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## President's Message

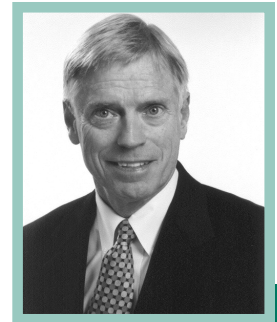
**T**he interim FUS board meeting was recently held during the SESAUA annual meeting in Puerto Rico. Those in attendance included our management team of Wendy Weiser and Kristy Glass as well as President Elect Ray Leveillee, executive committee members Mike Erhard and Mark Melser, committee chair Nicole Eisenbrow and SES AUA delegates and alternates Scott Sellinger, Mike Wehle, Mike Grable, Austin Hill, Steve Hulecki and Mike Jenkins.

Order of business included the treasurers report which revealed a significant stabilization and improvement of our financial status. 2005 ended with a significant positive margin compared to small negative margins for the two prior years. Continuation of this trend is important for the development of reserve funds and future investment income sources for the FUS. Margin improvement is reflective of our management's improved solicitation and collection of industry supported meeting funds despite a tightening of the market. Educational grants related to our annual meeting remain our greatest source of income. In order to obtain wide based industry support, we continue to strive to provide a full spectrum of urologic education at our annual meeting.

The scientific content of our annual Labor Day meeting has been essentially completed thanks to the hard work of program chairman Vinny Bird. Our first session will be devoted to prostate cancer lead by national experts in the field. Urinary stone disease, pediatric and female urology will be emphasized in subsequent scientific sessions with satellite sessions directed to benign prostatic hypertrophy and erectile dysfunction. Resident pyelogram and point-counterpoint sessions will continue to be part of our education. Rick Rutherford from the AUA practice management division will participate in the practice administrator session. Finally the social economical session will emphasize the building of ancillary services within our practices.

Recent board of director action items reviewed in Puerto Rico include a position letter to the AUA board of directors and American Board of Urology on expert witness reform in conjunction with the FMA, establishment of a committee of our past presidents for expert case review for the Board of Medicine, and upgrade of our website including online availability of membership application with updated information.

Recent membership growth is reflective of the concerted efforts of membership chairman Mike Bender and past president Scott Sellinger to solicit Florida SES nonmembers. That effort has been renewed this year. In our onsite FUS meeting survey last year, most of you expressed a willingness to help solicit nonmembers. Please review the membership roster to identify those nonmember urologists in your practice area. The Florida Urologic Society works on behalf of all Florida urologists to provide value in the form of education as well as representation on state, regional and national specialty-specific committees important to the future of urology.



Thomas F. Stringer, MD

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### *Increase the Strength of our Association!*

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Just call the FUS office at (847) 517-7249 or visit our website at [www.flaurological.org](http://www.flaurological.org)!

The Omni at ChampionsGate in Orlando anxiously awaits our arrival for the FUS annual meeting August 31<sup>st</sup> through September 3<sup>rd</sup>. In response to the priorities identified in the recent onsite meeting survey, this meeting continues to promote excellent scientific and socioeconomic education, opportunities for networking and social time with your peers, and family friendly venues. If you decide to venture away from the Omni's extensive amenities, the Disney attractions are only a few minutes away. Again, we will have a spousal hospitality room available and Leah and I look forward to seeing you in Orlando. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or needs at stringergoblue@yahoo.com or on my cell phone at (352) 302-2150 at any time.

## Florida on the Legislative Front

Raichawn (Rai) Flynn,  
AACU State Affairs Manager

The AACU State Society Network has been tracking two legislative initiatives in Florida and both are moving along well. The first is Senate Bill 2006, which would put an end to joint and several liability in Florida. Under current Florida law, if you are one of multiple defendants in a malpractice case and you are found liable for 20% of the damages, you could be forced to pay the entire 100% of damages if the other defendant(s) cannot pay. For some time, trial lawyers have been naming multiple defendants in cases as a way to win big in the malpractice jackpot. Joint and several liability is unfair, and with this reform we believe plaintiffs will bring less cases to court. The AACU is proud to inform Florida urologists that Senate Bill 2006 has passed both the state House and Senate and we expect the Governor to sign it.

Another issue the AACU has been working on with the Florida Medical Association (FMA) from day one is the Expert Witness Certification bill (House Bill 1561 and Senate Bill 2686). Before the start of the state legislative session, the AACU and FMA sent out an alert to Florida urologists informing them about this legislation and looking for stories from urologists who have had negative experiences with out-of-state expert witnesses. *(If you did not receive this email, it is possible the AACU office does not have your email on file. You can email us at [statesociety@aacuweb.org](mailto:statesociety@aacuweb.org) with your address).*

This bill will curb the abusive expert witness problem in three ways:

- 1) It will require potential out-of-state expert witnesses to receive a certificate from the Board of Medicine before being allowed to testify.
- 2) It will subject physicians to discipline for providing misleading, deceptive or fraudulent expert witness testimony related to the practice of medicine.
- 3) It will require the expert witness to be a Florida-licensed medical provider or hold an expert witness certificate mandated by this bill.

