President’s Message
Rolando Rivera, MD, FACS

I am very humbled as well as extremely enthusiastic for the opportunity to serve as the President of the Florida Urologic Society (FUS) for the 2016 – 2017 year. It is an honor and responsibility to which I will dedicate my utmost effort and deliver to the best of my abilities. I appreciate all the members, officers and past presidents who have helped me achieve this appointment. Moreover, I thank my wife and family for their unwavering support.

In the ever changing landscape of healthcare, and with the upcoming transitions to MACRA and MIPS, my vision is to further grow our Society into not only an entity of education but into another useful resource that can assist in navigating the changes ahead. As we continue to serve in this humble profession, and though the changes ahead may be uncomfortable, we want to deliver to our members useful tools, so all of us can continue to steadfastly provide care to patients, friends and family with the same integrity, dedication, love and compassion that we have done for all these years. We must continue to place patient-centered care above all else.

The Florida Urological Society membership is larger and stronger than many state societies and even other AUA sections. Our meetings and scientific programs are robust and comparable, if not superior, to many. The wealth of resources in our state, both in academic institutions and private practice, places our organization in a remarkable position to impact urological health education and to certainly influence health policy. Our past FUS presidents, officers and members have and continue to be leaders in our communities and in our field. We should strive to grow our Society to increase the strength of our voices at all levels of organized medicine. Many of our members are involved in prominent leadership positions within the SESUA and the AUA, as well as other organizations, but that drive will only continue with the support of all of our members. I encourage all of you to remain engaged and to reach out to as many of our peers, particularly our junior colleagues, to participate.

This year’s meeting held at the Ritz Carlton in Amelia Island was especially memorable and marked by the bestowment of the Lifetime Achievement Award to one of my mentors, Dr. Zev Wajsman. Dr. Wajsman has and continues to be a pillar of our community, a true example of dedication to family, a consummate professional, an outstanding clinician, and a commendable human being. I am honored to call myself one of his former residents. Thank you, Zev, and may God continue to bless you and your family.

Dr. Wade Sexton, our immediate past president, Dr. Sanoj Punnen, and Dr. Christopher Gomez organized and executed an excellent meeting and academic program. We also like to thank the Weiser organization, as well as our sponsors for their continued support. Our meeting next year will be held at the JW Marriott in Orlando. It is a beautiful facility with amenities for all in the family. Dr. David Hernandez from USF will be our program chair, and we are already working hard to provide an outstanding event for all. We look forward to seeing all of you there. Once again, thank you to the FUS for the opportunity to serve during these exciting times.

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Nominating Committee Report
Vincent G. Bird, MD
Overwhelming Number of Highly Qualified Candidates Promises Bright Future

I would like to thank all who participated and contributed to this year’s FUS annual meeting. As the incoming chairman of the Nominating Committee, it is my pleasure to announce the new officers and other posts filled. The slate was approved by the FUS membership at our last annual business meeting. We continue to have a very active membership, and there were more people interested in positions than we had spaces to fill. I encourage anyone who wishes to participate in any of our committees, wishes to be an officer, or wishes to fill a post to contact me, so we may consider you for a position next year. The approved slate is as follows:

The following members were approved to fill the vacancies at the FUS Annual Business Meeting on September 4, 2016, in Amelia Island.

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SOUTHEASTERN SECTION REPRESENTATION
“With over 500 members, FUS is the largest state society in SESAUA”

The Southeastern Section of the AUA (SESAUA) allots state delegate representation based on the number of members in a state society. With over 500 members, FUS is the largest state society in SESAUA. We are fortunate to therefore appoint five delegates and five alternate delegates (for each delegate) to serve three-year terms, which begin and conclude at the close of the spring meeting of the SESAUA Board of Directors. Both delegates and alternate delegates are expected to attend that meeting, with delegates casting votes on various matters that set the direction of the SESAUA. (Alternate delegates step in to vote only in the absence of a delegate. In most cases, alternates ascend to the delegate position upon completion of their term.)

DELEGATES TO THE SESUA
Michael A. Dennis, Jr., MD Term expires 2018
*Kevin Ki-Dong Lee, MD Term expires 2020
Vipul Patel, MD Term expires 2019
*Christopher R. Williams, MD Term expires 2020
Paul R. Young, MD Term expires 2018
*Newly Elected on Sept. 4, 2016

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Secretary/Treasurer’s Report

Kevin Ki-Dong Lee, MD

I am very honored to serve as the Florida Urological Society (FUS) Secretary/Treasurer, alongside President Dr. Rolando Rivera, President-Elect Dr. Rafael Carrion, Secretary/Treasurer-Elect Dr. Vip Patel and next year’s program chair Dr. David Hernandez. The opportunity to continue to work for my colleagues and our professional society is one that I accept humbly, and will fulfill with diligence and tenacity.

