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President's Message

Michael A. Binder, MD

Thank you for entrusting me with the honor of being your president for the next year. I know I have a tough act to follow. Congratulations to Terrence Regan for a superb year as president and for running such a wonderful meeting in Orlando.

As I sat down to write my first "President's Message", I decided to look back at where our organization has been to see how we have succeeded in our stated goals, and then to look towards the future to see how I can continue or improve upon the past efforts. On the homepage of our website, there is a mission statement which reads: "The primary mission of the Florida Urological Society is to provide an educational, political, social and economic advisory forum as well as a common voice for all urologists in the State of Florida."

I thought that was interesting. We have certainly done a great job with the educational mission, as evidenced by our annual meetings. Of all the meetings that I attend, the FUS meeting has always been my favorite. Geared towards clinicians, we always have a comprehensive overview of the latest advancements in all the sub-specialties within urology. Traditionally, academicians from all of our state's teaching institutions have been included as speakers in our meeting, giving us an opportunity to meet them and learn about their latest research and interests. The Pyelogram Hour and resident debates challenge us with difficult diagnostic conundrums and allow us to hear both sides of the latest controversies in our field, respectively. No other meeting offers such an excellent forum for education than our FUS annual meeting. Kudos to Dr. David Thiel for organizing the educational portion of this year's meeting.

Next year, our meeting will be in Tampa at the Tampa Marriott Waterside Hotel & Marina. In our long history, our organization has never held a meeting in Tampa, my adopted home town. Downtown was recently renovated for the Republican National Convention, and I am certain we will be able to take advantage of that. Dr. Philipp Dahm of University of Florida will be the annual meeting program chair, and I am looking forward to working with him on what will certainly be another excellent educational experience.

The annual meeting also offers a wonderful social forum. I must echo Dr. Regan's statement in last year's "President's Message" when he wrote that the FUS is filled with some of the most outstanding people with whom I have ever been associated. The size of our state prohibits our seeing many of these people I now call friends on a frequent basis. But the annual meeting offers the opportunity to meet and socialize. At this year's meeting, Dr. Regan made sure the Annual Dinner was family friendly to encourage new and younger members to attend both the meeting and the dinner. I will try to do the same this coming year.

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I think we have also done well in our economic mission. As a state society, we have been blessed in having members of our Society participating on Florida's Medicare Carrier Advisory Committee, the federal government's Medicare Payment Advisory Commission and the AUA's Health Policy Council. These committees directly affect our economic future and the FUS tries to keep all of our members informed of the latest updates from these committees on our website. Our annual meeting also has a Socio-Economic Forum, which has always been enlightening, although sometimes depressing, and helps keep our members updated on the latest government mandated changes to our practice. For the past few years, we have also had a concurrent Practice Managers Session, to help our supportive staff learn the things they need to know to help us run our practices.

If our organization has had any weakness in our stated goals, it has been in the political arena. Quite a few years ago, the board of the FUS opted to remain apolitical. I no longer believe we can afford to do so. I have seen more changes to the practice of medicine over the past two years than in the previous 28 years since I graduated medical school. ObamaCare has added a new federal insurance program, as well as the expansion of Medicaid. Accountable Care Organizations are trying to change the way physicians are paid, with more changes certain to come. The US Preventive Services Task Force has questioned how we practice urology. And a yet to be formed board mandated by the Affordable Care Act will further influence how much we are paid and what services will be covered. A Federal budget crisis is looming. Two out of every three dollars spent by the Federal Government goes to some form of an entitlement program, with health care being a very large percentage of those monies. And 40 cents of every dollar spent by the Federal Government is borrowed money. This is unsustainable. We are already seeing branches of organized medicine fighting amongst themselves over the ever shrinking healthcare dollar. Such trends are certain to continue.

It is time for our organization to become an advocate for the urologists in our state and for our patients. Whether we do this in conjunction with already established organizations such as the AACU's State Society Network, or do this on our own remains to be determined. These two options are not mutually exclusive. At the annual meeting, our board has decided to look into becoming involved in The Florida Prostate Cancer Advisory Council, which I think is an excellent first step toward our goal for stronger advocacy.

My goal over the next year is to lead our Society further this direction. Please help. We have a number of committees that have only chairpersons. If you would like to volunteer for any of the committees or have ideas that you would like to share, please do not hesitate to email me at michael.binder@urology.ufl.edu.

I look forward to seeing all of you in Tampa.

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(Terms are concurrent with SES terms, and begin and end with the section meeting in March.)

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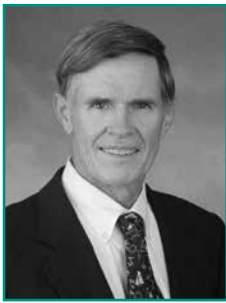
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Nominating Committee Report

T. Johnson Ross, Jr., MD

It has been my privilege and pleasure to serve on the Nominating Committee for the past three years. I also want to thank the other members of the committee for their support this past year. The committee members were as follows:

T. J. Ross, MD – Chair	3rd Past President
Michael Wehle, MD	2nd Past President
Michael Grable, MD	1st Past President
Eduardo Puente, MD	Member-at-Large
Marc Cohen, MD	Member-at-Large

The following members were approved at our annual FUS business meeting on September 2, 2012, in Orlando to fill the vacancies.

