Our New President
by: Patrick McKenna, MD

Dr. Peter M. Knapp, Jr., MD, really does not need an introduction to our North Central Section membership. He has been active on the Executive Committee for over seven years, first as treasurer-elect, then as treasurer, and most recently as president-elect. I was a board member when Peter first joined the Board, and anyone who meets him knows how easy he is to get along with and how thoughtful and adept he is as a leader. He graduated from Indiana University and Indiana University School of Medicine. He completed his general surgery internship and urology residency at the University of Michigan Hospitals in Ann Arbor, Michigan. He entered private practice in July of 1985. His leadership is not only well-known to our section, but also to his own group. He is president of Urology of Indiana, LLC, which is one of the largest private practice urology groups in the country. Also, he is the immediate past president of the Large Urology Group Practice Association which is focused on fortifying and expanding the services of urologists.

Peter has a special interest in female urology, urinary incontinence and other bladder control problems in men, women and children. He also serves as the medical director of the UroPoint Bladder Control Center. He is a faculty member in the Indiana University Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery Fellowship and Volunteer Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Urology at Indiana University School of Medicine. He has contributed extensively to the literature, frequently a visiting professor, and has presented internationally. He has been involved in a variety of educational courses and symposiums. He has published numerous papers and presented widely. He has multiple patents along with a long list of participation in clinical trials.

Peter married his best friend from high school, Barbara Brinkman, prior to starting his residency in Ann Arbor and together they made many life-long friends and acquaintances while in Michigan. They have three children; two working, and the third a senior in high school. By moving back to Indiana after residency, they have been able to be close to grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. Peter and his family have traveled extensively in Europe, Africa, Asia and South America getting a broader perspective of the world and their role in it. They enjoy boating, sailing, hiking, golf and tennis. Peter’s family and the McKenna’s share the fortune of having golden retrievers. They have two golden retrievers and we have three.

I feel very lucky to have gotten to know Peter and Barbara so well over the last decade. I cannot think of a better couple to work with in planning our annual meeting. I believe their strong family foundation and legacy connection to Indiana University will contribute to an incredible annual meeting with an Indiana emphasis. We will build on Peter’s leadership in health policy and add that to our track record of meetings that are both academically and socially outstanding. I know Peter and Barbara extend an invitation to have you join us at the 85th Annual Meeting at the Westin Mission Hills Resort & Spa in Rancho Mirage, California.
Secretary’s Report

Patrick H. McKenna, MD

The 84th Annual Meeting of the North Central Section returned to the Windy City to phenomenal weather and the political news that Mayor Richard M. Daley was not going to seek reelection. However, the real news in Chicago that week was the highly successful meeting hosted by Dr. Steve and Carrie Siegel. Under the seasoned organization of Dr. Howard Winfield, the academic program was comprehensive with several new additions. There were over 470 registered participants and the meeting received rave reviews for its academic and social qualities.

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Although the days were full with the very strong academic program, under the direction of Local Arrangements Chair Couple Dr. Tamra and Todd Lewis, the social events were outstanding. The welcome event featured a wine tasting and heavy hors d’euvres in the exhibit hall, which provided ample time for the attendees to visit with the exhibitors who provided up-to-date information on new pharmaceutical and device products. The high attendance was appreciated by the exhibitors, who continue to be an important contributor to the support of our annual meetings. The theme night included a bowling competition that was enhanced by the fine food and drink. President Siegel surprised the officers and state representatives with their own personalized bowling shirts, and although the officers and state representatives looked like professional bowlers, I’m not sure it helped their scores much. The final evening’s annual banquet provided an opportunity to socialize together with fine food and a full band with a brass section and associated dancers. Many people were dancing until after midnight.

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The Board approved dropping the $150.00 registration fee for non-presenting residents at future meetings. The Board also approved a donation to the International Volunteers in Urology this year applying $8,000 to cover two resident fellowships. Several states have taken advantage of the new North Central Section Visiting Professorship, where the North Central Section covers the honorarium and travel expenses of a North Central Section member that is identified as a visiting professor for the State Societies. We encourage states to take advantage of this new educational program. We continue to look for ways to involve younger members in all facets of our meeting and appreciate suggestions from the Residents and Young Urologist committees.

I appreciate the honor the membership has bestowed on me to assume the Secretary position of the North Central Section. I am following a long line of very successful past secretaries and I will do my best to approach the level of success of my predecessors. I want to reiterate the hard work that Dr. Howard Winfield has done over the last three years. I know we all appreciate his dedicated service. He has moved our organization ahead. I look forward to working with him over the next three years as he remains on the Executive Committee.

I also look forward to working with WJ Weiser & Associates, who have done an outstanding job of behind-the-scenes organization to advance our section. One of the high points of this year has been their successful work with industry to raise the support of this meeting equal to the highest support we have ever received in the past. We are extremely lucky to have such an organized group of people that work with Wendy and provide the support so the organization can be so successful. I have already marked my calendar for the 85th Annual Meeting and I hope you will plan to join us at the Westin Mission Hills Resort & Spa in Rancho Mirage, California from October 18 – 22, 2011.

