The Florida Urological Society (FUS) is one of the largest state urological societies, and the largest state urological society in the Southeastern Section of the American Urological Society (SESAUA). I am honored this year to serve in the important role as the FUS President for 2019-2020.

The FUS has always allowed me the enjoyment of being able to work aside my longtime friends and colleagues in Florida. Having completed my residency, fellowship and the last decade of my practice in the state of Florida, the FUS has been an integral part of my ability to collaborate with my peers.

As I look forward to the upcoming year, I would like to continue the important work of my predecessor Dr. Kevin K. Lee. I hope to be able to continue to serve the current and emerging needs of our practicing urologists.

Drs. Lee and the scientific committee have done a tremendous job this past year. Despite threats of Hurricane Dorian impacting our meeting this year, the 2019 program went off without a hitch.

This year I would like to focus our society’s attention on increasing our member participation and membership across the board. Additionally, I hope that we can take an active focus on the ever evolving urologic oncology landscape, especially during our 2020 Annual Meeting.

We are already hard at work planning for the 2020 meeting. This meeting is going to be held at the Lowes Miami Beach Hotel in Miami Beach, FL. Miami is something of a second home to me after spending my residency and fellowship time in this amazing city. I hope to share some of the amazing amenities with each of you.

This meeting will be chaired by Drs. Lawrence Hakim and Nicolas Muruve I have no doubt they will continue the amazing work of creating a dynamic annual meeting.

Finally, I would like to thank both WJ Weiser & Associates for doing a great job for the FUS, and also to our exhibitors and sponsors for their continued support.

Visit us at www.flaurological.org today to Renew Your Membership and access the following:

- The FUS website’s Find a Provider tool, which connects you with new prospective patients
- The FUS members-only section of the Society’s website, offering unique networking opportunities with other members and urology experts
- Invaluable resources to help solve your most complex challenges – one good idea can more than cover the modest cost of membership!

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Strengthen Our Association!
Do you know of a colleague who would like to join the Florida Urological Society? Just call the FUS office at (847) 517-7249 or visit our website at www.flaurological.org.
It is my honor to serve as the Nominating committee chair for the Florida Urological Society. Our organization is strong and only grows stronger with the continued involvement of its membership.

We thank Dr. Lee for a great year and an outstanding meeting – that despite uncontrollable circumstances, i.e. the weather – was still a great success.

We belong to one of the most fulfilling specialties in Medicine. The current challenges and hurdles we face in the healthcare landscape create a flux in the number of individuals that are joining the Urology ranks. However, I believe that this also creates a window of opportunity to expand the reach of our specialty and engage in newer and exciting fields. We must continue to enthusiastically draw younger physicians into our field. We must strengthen our voices in the organized houses of Medicine and Surgery, not only at the state level but also nationwide. We must remain engaged and expand our presence. We appreciate your support but more importantly welcome your involvement in our organization.

Below is the slate of officers for the upcoming year:

**OFFICERS**

- President: Vipul R. Patel, MD, FACS
- President-Elect: Jamin Brahmbhatt, MD
- Secretary/Treasurer: Lawrence S. Hakim, MD, FACS
- Secretary/Treasurer-Elect: Adam J. Ball, MD, FACS
- Immediate Past President: Kevin K. Lee, MD, FACS

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** (Two-year terms)

*Newly Elected on Aug. 30, 2019

**SOUTHEASTERN SECTION REPRESENTATIVES**

“With over 600 members, FUS is the largest state society in the SESAUA”

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**FLORIDA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATION**

(Terms expire annually but are renewable)

The FUS is entitled to six delegates and six alternate delegates to the Florida Medical Association (FMA) based on our total membership and the percentage of members who also belong to the FMA.

**FMA DELEGATES**

- Edward D. King, MD (Chair)
- James E. Alver, MD, FACS
- Victoria Y. Bird, MD
- Justin L. Parker, MD
- Eduardo Puente, MD
- Claudio A. Romero, MD

**FMA ALTERNATE DELEGATES**

- Jorge R. Caso, MD, MPH
- David J. Hernandez, MD
- Raymond J. Leveillee, MD, FRCS-G
- Nicolas A. Muruve, MD
- Raymond W. Pak, MD, MBA
- Lucas R. Wiegand, MD

**FUS NOMINATING COMMITTEE 2019 – 2020**

The composition of the FUS Nominating Committee is defined in our Bylaws. There are five voting members, consisting of two 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 2019 – 2020 year, the members of our Nominating Committee will be:

- Rolando Rivera, MD, FACS (Chair)
- Michael A. Dennis, Jr., MD, FACS (Member at Large)
- Christopher R. Williams, MD (Member at Large)
- Rafael E. Carrion, MD (Past President)
- Kevin K. Lee, MD, FACS (Past President)

*Newly elected on Aug. 30, 2019

The committee will be compiling a list of potential open positions, and we are looking for colleagues who want to participate and share the goal of strengthening our society, sharing ideas, and serving as representative voices in Urology in our state.

