

enthusiasm of award recipients, on behalf of AATS Foundation leadership and staff, heartfelt appreciation is extended.

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## The Western Thoracic Surgical Association

### Save the Date



### WTSA 47th Annual Meeting

June 23-26, 2021  
Fairmont Empress  
Victoria, BC, Canada

### Call for Abstracts

The 2021 WTSA Annual Meeting will be held at the Fairmont Empress in Victoria, BC, Canada, from June 23 to 26, 2021. Abstract submissions are now being accepted for presentation consideration at the 2021 WTSA Annual Meeting through Monday, January 11, 2021, at 11:59 PM Pacific Standard Time. Visit the WTSA Web site at [westernthoracic.org](http://westernthoracic.org) to view author instructions and to submit abstracts.

### Applications for WTSA Membership

The WTSA is now accepting Applications for Membership online for Active as well as Candidate membership status for the 2021 membership cycle. Visit the WTSA Web site at [www.westernthoracic.org](http://www.westernthoracic.org) to read the complete membership eligibility requirements and to initiate an online application.

### Active Member

\$375 annually, plus \$50 initiation fee

Applicant must meet all membership criteria, including but not limited to:

- Reside within or have completed a cardiothoracic residency training program within the geographic limits of the Association.

- Have been engaged in the practice of thoracic and cardiovascular surgery for at least three years following completion of postgraduate training. If a candidate completed his/her thoracic surgical residency or a one-year clinical fellowship in an institution within the geographic limits of the Association, such completion may count toward one of the three years of practice.
- Have a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine in his or her respective state or province, and have a current appointment on the surgical staff of a hospital with no reportable action pending which could adversely affect such applicant's staff privileges at any hospital.

### Candidate Member

\$100 annually

Applicant must meet all membership criteria, including but not limited to:

- Be matched or enrolled in either a cardiothoracic surgery education program accredited by the Residency Review Committee for Thoracic Surgery under the authority of the ACGME or a program approved for cardiothoracic surgery education by the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada—or their equivalency—from within the Association's geographic limits. Individuals who have completed their education in one of the above programs but do not yet meet all of the criteria for Active membership also are eligible to apply for Candidate membership. Individuals who trained outside the Association's geographic limits who are now residing within the Association's boundaries but do not yet have three years in practice may also apply for Candidate membership.

An application must include the following uploads: a photo, a complete curriculum vitae with bibliography, and, for Active applicants, the 3 most significant articles that s/he personally wrote. The application must be completed and submitted online by March 1, 2021, and all support letter(s) (three for Active applicants, one for Candidates) uploaded by that applicant's sponsor(s) by March 31, 2021, in order for the applicant to be considered for election to membership at the 2021 Annual Meeting.