From the Treasurer
Gary M. Kirsh, MD

The 2010 NCS Annual Meeting held in Chicago, Illinois was both an academic and financial success. Registration numbers were high, resulting in a considerable meeting surplus.

As of June 30, 2010, NCS had one active money market operating account that is held at Merrill Lynch in Baltimore, MD. Robert W. Costos of Kelly Group is managing the account. This account is used for NCS general operating transactions and convention related transactions. As of September 30, 2010, the operating account (OA) had a healthy balance.

NCS President Steven Siegel, Secretary Howard Winfield, and Local Arrangements Chair Tamra Lewis did an outstanding job planning the NCS 2010 Annual Meeting in Chicago, Illinois. Their combined creativity and skillfulness produced another highly successful and memorable NCS Annual Meeting with a high-quality academic program, excellent guest speakers and terrific social events.

I await an exciting and successful 2011 annual meeting for NCS with many state-of-the-art presentations. I look forward to seeing each of you at our 2011 annual meeting October 18 – 22, 2011 in Rancho Mirage, California.

Report from the Immediate Past President

Steven W. Siegel, MD

Thanks to all who attended this year’s annual meeting in Chicago. It turned out to be the great event we had hoped and planned for. The academic program was excellent, with valuable contributions from our esteemed invited guests including Joseph Smith, Ann Gormley, Neil Baum, Steve Wilson and special honoree Shlomo Raz, as well as many of our own talented section leaders and members. We had stimulating panels, courses, breakouts, live surgical demonstrations, and a session discussing healthcare policy that included a discussion from Tennessee Congressman Phil Roe, MD. Howard Winfield was largely responsible for putting the entire program together, and while it is a difficult and complicated juggling act, he used his skill and years of experience as our secretary to make it work flawlessly. Our new secretary, Pat McKenna, has a challenge ahead as Howard’s successor, but as I have come to know him I am certain he will be more than up to the task.

The social events were just a blast. If you were there, you know it! Thanks and kudos to our Local Arrangements Chair couple, Tamra and Todd Lewis, who were fantastic organizers and wonderful hosts. The theme night at Lucky Strike Lanes and Lounge was one of the best events of its kind, and after the banquet the band Gentlemen of Leisure was simply amazing! These types of events shared with our colleagues and spouses along with the high quality academic program and ideal venues are what make our section meetings so worthwhile and memorable.

Congratulations to our incoming presidential couple, Peter and Barbara Knapp, who have the privilege of leading us next year. Together with our talented and dedicated board of directors, including our new treasurer, Gary Kirsh and historian Sheila Gemar, our section has never been in better hands. Special thanks to Wendy Weiser and her terrific team who, again and again, have helped to improve the function and quality of our meetings, organization, and our professional lives. We are very fortunate to have such a valuable resource working for our section. Carrie and I were delighted and honored to serve our section as we did last year and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in Rancho Mirage next year!
Health Policy Report
Ross Weber, AACU State Affairs Manager

Focus on health reform
At the October 1, 2010 meeting of the North Central Section of the AUA Health Policy Committee, physicians shared a number of challenges they face in their daily practice as a result of state laws and regulations. These ranged from medical liability reform, certificate of need limitations, imaging restrictions, scope of practice incursions and prescription authority. The highlight of this meeting, however, was a highly-informed presentation on federal health reform by Congressman Phil Roe (R-TN).

As one of the few physicians in the House of Representatives, Congressman Roe should have played an active role in the development of what became the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. It was a shock, therefore, to learn from the Congressman that when he received the legislation it was a fait accompli. Congressman Roe insists that the PPACA’s attempts to control provider payments will ultimately limit the availability of physicians and the rationing of health care. Addressing medical malpractice reform, he countered, would minimize the practice of defensive medicine and thereby slow the growth of health insurance premiums. Unfortunately, Roe wryly asserted, the number of lawyers in Congress far outpaces physicians so the former’s interests will nearly always find their way into legislation.

Lawyers have descended upon state capitals throughout the North Central Section as early efforts toward implementation of the PPACA go forward. Only Minnesota, under Governor Tim Pawlenty (R), has thus far refused federal funds in this regard. Even states that are challenging the law, including Indiana, Michigan and North Dakota, accepted grants to study and/or implement federal reform.

Such applications may cease, however, in light of GOP wins in various races for governor and attorney general. Governors and attorneys general-elect in Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin vowed during the campaign to fight PPACA at every opportunity.

Contact AACU health policy staff to receive tools that will minimize the amount of time necessary to effectively advocate on these and other policies that impact your practice and patients.

Elections flip NCS states
While GOP gains were predicted throughout the country in 2010 elections, the number of offices and legislative chambers in North Central Section states that switched party stunned observers. Democrats in Minnesota lost 26 of their 87 seats in the House and 16 of their 46 seats in the Senate. In Michigan, House Democrats lost at least 19 of their 66 seats. More predictable “flips” occurred in Wisconsin, where Republicans took control of both chambers. In one race for Governor, results remain “too close to call.” As of press time, the Democrat leads the Republican in Minnesota. If this trend continues, the governorship will switch parties.

