



October 2019 – Here's What's Up!

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Message from the President

Dear FSA members,

As the end of 2019 approaches, we are preparing for the upcoming ASA Annual Meeting, and delighted that Florida is the host state this year. Thousands of anesthesiologists and other medical and health professionals are journeying to Orlando for the event, and I hope you can attend. Some highlights of the upcoming meeting are outlined in this newsletter, including information on our own members' panels and presentations – be sure to come support your colleagues! FSA will have a booth in the Exhibit Hall, so please stop by – we'll be set up to take PAC donations and will have a new membership brochure to distribute. If you have colleagues who are not yet FSA members, grab a brochure and recruit them! Don't forget our Southern States Reception is taking place Saturday night the 19th – details can be found in these pages.



The summer months since I began my presidency were very busy. One of the great opportunities we take advantage of each summer is meeting with our local state legislators. During the summer months they're usually working out of their Florida offices, the mood is less formal, and you can spend some meaningful, quality time with them. Without the frenzy of Tallahassee or Washington DC, our representatives are in a better position, both mentally and in terms of proximity, to really learn about what we do and what we find important to our work as anesthesiologists. The photos presented in this newsletter show our board members in action with visiting legislators and inviting them to tour our hospitals and medical facilities, where we spend our working hours. It's a powerful way to connect with your representatives in a memorable way.

These connections are important, especially as we gear up for the 2020 Florida Legislative Session. The Board and the Legislative Affairs Committee will shortly begin holding weekly conference calls with our lobbying team at Johnson & Blanton. These calls help to keep our leadership updated on legislation that affects – positively or negatively – our profession; the connections we make with our elected officials can significantly help us shape legislation and continue to ensure safe, physician-led anesthesia for our patients and all of Florida.

All that we are able to do, depends so much on your continued support. On behalf of our Board of Directors, thank you for your membership!

Christian Diez, MD MBA
President, Florida Society of Anesthesiologists




Please join us for the

Southern States Reception

at

ANESTHESIOLOGY 2019
OCTOBER 19-23 | ORANGE COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER | ORLANDO, FL
American Society of Anesthesiologists®

Saturday, October 19, 2019
7:00 - 9:00pm

*Florida Ballroom B at the
Hyatt Regency Orlando
9801 International Drive, Orlando*

Wine, beer and heavy hors d'oeuvres



Connecting with Florida Legislators, or, How I Spent My Summer Months

Several FSA Board members took time this summer to meet with their state and national representatives, advocating for safe, physician-led anesthesia.


Below, left to right: Florida US Representative Neal Dunn with FSA Secretary Brence Sell; Past FSA President and current ASA Florida Director Jeffrey Jacobs with Florida US Representative Debbie Wasserman Schultz; FSA Vice President Leopoldo Rodriguez with Florida State Senator Jason Pizzo



Far Left: FSA Past President & Legislative Affairs Chair Jay Epstein with Florida House Speaker-Elect Chris Sprowls;

Left: FSA Board member and North District Director Greg Hickman with Florida State Representative Alex Andrade

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At the 2019 Annual Meeting held in June, two Florida State Senators – **Senator Gayle Harrell** and **Senator Bill Galvano** – were acknowledged by the Society for their outstanding work in support of safe, physician-led anesthesia.

Right: Senator Harrell (center) at the FSA Board meeting with FSA leadership (from l to r): Jonathan Slonin, Chris Giordano, Knox Kerr, Frank Rosemeier, Kurt Jones, Christian Diez, Brence Sell and Leopoldo Rodriguez.



Left: Senator Galvano receives his FSA award from Past President & Legislative Affairs Chair Jay Epstein and FSA Board Member & West District Director Sean Daley.

Below: FSA Vice President Leopoldo Rodriguez (right) and colleague Reuben Hoch (left) with Florida US Representative Ted Deutch



Below: FSA Board Member Zachary Deutch and Florida State Representative Cyndi Stevenson

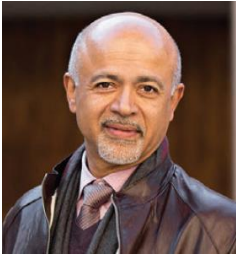


Right: FSA Past President Knox Kerr with Florida State Senate candidate Jennifer Bradley





Anesthesiology 2019 – Meeting Highlights



Keynote Speaker Opening Session:
Abraham Verghese, MD MACP
Humanistic Care in the Technological Age
Saturday, October 19 | 9 – 10:15 a.m.