The FUS 68th Annual Meeting hosted by now Past-President Dr. Wade Sexton and co-chaired by Drs. Christopher Gomez and Sanoj Punnen was a great success. The academic caliber of the scientific program, speakers, and venue were second to none. Tropical storm Hermine was just a scare and did not impact the meeting in any way. I commend all those who participated in the scientific program for their outstanding work. The NP/PA workshop chaired by Dr. Sijo Parekattil continues to be a success and will see more improvement in the future. The robust attendance and positive feedback also directly reflect on the excellence of our meeting. Our membership has and will continue to experience this level of excellence in our meetings, which certainly distinguishes us from many other annual state meetings. We will continue to seek their guidance, along with the past and current leadership to assist us in our endeavors as we progress through this year.

The FUS has a very strong membership, not only in numbers but also in the quality of dedicated and caring professionals in our state. However, we still have outstanding potential for growth. We would like to involve many more of our peers that are not members and re-engage many of our colleagues that may have not been as active in past years. In addition, we need to involve the younger urologist in our state, some of which have trained in other sections and may not be familiar with the significant opportunities that the FUS has to offer, not only professionally but personally as well. I am certain that we have many resources in Florida yet to develop, and I am hopeful that through partnership with our members across the state, we will do so. As we grow our representation in Southeastern Section will grow, expanding our ability to promote and voice the needs and concerns of all of us in our state to the next level.

Financially, the FUS is sound and growing. We are interested in continuing to expand our resources in a responsible fashion, which will further allow us to fulfill our mission and provide continued educational resources and information and certainly maintain the same level of excellence in our future meetings. Hence, this aspect is managed with extreme caution, transparency, and integrity to optimize a robust financial future. Also, end of this year our contract with WJ Weiser comes up for a renewal and we hope to continue our relationship. We will also try to update our website to be more useful to our members and those who are looking possibly to join.

Lastly, we encourage you to remain engaged and we welcome suggestions to further our mission. Thank you for the continued support to the FUS. We look forward to further interactions throughout the year and expect to see many of you at the JW Marriott in Orlando next year.
Message From the Immediate Past President
Wade J. Sexton, MD

Tropical storms, altered flight plans, travel delays, etc., could not prevent the 2016 FUS meeting from being a tremendous success. Just as quickly as the inclement weather blew through the north Florida region during the late and early morning hours of the first night prior to the academic schedule, the warm and relaxing feel of the Amelia Island resort promptly returned the following morning catering to our membership and their families throughout the Labor Day weekend. The venue was superb and the attendance fantastic with registration topping many of our previous annual events. Of course, this is in large part due to the outstanding program created by the hard work of our Co-Program Chairs, Dr. Chris Gomez and Dr. Sannoj Punnen from the University of Miami. We are grateful to these individuals and to the numerous FUS faculty and visiting professors that donated their time and expertise keeping us engaged towards clinical, research and socioeconomic issues at the forefront of urology. A successful meeting could not be held without the dedication and leadership from members of our management partner, WJ Weiser & Associates, who in addition to numerous organizational and planning activities, worked throughout the year to facilitate and maintain industry relationships critical to the necessary financial support and onsite presence of numerous industry partners.

The FUS remains healthy due to the efforts of many men and women who are passionate about urology education, urology health, clinical services, research, governmental affairs, legislation, medical economics and medical volunteerism. We are fortunate to have influential member-experts who are knowledgeable in each of these areas, among many others. There is no doubt that the FUS leadership will remain diverse and will continue to tap into the knowledge and expertise of our membership over the ensuing years. In this regard, I would like to congratulate Dr. Rolando Rivera on his unwavering service to the FUS and his assumption of the FUS presidency. The FUS is in great hands moving forward and I am excited to see the initiatives that Dr. Rivera and our colleagues will bring to the FUS membership.

In addition, we are excited to announce that the FUS is sponsoring a research training award for a Florida-based Medical Student through the AUA Office of Research and the Urology Care Foundation. The application process for this fellowship program is currently open and applications as well as additional information can be found at AUANet.org/ResearchFunding. Awardees receive $4,000 stipends to support them during a ten-week mentored research experience with a Florida-based urological researcher to commence during the summer of 2017. The FUS has dedicated funds to support an additional one-year research training award for years 2018 and 2019.

I will conclude by saying how grateful I am to have had the opportunity to serve the FUS over the last few years – a particularly humbling experience given the tremendous reputation and leadership capabilities of the many FUS officers who preceded me. This opportunity allowed me to develop relationships with different men and women that I might have been devoid of otherwise. Thank you very much and I hope to see you all in Orlando next Labor Day Weekend!

