PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
James C. Ulchaker, MD, FACS

I would like to extend a warm invitation to all our members to join us for the 91st Annual Meeting of the North Central Section in Scottsdale, Arizona, November 13 - 17, 2017, at The Westin Kierland Resort and Spa. The Scientific Committee, chaired by Secretary Dr. Jeff Triest, has planned an outstanding educational program, which will provide attendees an excellent review of all aspects of urology. We are pleased to have Dr. Stephen Nakada provide us with the AUA Course of Choice entitled, “Urolithiasis: Surgical Management, Percutaneous, Shock Wave Lithotripsy, Ureteroscopy – How We Do It.”

Dr. Matthew Gettman, our Section’s Health Policy Chair, has once again organized a fantastic Health Policy and Practice Management forum with topics including, value-based reimbursement, legislative priorities in urology, and advancing telemedicine at the state level. Other topics germane to urologists as well as nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and primary care providers will also be reviewed.

Each morning there will be breakfast breakout sessions hosted by esteemed members of the NCS with topics including, Native American Medicine, infertility, and urologic oncology. We also have satellite symposium luncheons on a variety of topics. In addition, we have included sessions focused on women in urology, as well as a urology chairpersons and resident program directors session hosted by myself and Dr. Edward Cherullo of Case Western Reserve University.

We are absolutely delighted to have Drs. David Penson and Mitchell Sokoloff as our esteemed visiting speakers. In addition to their keynote addresses, both Drs. Penson and Sokoloff will participate in panel discussions focusing on their respective areas of expertise. In this way, the audience will be engaged and will benefit from their insights directly.

In addition to over 12 hours of didactics, there will be concurrent podium and poster sessions of original and innovative research representing more than 25 institutions and private practice urology groups within the Section. Topics such as oncology, endourology, outcomes research, benign and malignant prostate disease, socioeconomic policy, pediatric urology, and urinary incontinence are broadly featured.

As always, the meeting will be topped off by the NCS Resident Bowl hosted by our very own Dr. Bradley Schwartz. This year’s Resident Bowl promises to be the best ever with a format that mirrors the iconic TV game show, Jeopardy. The two sessions promise to test the knowledge of the resident teams as well as the audience. The winning team will represent the NCS at the next annual AUA Resident Bowl.

An exciting Southwest Theme Night is planned with both entertainment and local cuisine, and some of the country’s best shopping is within walking distance or a short cab ride from the resort. Scottsdale has a little bit of something for everyone including picturesque hiking trails, and a delightful array of dining experiences.

We sincerely hope you will come join us in sunny Scottsdale. We look forward to seeing you there!

TREASURER’S REPORT

As Treasurer of the NCS, the objective is to assist the board of directors in achieving the short and long-term goals of the organization in the context of sound financial decision-making. As of June 30, 2017, the NCS balance sheet shows an NCS Fund balance of $2,666,917, and the NCS checking account shows a balance of $104,546. The Education Fund shows a balance of $2,273,987. The NCS operating income for the period ending in June 2017 was $226,676.

The NCS is generally in a good financial position moving into the second half of 2017.

NCS President, Dr. Ulchaker, and Secretary, Dr. Triest, are working hard to plan another outstanding NCS Annual Meeting in Arizona in November. I look forward to seeing you all later this Fall.

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The 91st Annual Meeting of the North Central Section is quickly approaching and we expect this year’s offering to be spectacular. This year’s meeting venue is the beautiful Westin Kierland Resort and Spa in scenic Scottsdale, Arizona. The resort is a AAA Four Diamond property, which has on-site amenities including a championship 18-hole golf course, a full-service spa, and a lazy river pool to relax in at the end of the day. Upscale shopping is available within walking distance of the resort as are a host of culinary offerings within the beautiful city of Scottsdale.

The educational offerings at this year’s meeting will begin on November 13 and run to November 17, 2017. This year’s scientific format is slightly different than previous out-of-section meetings as the scientific activities begin on Monday and conclude Friday morning. Topics for this year’s program include the ever-popular live surgical cases broadcast, health policy and practice management update, and a primary care update. Early risers at the meeting will not only be treated to the beautiful Arizona sunrises, but can also attend breakfast sessions that will cover topics such as Native American treatments for urological maladies, infertility and andrology, and the very popular surgical video submissions. The meeting’s early morning offerings will also bring back dedicated sessions for women in urology organized by Dr. Elizabeth Takacs, as well as a session for section residency program directors and chairpersons moderated by Dr. Edward Cherullo. There will also be lunchtime medical education seminars kindly sponsored by our industry supporters covering important topics for all practicing urologists.