John W. Severinghaus Lecture on Translational Science:
Jeanine P. Wiener-Kronish, MD
Personalized PEEP
Tuesday, October 22 | 11 a.m. – Noon



Emery A. Rovenstine Memorial Lecture:
U.S. Surgeon General Jerome Adams, MD MPH
The Future of the Physician Anesthesiologist
Monday, October 21 | 8 – 9:15 a.m.

Hope For The Warriors® – Run For The Warriors® 5K Run/Walk
Sunday, October 20 | 6:45 a.m.
OCCC South Concourse bus lanes Click [HERE](#) to register.



Several FSA Board members present at ASA 2019 – come support your colleagues!

Friday, October 18

7:00am – 8:30am Kickoff Session - Contracts and Negotiation Panel **Adam Blomberg - W103AB**

Saturday, October 19

7:30am – 9:00am Moderator: Oral Presentations-Ambulatory Anesthesia **Sher-Lu Pai - W300**
8:00am – 4:00pm Peripheral Nerve Block Workshop, Ultrasound, Simulation, and Stimulation **Steven Porter - W208ABC**
1:30 – 2:30pm Pragmatic Well-Being: Doing Something About It **Zachary Deutch - W314AB**
2:45-4:45pm (SAMBA): Ten Things You Need to Know About Practice Management for Ambulatory Surgery Centers **Leopoldo Rodriguez - W304CD**

Sunday, October 20

8:00 – 9:30am Featured Abstracts IV - "Tranexamic Acid Administration is not Associated with An Increase in Complications in High-risk Patients Undergoing Primary Total Knee or Total Hip Arthroplasty: A Retrospective Case-control Study of 38,220 Patients" **Steven Porter - W206ABC**
12:00 (post HOD) State Affairs Forum Speaker - "Nurse Anesthesiologists" **Jay Epstein - Windemere Ballroom**
4:00 – 5:00pm Ketamine in modern anesthesia practice: From the perioperative period to the chronic pain clinic **Steven Porter - W315AB**
5:00 – 6:00pm Speaker: ABA Forum **Brenda Fahy - W207BC**

Monday, October 21

9:30 – 10:30am Point-Counterpoint PC16 - Harassment and Violence in the OR: Real threat/Imagined? A Strengths-based Approach to managing and responding appropriately **Asha Padmanabhan - W104AB**
1:00-3:00pm Moderator: Patient Safety and Practice Management **Jeffrey Jacobs - WA2-Area C**
1:15 – 9:30am Young investigator: Clinical Science - "Tranexamic Acid Administration is not Associated with an Increase in Complications in High-risk Patients Undergoing Primary Total Knee or Total Hip Arthroplasty: A Retrospective Case-control Study of 38,220 Patients" **Steven Porter - W312C**
2:30-3:30pm Ding Dong, Independent Practice is Dead. **Zachary Deutch, Jonathan Slonin, Adam Blomberg & Adam Fier - W415B**
3:45 – 4:45pm Everybody is Working for Somebody Now Best Practices for Ambulatory Anes. for Geriatric Patients **Sher-Lu Pai & Leopoldo Rodriguez - W304AB**

Are You Presenting? Text us the information (date-time-topic-location) at 323.240.1617 and we'll promote your good work on FSA social media!



IN THE BREAKROOM - Six Questions for Sallie Matthews

FSA is easily one of the most active of the component societies, and much of the day-to-day work - meeting planning, board and committee work & scheduling, website and social media output - is handled by our management team at BSC Management, Inc. **BSC President, Sallie Matthews**, answers a few questions about the work BSC does with FSA and what association management is all about.



ITB: What exactly is Association Management?

Truth be told, most of my friends and family don't understand what I do for a living! Many large associations are headquartered in Washington, DC and Chicago; thus, the profession is not as well known in the rest of the country. Association management companies, like BSC, run professional associations and societies, providing management and administrative services. AMC's, as they are called, provide staff, office support (including actual office space & phone services), IT support (including web development, graphic design, database management), Membership, Accounting, Development (including exhibit management & fundraising), Board/Committee administration (including project management), Strategic Planning, and frequently have a Conference Planning arm as well.

ITB: Do you only work with clients in the medical field?