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Summer Medical Student Fellowships

The AUA Office of Research, working with the Urology Care Foundation, offers a portfolio of mentored research training awards intended to recruit outstanding young investigators into urology research and foster their career success. This fellowship program is designed to attract outstanding medical students to urologic research by engaging them in summer research fellowships alongside world-class urologic scientists. Awardees receive $4,000 stipends to support them during a ten-week mentored research experience.

Learn more and apply at AUANet.org/ResearchFunding
Federal Agencies Consider Telehealth, Scope of Practice Proposals
In an effort to increase access to health care providers for members of the military and veterans, federal agencies are seeking ways to expand telemedicine and practice authority for advanced practice registered nurses. The 2017 defense authorization bill expands telemedicine and would shift the definition of “location of care” from where the patient is located to where the doctor is located for purposes of medical licensing, professional liability, and reimbursements. To address lengthy patient wait times, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) recently proposed to grant full practice authority to APRNs. Some members of the medical community have raised concerns that these actions are not only against the best interests of patients, but also could lead to similar changes outside of the DoD and VA. Read more: www.bit.ly/aacu-ut-telehealth

Feds flex regulatory muscle on health care mergers, professional board authority
With increasing frequency, the Federal Trade Commission exerts its influence on issues that impact the practice of medicine and patient access to care, including health system and payer mergers, facility regulation, and non-physician provider scope of practice. All of this activity falls under the agency’s strategic goal to maintain competition by preventing anticompetitive mergers and exploitative business practices. Read more: www.bit.ly/aacu-ut-ftc

Court rulings a new blow to medical-malpractice damage caps
Two Florida appeals courts recently ruled that the [medical liability] law’s limits on pain and suffering damages...are unconstitutional in personal-injury cases...The 4th District Court of Appeal’s decision followed a Florida Supreme Court opinion last year that similarly rejected the malpractice law’s limits on non-economic damages in wrongful-death cases. The appeals court cited the Supreme Court’s opinion and said the damage limits violate equal-protection rights under the state Constitution. In an Oct. 26 ruling, the 2nd District Court of Appeals said it agreed with the 4th District that the limits were unconstitutional. The Florida Supreme Court will hear arguments on December 8. (News Service of Florida, July 6, 2016; CBSMiami, August 30, 2016; Health News Florida, Oct. 27, 2016)

Florida increases medical residency slots, still faces doctor shortages
A new report shows that Florida hospitals have increased their number of residency slots 19 percent since 2013. The state faces a severe shortage of about 7,000 medical specialists through 2025. Since Florida policymakers began focusing on graduate medical education in 2013, hospitals have filled 736 more residency slots. A total of 310 newly filled residency slots were in physician specialties facing the most severe shortages. (Health News Florida, Oct. 25, 2016)

Florida Supreme Court hears arguments about medical record access
Though the parties reached an eleventh-hour settlement, the Florida Supreme Court plunged into a dispute that could have implications for medical-malpractice cases across the state. Justices heard more than 45 minutes of arguments about an issue rooted in a 2004 constitutional amendment that was aimed at expanding access to records in malpractice cases. The Supreme Court arguments focused, at least in part, on whether a federal patient-safety law shielded a Jacksonville hospital system from having to disclose some documents in a malpractice lawsuit. An attorney for the plaintiff said at the outset of the hearing that the parties had settled the lawsuit the day before. But with the records issue potentially affecting numerous other cases across the state, justices went ahead with the hearing and peppered attorneys on both sides with questions. (News Service of Florida, October 6, 2016)

Update to Florida law will ban 'surprise' medical bills
An update to Florida law will extend health care billing protections to more consumers starting July 1...[The] law will extend protection from so-called "balance billing" beyond the current protections only for consumers in health maintenance organizations. The new law extends protection to members of preferred providers organizations and exclusive provider organizations. The law will require hospitals to publish information about service providers on their website, if applicable, and make that information available to patients. Insurance companies also have some “transparency” requirements regarding which providers are in- or out-of-network. The law does not extend “balance billing” protection to patients with no insurance. (Legal NewsLine, June 17, 2016)

Telehealth Taskforce applications rolling in
A committee tasked with investigating the best way to implement telemedicine in Florida is starting to take shape. A 15-member panel mandated by a law passed last January should be in place next year. [Agreeing] on a formula for ensuing doctors are paid for [telehealth services] has been tricky. Especially deciding whether out of state doctors can treat Floridians and what conditions would be covered. With the passage of a law this year though, those decisions have been largely delegated to a panel of 19 experts within the Agency for Healthcare Administration. (Health News Florida, July 27, 2016)
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