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President's Message

I have had the great privilege over the last decade and a half of working with and being mentored by many of the members of the Florida Urological Society. As you can imagine I am overwhelmingly honored to be your president. The Florida Urological Society is filled with some of the most outstanding urologists and people I have ever been associated with. The commitment to patient care and outcomes were one of the first things that attracted me to the society, and the collegial interaction between community and academic urologists is exemplary. Congratulations to Mike Grable for presiding over another successful meeting in Bonita Springs last September. The meeting was another showcase highlighting the urological expertise that this state has to offer. Wade Sexton compiled a great list of speakers and the topics were timely and lively. The "Best Evidence" session continues to be a favorite topic of the attendees and accentuates the commitment of our urologists to provide the best possible care to our patients.



Terrence C. Regan, MD

I am reminded every year as I attend our annual meeting of what an incredibly bright group of residents that are training in our state's academic centers. This bodes well for the future of urology. As the role of physician extenders continues to increase I'm pleased that our session for allied health continues to expand. Of course I would be remiss if I didn't mention the wonderful and generous support the meeting continues to receive from our industry sponsors. The Friday night wine reception with the vendors continues to be an excellent opportunity for attendees and vendors to meet in a relaxed atmosphere. The vendors continue to find this a great setting for them and we hope to continue this successful relationship.

The Florida Urological Society has a reputation as being one of the most active societies in the nation and the attendance at the meetings continues to grow. This is in no small part due to the large number of urologists who have supported the society over the years. Kudos also goes to our management team led by Wendy Weiser and her incredible staff: Sue O'Sullivan, John Hansen and Katie Scheck, whose expertise at running these meetings is invaluable.

This year is already shaping up to be an eventful one as the Florida Urological Society is actively involved in commenting on the U.S. Preventive Task Force recommendations on routine PSA screening in adult males. I suspect that as changes continue to our healthcare system, the Florida Urological Society will be at the forefront looking out for the best interests of our patients and our specialty.

This year's meeting will be held at the Hilton Bonnet Creek in Orlando. This property is situated adjacent to Disney World and houses both a Hilton and a Waldorf Astoria with reciprocal privileges at both hotels. David Thiel and I hope to be able to bring you a program that maintains the same level of excellence and value as we have had in the past. We are looking forward to hosting a wonderful event at a great site that will make a great Labor Day weekend for the whole family.

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Increase the Strength of our Association!

Medicare Advisory Committee Meeting

The Medicare Carrier Advisory committee met on October 15th and, as always, was lively and highlighted the continuing changes to reimbursement rules and regulations.

A Local Coverage Determination was drafted for percutaneous tibial nerve stimulation. This LCD, although allowing the procedure, has a number of restrictions to it - specifically a once in a lifetime edit. We argued to lift that edit but as of publication it is uncertain if we were successful. As more and more pressure to contain cost is applied to our carrier I believe these LCD's will be more and more restrictive. In some ways they have to be, unfortunately, as there are always a few bad apples that either outright abuse the system or game the

system. It is a very fine balance to having an LCD that allows appropriate coverage without being too restrictive or too vague allowing the possibility of abuse.

A couple of other important issues that you should be aware of: The Affordable Care Act requires that you revalidate your enrollment in Medicare. This process begins September 30, 2011, and will end in October 2013. You will receive a letter requesting revalidation and you have 60 days to do so. Do not revalidate until you receive the letter requesting you to do so. Please be aware of these issues so you don't end up with delays in payment. I would direct you to the First Coast Service Options website (www.fcso.com) as there is an abundance of information available there for you. E/M codes will likely be looked at in the future both by the carrier and the RAC. Please make sure you review your coding process.



Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Vincent G. Bird, MD

As the current secretary/treasurer of the FUS, I am pleased to report that our organization continues to be in good financial health. As of the end of September, we have a total fund balance of \$470,668 with a year-to-date operating surplus of \$125,562. Even in these uncertain economic times, our balance sheet remains strong due to our large membership, the continuing efforts of our leadership, and WJ Weiser & Associates, our administrative group.