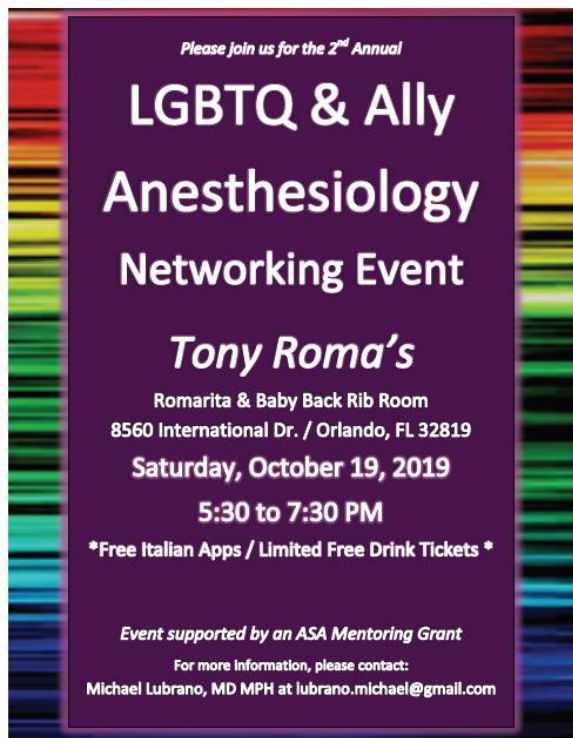
At the moment, all BSC clients are in the medical field, predominantly surgical groups. In the past, our clients have included environmental conflict resolution, educational therapists, and advertising executives!

ITB: How did Los Angeles-based BSC Management come to contract with a Florida society? What was it about FSA that made you say YES to taking us on?

We found each other through a group called AMCI, which is a professional association for association management companies. Our Founder, the late Barbara Berci, and Christina Kasendorf, who became the first FSA Executive Director from BSC, took a whirlwind trip to meet the FSA leadership at the time for an interview in Miami. It was a match made in Heaven, and neither side seems phased by the geography or time difference. We were delighted to add an anesthesia group!

ITB: You oversee a company with numerous clients and a large staff. What is your advice as a leader?

A dirty martini! Kidding. "Servant leadership" might sound like religious terminology, but it's been a long-standing philosophy of mine, and is actually a current trend in business: Keeping the clients' and staff needs in mind, focusing on service and actually serving rather than profit. Of course, diplomacy, being fiercely organized, having top notch multi-tasking ability and an abundance of energy and patience are also required.



Please join us for the 2nd Annual
LGBTQ & Ally Anesthesiology Networking Event
Tony Roma's
Romarita & Baby Back Rib Room
8560 International Dr. / Orlando, FL 32819
Saturday, October 19, 2019
5:30 to 7:30 PM
*Free Italian Apps / Limited Free Drink Tickets *

Event supported by an ASA Mentoring Grant
For more information, please contact:
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Your proudest moment/accomplishment professionally?

Sorry, I have three.

1. When Barbara Berci first asked me to be her business partner in 1996.
2. Sharing life events with our staff: the up's & down's, weddings & divorces, babies & death, client victories & challenges. Our team genuinely cares for each other, and I am fortunate to be part of them.
3. This one was bittersweet...last year in 2018 when Barbara Berci died, coincidentally we also renewed eight existing client contracts. That, to me, was a vote of confidence in BSC, even without our dear Barb.

What's your favorite aspect your job?

Although originally coming from a musical background, I was fairly "left-brained!" Working with physicians appealed to that side of me, having a "seat at the table" with them, being their partner, even without an MD after my name. I enjoy teamwork, whether it's with our staff or client leadership. Problem solving, strategic planning, furthering the goals/missions/initiatives of our clients brings great satisfaction. Working to develop staff, seeing them take on new responsibility and celebrate client "wins" with them is also tremendously rewarding. Lastly, I am never bored! No day is the same as the last, and I continually learn new things.

FSA - Upcoming Events

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| October 19-23, 2019 | ASA Annual Meeting | <i>Orange Co. Convention Ctr, Orlando</i> |
| January 27-28, 2020 | FSA Legislative Days | <i>Tallahassee</i> |
| May 11-13, 2020 | ASA Legislative Conference | <i>Washington DC</i> |
| June 12-14, 2020 | FSA 2020 Annual Meeting | <i>The Breakers, West Palm Beach, FL</i> |

A calendar of national anesthesia-related events is located on the [ASA Website](#).