This bill was created by the FMA with the help of specialty societies like the AACU. So far, the bill has passed the House Health and Families Committee and will soon be heard on the House floor. This bill passed out of committee by just one vote so a grassroots effort is going to be need soon. When we get closer to a vote, the AACU will send an email alert to all Florida urologists explaining how you can help pass this important legislation.

Finally, following the first ever Joint Advocacy Conference in Washington, D.C., sponsored by the AACU and AUA, several new board members were appointed. We would like to announce the appointment of B. Thomas Brown, M.D. of Daytona Beach Florida to the AACU Board of Directors as the Southeastern Section Advisor. Dr. Brown has served the state of Florida as the AACU State Representative to the State Society Network from Florida where he always made sure that issues important to Florida urologists were shared with other state representatives. Dr. Brown also helped design the AACU Key Survey for urologists, which helps the State Society Network guide its legislative action for the year. Dr. Brown has served as President of the Florida Urologic Society and also the Southeastern Section of the AUA.

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[www.flaurological.org](http://www.flaurological.org) today!

- ❖ Obtain current meeting information
- ❖ Register online for the annual meeting (when available)
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- ❖ Pay your dues online

## International Volunteers in Urology, Inc.

Are you a resident or fellow looking to gain urology experience internationally? The International Volunteers in Urology (IVU) Traveling Resident Scholarship Program provides opportunities for residents and fellows to spend from one to four weeks in a developing country with an IVU mentor urologist. Since 1999, IVU has sent their Traveling Resident Scholarship recipients to numerous countries, including Haiti, Vietnam, India, Tanzania, Cameroon, Honduras, Mexico and Peru. The residents perform surgery under supervision, learn about limitations in surgical and medical options, and sometimes teach didactic sessions on topics that they have studied in the United States. Depending on the site that the resident rotates to, he or she may participate in open stone surgery, benign prostate surgery, hypospadias repairs, and incontinence procedures.

If you are interested in being part of this program, please visit International Volunteers in Urology, Inc., online at [www.ivumed.org](http://www.ivumed.org), where applications and scholarship information are available.

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We look forward to their continued  
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## FUS 2006 ANNUAL MEETING

August 31 - September 3, 2006

Omni Orlando Resort at ChampionsGate  
Orlando, Florida

### Program Highlights

#### Prostate Cancer Session

**State of the Art Technique for Radical Retropubic Prostatectomy**  
Mark Soloway, MD, University of Miami

**Robot-Assisted Laparoscopic Radical Prostatectomy**  
Joseph Smith, MD, Vanderbilt University

**Straight Laparoscopic Radical Prostatectomy**  
Julio Pow-Sang, MD, H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center

**Cryotherapy for Prostate Cancer**  
Martin Dineen, MD, Atlantic Urological Associates

**Radiation Oncology**  
Michael Zelefsky, MD, Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center

**Evaluation of PSA Failure after Radical Prostatectomy**  
Joseph Smith, MD, Vanderbilt University

**Salvage Treatment for Prostate Cancer after Local Radiation Therapy**  
Louis Pister, MD, Anderson Cancer Center

**Early Versus Late Androgen Deprivation for Local Treatment Failure**  
Mark Soloway, MD, University of Miami

#### Ureteroscopy Session

**Selection and Durability of Ureteroscopes: Considerations**  
Vincent Bird, MD, University of Miami

**Use of Ureteral Access Sheaths in Ureteroscopy Surgery**  
John Burns, MD, University of Alabama at Birmingham

**Use of Lasers in Ureteroscopic Surgery**  
Raymond Leveillee, MD, University of Miami

**Pediatric Urology for the Community Urologist - When to Refer**  
Michael Erhard, MD, The Nemours Children's Clinic

#### Socioeconomic Session

**The Hospital-Physician Interface: A Changing Partnership**  
Thomas Stringer, MD, Citrus Urology Associates

**Canadian Healthcare-Gatekeeper Lost**  
Paul Whelan, MD, McMasters

**How to Protect Your Florida Assets**  
Joel Blau, Medicus Asset Advisors

#### Building Practice Ancillaries

**IMRT**  
David Vaughan, MD, Winter Park Urology Associates

**In-office Diagnostic Imaging**  
Ed Janosko, MD, Eastern Urological Associates  
President SESUA

**Pathology and Lab-Addressing OIG Concerns**  
Mike Grable, MD, Atlantic Urological Associates

#### Female Urology/Urodynamics

**Guest Speakers**  
Angelo Gousse, MD, University of Miami  
Raul Ordorica, MD, Tampa General Hospital  
Gary Leach, MD, Tower Urology Institute for Continence

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be mailed soon!**  
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meeting updates and registration!



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