As secretary/treasurer, I would like to share some of my experiences being a member and integral part of the FUS. As I was trained as a urology resident in Florida at the University of Miami, I became acquainted with the FUS at an early stage in my career. I have always found the annual meetings educational and collegial. Ever since the first time I participated in the pyelogram hour, I have found my time spent with the FUS to be quite educational in the most practical sense. The FUS meeting provides a great forum for individuals to ask questions and receive updates about current state of the art management and treatment of a large variety of urological diseases. Our annual meeting certainly has a more personal nature than some of the larger meetings, while also providing an educational element of the highest quality. We at the FUS are quite fortunate in that we have the means to not only draw upon the wealth of experience of urologists across the country, but as well as the many urologists in both academic and private practice right here in our state of Florida. I have served as the scientific director for our annual meeting on two occasions, and have found both experiences to be truly rewarding, not only in terms of educational rewards, but in terms of getting to know so many national and state colleagues so much better. Of course, we are also most fortunate in Florida in that we are able to have our meetings at a large number of high-quality venues that allow us all to experience, with our families and friends, the wide variety of locales that our great and beautiful state has to offer.

Another very important aspect of my participation and attendance at the FUS in the early part of my career relates to how urology as an organized group deals with the many socio-economic issues that we come across on a regular basis. Over the years, having a number of socio-economic discussions with my contemporaries, many have asked how I was able to become so informed to be able to help myself in making important practice-related decisions. I proudly point out the FUS, which I have found, far beyond any other entity, keeps its members well informed and updated. Part of the reason that I share this experience is that I would urge both younger urologists to carefully consider the importance of being part of the FUS, and being well informed, and telling our more senior members, to remain part of the FUS, for the same reason. In fact, a number of my contemporaries in other states have voiced that they wished they had such a comprehensive organization in their own state.

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Whether in the private practice or academic environment, many of the current and proposed healthcare policy changes will impact us all substantially. As individuals we often wonder what we can do to have our voices heard. Simply put, we must do what all similar such professional and interest groups do: speak as a larger voice. Through discussion with experts, and amongst ourselves, we can better inform ourselves, prepare ourselves, and defend our specialty by acting as a large group. Consider the FUS in terms of influence. We have meetings that are at times larger in volume than some AUA sectional meetings. We have the largest delegation to the board of the Southeastern Section of the AUA, which gives us great influence in that organization and the AUA. Because of the extensive experience of our state society members, we have FUS members who sit as part of a number of committees that have a large impact on our practice and healthcare policies.

Though we all have our individual practices and everyday circumstances, a large number of practice-related issues impact us all in a very similar manner. Though as physicians we spend a large portion of our time as individuals caring for our patients, there is also a time for all of us to act as a group. We all must remember that we have strength in numbers. Every urologist that becomes a member of the FUS and every urologist that comes to an FUS annual meeting will make us stronger as a group, and help us better care for our patients. Through my early career I have watched the FUS grow and become an ever better organization in terms of service to its members. It is my hope that we can not only preserve what we have, but continue to grow.



Nominating Committee Report

Robert C. Newman, MD

This year it has been my pleasure to serve with the following individuals who made up our Nominating Committee:

Robert C. Newman, MD - Chair	3 rd Past President
T.J. Ross, MD	2 nd Past President
Mike Wehle, MD	1 st President
Adam Ball, MD	Member-at-Large
Eduardo Puente, MD	Member-at-Large
At our last meeting in Naples, the following members were elected to serve us in our general business meeting.	
President:	Terrence C. Regan, MD
President-Elect:	Michael A. Binder, MD
Secretary-Treasurer:	Vincent G. Bird, MD
Other members of the Executive Committee and their terms of office are:	
LI-Ming Su, MD	2010-2012
Adam Ball, MD	2011-2012
Wade Sexton, MD	2011-2012
Don Bergner, MD	2011-2013
Philipp Dahm, MD	2011-2013
Bruce Kava, MD	2011-2013

SOUTHEASTERN SECTION REPRESENTATION

We are fortunate to have five (5) delegates to the Southeastern Section of the American Urological Association. The number of members in the Society determines the number of Delegates to the Southeastern Section. With over 500 members, Florida has the largest state Society in the Section.