We look forward to seeing all of you in Miami. We congratulate Dr. Vipul Patel of his ascension to President. Should you choose to consider becoming more active in the society, please reach out to myself at rolando.rivera@auihealth.com, or any members of the Nominating Committee. You can also reach out to the Weiser team.

Thank you.
Message from the Immediate Past President

Kevin K. Lee, MD

It has been my honor to serve as the President of the Florida Urological Society for the 2018-2019 term. Following Dr. Carrion’s great leadership, this has been another great year for our society.

We are working more closely with other medical organizations such as the FMA, ACS, AACC, and AUA to advocate for issues concerning the rights of Florida’s urologists. We sent four residents to the AUA Advocacy Summit, and for the first time we also sent three residents to the AACU’s Annual Meeting. Residents found these investments very valuable, and it is in our best interest to continue developing young physicians. I believe the future leaders of our society will come from among these doctors.

This year we faced a uniquely Floridian challenge. Our Annual Meeting was put at risk by Hurricane Dorian. If we were to cancel the meeting, we would have had a financial disaster on our hands. After careful deliberation, the board agreed to proceed with the meeting but shortened to two days. We had 221 preregistrations, which was more than in any previous year. Despite all the changes, we had 137 attendees, 58 exhibitors, and 42 presentations. The meeting was very positively received by those in attendance, and financially we stand strong. Weather was actually very good as Dorian was slow-moving and completely missed Orlando.

I am very proud of what we achieved together this year. I am confident that Dr. Vipul Patel will raise the work of our society to even higher levels as President for this upcoming year.

I would like to thank the board and committee members for working hard. I would also like to thank Tom, Monica, and the Weiser group for their tremendous effort that made this annual meeting possible given the additional challenges posed by Hurricane Dorian.

I look forward to seeing you all in Miami Beach at next year’s Annual Meeting.

Kevin K. Lee, MD, FACS

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FUS Government Relations & Advocacy Update

Ross E. Weber, State Affairs Manager, Policy Engagement

Scope of Practice Issues an Early Focus of Legislature

A House health care panel in December approved a proposal (HB 607) that would allow advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants to practice independently from physicians. The measure is similar to a proposal that passed the full House during the 2019 session but stalled in the Senate. Senate President Bill Galvano told The News Service of Florida in December that he’s “always been very cautious” about expanding scopes of practice for nurses and physician assistants. The pending House bill would allow certain advanced practice registered nurses to practice without written agreements with supervisory physicians. To qualify, the nurses would need to have completed a graduate level course in pharmacology and have 2,000 hours of supervised practice in the preceding two years. (NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA, JAN 8, 2020)

House Looks to Remove Bill Banning Specialty Hospitals

Less than a year after lawmakers agreed to change how the state licenses hospitals, a House health-care panel on Wednesday approved a bill that would continue to allow the industry by scrapping a ban on specialty, or “boutique,” hospitals. (NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA, JAN 9, 2020)

Legislature Eyes Further ‘CON’ Changes

After eliminating certificates of need last year for hospitals, Florida lawmakers will consider making changes to the so-called CON law for new intermediate care facilities for people with developmental disabilities. House Health Quality Chairwoman Colleen Burton, R-Lakeland, filed a proposal (HB 1163) that would allow facilities to be built outside of the CON process so long as they meet certain requirements. Senate Health Policy Chairwoman Gayle Harrell, R-Stuart, has filed the Senate version (SB 1344). (NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA, JAN 9, 2020)

Bill Would Allow Vending Machines for Prescription Drugs

Patients would get expanded access to prescription drugs under a bill in the Legislature that allows pharmacies to operate medication-dispensing kiosks. (WUSF, JAN 6, 2020)

Pharmacists Say They Take Hit In Medicaid

Amid a legislative tussle with millions of dollars on the line, people who operate pharmacies in Florida contend they are getting short-changed by the state. (NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA, JAN 31, 2020)

House Agrees To Block Insurers From Using Genetic Information To Price Policies

The Florida House has done its part to make sure life, disability and long term care insurers can’t use a person’s genetic data against them. The bill, approved by the House Wednesday, adds to protections already in place by the federal government. Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis has been adamantly about the need to make the change. (WUSF, JAN 30, 2020)
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2018  Rafael E. Carrion  
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Please encourage reputable and valued health care industry companies to support FUS and invite representatives to contact JP Baunach (jp@wjweiser.com) for more information.

If you have vendors you do regular business with, please invite them to become more involved with the FUS.

Thank you for doing your part!

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Thank you!

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