Governor – Dem to GOP: Iowa, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin
Governor – GOP to Dem: Minnesota

Senate – Dem to GOP: Minnesota, Wisconsin
Senate – GOP to Dem: None

House – Dem to GOP: Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin
House – GOP to Dem: None

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

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 NCS industry partners. Partnerships packages are promotional opportunities and, unlike educational grants, are appropriate to discuss with your sales representatives. Please ask them to contact Donna Kelly at Donna@wjweiser.com for more information.

If you have vendors you do regular business with, please ask them to become more involved with NCS. Thank you for your help!
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**Poster Winners**

**Thursday, September 30, 2010**

**Poster Session: 5:05 p.m. – 6:10 p.m.**

**Incontinence / Bladder Dysfunction / Male Couple Infertility / Sexual Dysfunction Poster**

*Clinical Winner:* #2 – Miniarc Single-Incision Sling for Stress Urinary Incontinence

*Presented by:* Suzette Sutherland, MD; Metro Urology

*Basic Science Winner:* #10 – Effects of Semen Processing Techniques on Sperm Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) Fragmentation

*Presented by:* Robert Jackson, MD; University of Michigan

**Prostate – Benign / Malignant Poster**

*Clinical Winner:* #19 – Reviewing Outside Prostate Biopsy Slides Offers Limited Clinical Benefit

*Presented by:* Jonathan Ellison, MD; University of Michigan

*Basic Science Winner:* #20 – Is Prostate Cancer an Infectious Disease?

*Presented by:* Eric Klein, MD; Cleveland Clinic

**Bladder Cancer / Outcomes Research Poster**

*Clinical Winner:* #38 – Quality of Life Following Cystectomy in Elderly Patients

*Presented by:* Jeffery Wheat, MD; University of Michigan

*Basic Science Winner:* #28 – Radical Cystectomy: High Risk of Delirium in Older Patients

*Presented by:* Chad Reichard; University of Chicago

**Prostate Cancer Poster Session**

*Clinical Winner:* #63 – Change in PSA Doubling Time After Biochemical Recurrence in 345 Patient Following Radical Prostatectomy

*Presented by:* Kelly Cary, MD; Indiana University

*Basic Science Winner:* #64 – PSA/SIA: Progress Report for a New Assay for CAP

*Presented by:* Srinivas Vourganti, MD; Case Western Reserve

**Video Session Winners**

**Thursday, September 30, 2010**

*Video Session #1*

*Video #4: Percutaneous Nephrolithotomy for a dihydroxyadenine stone in a horseshoe kidney*

*Presented by:* Christopher Mitchell, MD; Mayo Clinic Rochester

*Friday, October 1, 2010*

*Video Session #2*

*Video #9: Techniques for Robotic Nephrectomy with Vena Caval Tumor Thrombectomy*

*Presented by:* Ronney Abaza; Ohio State

*Friday, October 1, 2010*

*Video Session #3*

*Video #13: Barbed Suture for Renorrhaphy During Robotic Partial Nephrectomy*

*Presented by:* Jesse Sammon, DO; Henry Ford Hospital

**Bizarre & Interesting Cases**

*Podium #107 – Scrotal Inflation in a 14-Year-Old: Unfortunate Internet Discovery*

*Presented by:* Zachery Posey, MD; Wayne State University

**Resident Quiz Bowl – Winning Teams**

Ty Higuchi, MD
Mayo Clinic
(Program Director: Douglas Hussman, MD)

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Medical College of Wisconsin
(Program Director: Peter Langenstroer, MD)

Don Bui, MD
Beaumont Hospital – Michigan
(Program Director: Jay Hollander, MD)

Tarek Pacha, MD
Michigan State University
(Program Director: Greg McIntosh, MD)

Kyle Kiriluk, MD
University of Chicago
(Program Director: Glen Gerber, MD)

**John D. Silbar Award**

Christina Ching, MD
Cleveland Clinic

**Thirlby Award**

Herb Reimenschneider, MD
Columbus, OH
Poster #15: Third Generation Total Cryoablation as Primary Treatment for Organ Confined Prostate Cancer

**Traveling Fellowship Award**

Corey Hugen, MD
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Podium #63: Illinois Statewide Experience Comparing Outcomes and Characteristics of Double Kidney Transplant Organs with those Discarded
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REPORT FROM THE HISTORIAN

The 2010 NCS Meeting honored the memories of our colleagues, J. Donald Ferry, MD, David F. Harder, MD, John H. Hoskins, MD, Gerald W. Koos, MD, and Richard D. Williams, MD. Members of the section enjoyed the historical display “Plagues and Pestilence” as they visited the corporate sponsors. Upcoming projects for the 2012 NCS historical display is a coordinated effort of the histories of our NCS residency programs. We are all hopeful that each and every program will be represented.

Dr. Sheila Gemar
Historian, NCSAUA

The North Central Section honors those members who have passed away this year. We will always be thankful for their commitment to the section and miss them dearly.

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