For each Delegate there is in Alternate Delegate. Both Delegate and Alternate Delegate position serve for three (3) years. Delegates and

Alternate Delegates are asked to attend the Spring Board meeting of the Southeastern Section. In the event of a vote, Florida has five (5) votes, one for each Delegate. Alternate Delegates cannot vote unless one of our Delegates is absent. In most cases, when an Alternate Delegate completes his/her term, that individual moves to a Delegate position.

Our current Delegates and Alternate Delegates are as follows. (Terms of office begin at the close of the Southeastern Section Board meeting and expire at the close of this meeting three years hence.)

DELEGATES AND TERM EXPIRATION DATES:

Austin Hill, MD	2012
Steve Hulecki, MD	2012
David Jablonski, MD	2013
Rafael Carion, MD	2014
Mike Erhard, MD	2014
Vincent G. Bird, MD	2015
Michael A. Binder, MD	2015
Michael A. Dennis Jr., MD	2015
Paul R. Young, MD	2015

ALTERNATE DELEGATES AND TERM EXPIRATION DATES:

Joshua T. Green, MD	2013
Alan M. Nieder, MD	2013
Sijo J. Parekattil, MD	2013

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

The composition of our Nominating Committee is defined in our Bylaws. There are five (5) voting members consisting of two (2) Members-at-Large and the three most recent Past Presidents. The most senior Past President serves as the Chair of the Committee. The two Members-at-Large serve staggered two-year terms. For the year 2011-2012, the members of our Nominating Committee will be:

		TERM
T.J. Ross, MD	3 rd Past President	Term ends in 2012
Mike Wehle, MD	2 nd Past President	Term ends in 2013
Mike Grable, MD	1 st Past President	Term ends in 2014
Eduardo Puente, MD	Member-at-Large	2010-2012
Marc Cohen, MD	Member-at-Large	2011-2013

APPOINTED POSITIONS

In addition to these elected positions, our President appoints the Annual Scientific Program Chair and several standing committees including: Bylaws, Legislative and Government Policy, and Membership. If you have an interest in serving on one of these committees, please contact our current president Terry Regan, MD.

PARTICIPATION IN THE FLORIDA UROLOGICAL SOCIETY

The success of our society is based on participation by you, our members. If you would like to nominate a member of our society for a position, or if you would like to be considered for a position yourself, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the 2011 Nominating Committee,

Robert C. Newman, MD



Report from the Immediate Past President

Michael S. Grable, MD

I hope the 63rd annual meeting of the Florida Urological Society was an educational and enjoyable event for everyone who attended. We owe Wade Sexton, from USF, immense gratitude for the great scientific program he organized. The meeting again ran like a well-tuned machine thanks to the WJ Weiser group with Sue O'Sullivan, John Hansen, Katie Scheck, Devin Lindsey and Kerry Johnson on site. Industry continued to offer support and educational opportunities that were vital to the success of this endeavor. Mary Mathe chaired a great PA/ARNP session and Mike Shea reintroduced the practice managers session, both of which were very well received. Finally, the support from all of the Florida academic institutions and the private practice members, as well as the invited faculty, was invaluable.

My year as president was truly enjoyable (thanks to all of the hard work of those mentioned above) and I took great pleasure in the interactions with everyone associated with the FUS. We are a large association, partially due to the size of the state, but more importantly because of active involvement of urologists in this state. I believe we are the strongest state urological organization in the country, an attribute that is recognized on the national level.