OFFICERS

President:	Michael Binder, MD
President-Elect:	Vincent Bird, MD
Secretary-Treasurer:	Paul Young, MD
Immediate Past President:	Terrence Regan, MD

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS (2 year terms)

Adam Ball, MD
Wade Sexton, MD
Neal Dunn, MD

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(Terms are Concurrent)	
Donald 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 an 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.)

NEW DELEGATE TO SES

Alan Nieder, MD 2013-2016

OTHER SES DELEGATES (Terms are Concurrent)

Rafael Carrion, MD	Term expires 2014
Michael Erhard, MD	Term expires 2014
Michael Binder, MD	Term expires 2015
Vincent Bird, MD	Term expires 2015

NEW ALTERNATE DELEGATES TO THE SES

Vipul Patel, MD	2013-2016
Rolando Rivera, MD	2013-2014 (Completing a vacant term)

OTHER ALTERNATE DELEGATES (Terms are Concurrent)

Sijo Parekattil, MD	Term expires 2014
Michael Dennis, MD	Term expires 2015
Paul Young, MD	Term expires 2015
Josh Green, MD	Term expires 2013

FMA REPRESENTATION FROM THE FUS

(Terms expire annually but are renewable)

The FUS is entitled to 3 delegates and 3 alternate delegates to the FMA based on our membership number and percentage of members that belong to the FMA.

FMA DELEGATES

Neal Dunn, MD
Edward King, MD
Alan Miller, MD

NEW FMA ALTERNATE DELEGATE

Eduardo Puente, MD

OTHER ALTERNATE DELEGATES TO THE FMA

Donald Bergner, MD
David Meinbach, MD

NEW NOMINATING COMMITTEE 2012-2013

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 2012 – 2013, the members of our Nominating Committee will be:

Michael Wehle, MD, Chair	3rd Past President
Michael Grable, MD	2nd Past President
Terrence Regan, MD	1st Past President
Marc Cohen, MD	Member-at-Large 2011-2013
Larry Hakim, MD	Member-at-Large 2012-2014

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, Michael Binder, 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. We would like to thank all of our members who have expressed interest in getting more involved in the Florida Urologic Society. The number of vacancies varies each year with fewer vacancies this past year than usual. Nevertheless your interest is appreciated and we hope to see you at next year's FUS Annual Meeting.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the 2012 Nominating Committee,

T. Johnson Ross, MD



Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Paul Young, MD

Another successful Florida Urological Society annual meeting has finished. I continue to be impressed at how well organized and attended the meetings are. Members of the FUS should be proud of their society. I have only attended a couple of other state society meetings and although I found the experiences valuable, they did not compare to our FUS meeting. We are fortunate to practice in a large state, but beyond that we benefit from having many talented and dedicated urologists in our society.

Thanks to a large membership, society leaders that give generously of their time and the management skills of the WJ Weiser group. I am happy to report as the secretary/treasurer of the FUS that our society continues to be in excellent financial shape.

Personally, I have attended many FUS meetings and became much more involved after serving as scientific director in 2008. The effort and time that the scientific directors, the presidents and all the members of the Board of Directors put into the annual meeting and

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the Society is more than commendable. Anyone who attends the annual meeting can see that. Unfortunately, I know I am preaching to the choir. The attendees at the annual meeting realize how valuable the scientific sessions are and how enjoyable and productive it is to get to know other urologists from around Florida. The challenge will be to convince non-members to join the FUS and attend the annual meeting. I am convinced that if they attend once they will want to make it an annual event.

The number of residents training in Florida continues to grow. Their participation at the annual meeting is vital. I always enjoy listening to their original and entertaining debate presentations. I am happy that the Society embraces their participation in the meeting. I suspect that as their numbers continue to grow they will take on an even larger role at the meeting.

I look forward to serving in this society as secretary/treasurer and getting to know more of the members.



Report from the Immediate Past President

Terrance C. Regan, MD

As the 64th Florida Urological Society annual meeting came to close in early September, I was reminded what a truly great and influential organization this has become. I would like to thank all the past presidents for the foundation that this Society is built upon. I would like to think that this past year we were able to strengthen the organization as it prepares for the challenges the future brings.

We all owe a great debt of gratitude to Dr. David Thiel who put together a magnificent scientific program at this year's meeting. The sessions highlighted what technical advances await us as well as reminding us of the regulatory hurdles that we must now cross to offer the best possible care for our patients. We also thank the academic institutions who provide the majority of the speakers and to their scientific expertise that they bring to the meeting. The invited guest speakers were outstanding and helped round out an exceptional meeting. I would also like to recognize the residents for their presentations and interest in the Society.

