent to you.

### Preliminary Survey Monkey Data

Breakdown of 162 survey respondents:

- 121 Active members
- 3 Affiliate
- 11 Retired
- 12 Resident
- 15 that responded "didn't know" membership status

Comments from the questions

"Describe what TSA's top priorities going forward should be, in order to maximize member value."

- Be a political voice for all anesthesiologists – academic, as well as private groups – facilitate networking
- Education and outreach – possible MOCA compatible programs
- To keep fighting against the independent practice of CRNAs.
- Navigation of governmental changes in regards to clinical practice and reimbursement
- Continue to be active in state politics
- Staying on top of pertinent legislative issues and communicating those to membership to ensure members are aware of said issues and knowledgeable about what needs to be communicated to elective representative.
- Political engagement, clinical practice

"Based on your past experience with TSA, please suggest areas where TSA could improve in the future."

- Better communication with members about opportunities for involvement
- Newsletter, more communication
- Annual meeting communication
- More timely and meaningful communication
- Better lobbying, I would pay higher dues to see this happen
- Expansion of leadership across the state and across practices
- Lectures at annual meeting on clinically relevant topics