Urology continues to face increasing challenges from all sides. It is the goal of our society to continue to face these challenges for the benefit of our patients and to keep urology strong in this state. We will continue to offer the best state urological educational and networking forum via our annual meeting. We also will need to become more actively involved throughout the rest of the year. Our new president, Terry Regan, has already started this with the recent FUS response to the misguided USPSTF PSA screening recommendation. This is just one example of an issue that can have a great impact on the health of our patients that demands a response from organized urology. I encourage you all to continue to be active in the Florida Urological Society to protect our patients and our specialty.



Florida Urological Society State Affairs Update

Ross Weber, State Affairs Manager

dent of the AACU. Dr. Brown joined the presidents of the American Urological Association and Large Urology Group Practice Association to describe how each envisions his association's role in state-level advocacy and support of state societies.

Immediate Past President Michael Grable, MD, stunned attendees with his "Seven Days in May" presentation. Dr. Grable shared incredible behind-the-scenes details from the radiation therapy campaign that included hiring lawyers and lobbyists in Tallahassee. Securing donations from physicians and practices to support these outlays was the focus of comments by Panama City urologist Neal Dunn, MD. Dr. Dunn urged state societies to prepare for legislative battles before they happen. This may require establishing an advocacy fund independent of the state society.

The FUS, as one of the most mature urology state societies, establishes best practices for other organizations to emulate. This reputation was bolstered by these presentations, and exemplifies the strength of your FUS. Please continue to support the FUS and engagement in the state advocacy campaigns via its affiliation with the AACU State Society Network.

Senate Receives "Brief" on Patient Referrals

In the waning days of the 2011 legislative session, the Florida Senate protected access to patient-centered care by rejecting an attempt to eliminate specialized cancer care furnished in the group practice setting. The Senate ultimately commissioned its Committee on Health Regulation to study the matter in an Issue Brief published September 23, 2011.

According to its authors, the "issue brief examines radiation therapy, the patient populations receiving radiation therapy, the [federal] Stark Law, the Patient Self-Referral Act of 1992, self-referral laws in other states, and the potential public benefit or detriment of altering the status quo with respect to physician self-referrals for radiation therapy services."

Please download the full report on the Florida Senate website (www.flsenate.gov/Committees). Click on "Committee Publications" in the right column and follow the link to Interim Work Program 2011-2012 Reports and Summaries.

Florida Figures Large at AACU Advocacy Conference

Florida urologists played a significant role at the 4th Annual AACU State Society Network Advocacy Conference.

A record number of attendees, including more than 20 presidents of state urology societies, traveled to suburban Chicago in late September 2011 to promote engagement in state-level advocacy and public policy.

President Terry Regan, MD, represented the FUS at the meeting and in the newly formed State Society Presidents' Council. Thomas Brown, MD, MBA, kicked-off the conference in his role as Presi-

2012 Legislative Session Unofficially Underway

While the 2012 Regular Legislative Session officially begins Tuesday, January 10, 2012, committees continue to meet throughout the fall and early winter to establish priorities for the new year. As of the time of this writing, more than 600 bills have been introduced, including measures on expert witness qualifications, physician assistants' prescriptive authority and supervision of surgical technologists.

The final two weeks of interim committee meetings take place November 14 and December 5. Review calendars online by visiting each chamber's home page (www.myfloridahouse.gov; www.flsenate.gov).

2012 Session Deadlines

- Dec. 2 - Bill draft request
- Jan. 6 - Bill draft approval
- Jan. 10 - Bill introduction (Session Convenes)
- March 9 - Session adjourns

Florida Urological Society

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Industry Partnerships are a vital part of our success. The FUS is currently seeking industry partners who share our commitment to growth and excellence in the field of urology in the state of Florida.

The partnership packages we offer include additional marketing opportunities and enhanced exposure throughout the meeting. Through this program, we hope to work in tandem with our industry colleagues to identify ways to enhance our current member programs and implement new projects that will lead to improved patient care through better physician education and mentoring. Please invite your industry contacts to become FUS industry partners. Partnerships packages are promotional opportunities and, unlike educational grants, are appropriate to discuss with your sales representatives. Please ask them to contact John Hansen at john@wjweiser.com for more information.

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