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I would also like to point out what a wonderful job the WJ Weiser group does for our Society not only helping organize and run the meeting but also helping with the administrative duties throughout the year. In particular, Sue O'Sullivan and her staff, Pam Murphy and Maria Marchesi, are all to be applauded for their efforts.

It goes without saying that we are tremendously thankful for the Industry Support that has helped the annual meeting of the Florida Urological Society to become the envy of many other states and sections. Without their support this meeting would not reach the level of excellence that our membership has come to expect and deserve.

I would also like to thank the membership for entrusting in me the presidency for this past year. I am extremely grateful for the opportunity and honor to serve. Our current President, Michael Binder, MD, is more than up to the task given to him. As Dr. Binder has pointed out, this organization needs to expand its role and start to advocate both for urologists and more importantly for their patients. We are all concerned that the ability of urologists to deliver the urological care that their patients need and deserve may be compromised by governmental regulations and insurance industry bureaucracy. The Florida Urological Society will add an advocacy role to its mission. This is a timely and much needed addition and I am happy to be a part of this evolution. I look forward to seeing all of you in Tampa in 2013.



Florida Urological Society State Affairs Update

Ross E. Weber, WJ Weiser State Affairs Manager

For more information on any of the following news briefs, visit the source's website and enter key words from the headline.

[Fla. legal climate among worst in the nation](#) (flchamber.com)

A new national survey shows that Florida's legal climate continues to rank among the worst in the country – coming in at 41 out of 50 states. Florida's legal climate, according to the US Chamber Institute for Legal Reform, has been among the nation's 10 worst for 4 consecutive years.

[Medicare cuts to eliminate 36,000 jobs; hospitals prepare](#) (naplesnews.com)

Southwest Florida hospital leaders are bracing for Medicare cuts that a study says could result in the loss of nearly 36,000 health-care jobs in Florida next year. Hospitals expect a 2 percent reimbursement cut, scheduled to take effect in January.

[Medicare HMO rates dip in FL](#) (palmbeachpost.com)

Florida has so many zero-premium Medicare Advantage health plans that the average premium price for 2013 actually is going down. In Florida, the average premium will cost seniors \$5.66 a month, down from \$5.80.

[Health plans ready to vie for Medicaid contracts in Florida](#)

(palmbeachpost.com)

With Florida gradually moving toward a statewide Medicaid- managed care system, 14 health plans are ready to compete for contracts to provide long-term care to seniors. The health plans met a deadline for submitting documents that will be used by the state as it awards contracts in 11 different regions of the state. Related: Big changes coming in Medicaid reimbursement (thefloridacurrent.com)

[Scott ranks among 'most influential' in health care](#)

(bizjournals.com)

Florida Gov. Rick Scott placed No. 43 on Modern Healthcare's list of the 100 most influential people in health care. Scott was one of two Floridians on the list, published Aug. 25.

[USF forms health system, plans teaching hospital](#)

(heraldtribune.com)

The University of South Florida recently made public the university's plan to create a USF Health System and to connect with Lakeland Regional Medical Center as an inaugural member and teaching hospital. Related: Med-school dean tilts at 'transformative' change (tampabay.com)

[Most FL hospitals use best practices: report](#) (jointcommission.org)

The Joint Commission's report on whether hospitals follow best practices for treatment of heart attack and three other conditions shows 45 of 60 reviewed in Florida passed all four. In South Florida, five HCA hospitals were among the top 11.

[Amendment opposing healthcare law likely will have little effect](#) (orlandosentinel.com)

Amendment 1 prohibits laws from compelling any person or employer to purchase, obtain or otherwise provide for healthcare coverage. The proposal was born before the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the law last spring and would not likely be enforceable.

[Justice warns of political assault on the courts](#) (miamiherald.com)

As the campaign against three Florida Supreme Court justices up for merit retention took shape, one of the targeted justices warned that the future of the state's independent judiciary was under threat. The remarks came three days after the Republican Party of Florida announced it will oppose him and Justices Barbara Pariente and Peggy Quince. Related: Justices' fundraising slows in retention campaigns (jaxdailyrecord.com); State GOP opposes Supreme Court justices' retention (miamiherald.com)

[Forecasters see a surplus, lawmakers are cautious](#)

(flchamber.com)

State lawmakers will have about \$71.3 million of breathing room when they begin crafting the budget for the coming fiscal year, according to forecasters, but some legislators are already beginning to wonder how long the good news will last.

[FL politics so exciting even the dead vote](#)

(miamiherald.typepad.com)

New filings in a lawsuit over a state House race allege that several dead people cast absentee ballots from one North Miami nursing home, and that ballots were filed for patients at another home who now say they didn't vote.

[Senate to organize in Nov., 60-day session kicks off March 5](#) (flsenate.gov)

The Senate will convene Nov. 20, 2012, for an organizational meeting and March 5, 2013, when the Regular Session convenes. March 5 is also the deadline for filing bills for introduction. Pursuant to the Florida Constitution, the legislature will adjourn May 3, 2013, the 60th and last day of Regular Session.

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