Meeting organizers have scheduled several outstanding guest speakers, including Dr. Mitchell Sokoloff from the University of Massachusetts, and Dr. David Pensen from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee, who will cover a variety of important and timely topics at this year’s meeting. In addition to the broad range of topics covered in the podium and poster sessions, this year we have included categories such as; patient safety and quality improvement initiatives, and outcomes research, which we hope will be of great interest to academic and private practitioners alike. This year’s Resident Bowl Competition will take place on Thursday where the winning team will represent the NCS at the Annual AUA Resident Bowl in San Francisco in May 2018. The NCS residents have been undefeated in the AUA Resident Bowl competition, taking the first place trophy in both 2016 and 2017.

The social activities arranged by Dr. & Mrs. James Ulchaker along with the NCS Local Arrangements Chair, Dr. Norm Smith, promise to be something to remember for years to come. As has been tradition, make sure to join in the festivities at the Welcome Reception Monday evening where attendees can sample a variety of local brews, connect with fellow attendees, and visit our industry sponsors and exhibitors while enjoying an array of appetizers. This year’s Theme Night will embrace the Native American heritage of the local region. The event will include hoop dancers, and southwestern music and cuisine. Come join us in celebrating our country’s indigenous spirit at this year’s Theme Night! Due to popular demand by attendees wanting to explore the area, the NCS will now host an Annual Reception that will replace the Annual Banquet. The 2017 Annual Reception will be a night to remember. Attendees will enjoy cocktails and hors d’oeuvres while being surrounded by Arizona’s beautiful scenery.

This year’s optional activities include trips themed around the desert oasis that is Scottsdale and the surrounding areas. These trips include an opportunity to experience local Turquoise and Tequila and, later in the week, a chance to visit the acclaimed Desert Botanical Garden. If relaxing after a day of educational activities is more your speed, the resort boasts traditional Scottish Bagpipes played each night at dusk. Relax to these sounds while enjoying a fine dining experience in one of the resort’s 10 unique dining options.

We look forward to seeing you all in Scottsdale!
I am looking forward to meeting you in Arizona at our Annual Meeting. It is my privilege to represent our section on the Board of Directors of the AUA. The AUA continues to work for us on our behalf on several fronts.

I have included some of the highlights for your information:

- All sections of the Core Curriculum have been updated; with increasing utilization by residents.
- The AUA continues to expand the podcast offerings in 2017.
- Four new guidelines have been approved: Muscle-Invasive Bladder Cancer, Stress Urinary Incontinence, Renal Mass, and Localized Prostate Cancer.
- A series of white papers focused on enhancing surgical outcomes are being developed. The three documents (Preoperative, Intraoperative, and Postoperative) will be developed.


If I can be of any assistance please do not hesitate to contact me at sundaram@iupui.edu.

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GENERAL MEETING INFORMATION

Registration/Information Desk Hours
Location: Kierland Ballroom Foyer
Sunday, November 12, 2017 | 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Monday, November 13, 2017 | 7:30 a.m. – 5:35 p.m.
Tuesday, November 14, 2017 | 6:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, November 15, 2017 | 7:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Thursday, November 16, 2017 | 6:00 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.
Friday, November 17, 2017 | 7:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Exhibit Hall Hours
Location: Kierland Ballroom 34
Monday, November 13, 2017 | 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday, November 14, 2017 | 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 15, 2017 | 7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Speaker Ready Room Hours
Location: Lowell
Monday, November 13, 2017 | 7:30 a.m. – 5:35 p.m.
Tuesday, November 14, 2017 | 6:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, November 15, 2017 | 7:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
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Spouse/Guest Hospitality Suite Hours
Location: Parke/Terrace
Monday, November 13, 2017 | 7:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, November 14, 2017 | 7:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday, November 15, 2017 | 7:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Thursday, November 16, 2017 | 7:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
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Turquoise and Tequila Tour
Tuesday, November 14, 2017 | 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.*
$100 per person
This exciting tour will take attendees along the beautiful and historic streets of Old Town Scottsdale. During the tour attendees will visit a minimum of two handpicked jewelry stores in Old Town Scottsdale while a knowledgeable escort will offer a curated experience and history on the area. While on the tour, attendees will stop at The Mission for light snacks and a Margarita.

*Participants are asked to meet in the lobby of the Westin Kierland Resort by 12:15 p.m.

NCS Golf Outing
Wednesday, November 15, 2017 | 12:45 p.m. (Shotgun Start)
The Westin Kierland Golf Club | $170 per person
The Westin Kierland Golf Club provides three 18-hole combinations. Named after indigenous plant life found on the course, Acacia, Ironwood and Mesquite offer three championship-style nines – each with its own flavor and strategy. Emerald green fairways are etched into golden-colored desert grasses, sweeping over constantly changing elevations to flawless greens. More than three hundred bunkers guard the way, along with lakes, dry desert washes and strands of desert trees. The signature TifEagle greens offer up subtle contours that challenge even the best players.

Desert Botanical Garden Tour
Thursday, November 16, 2017 | 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.*
$105 per person
The Desert Botanical Garden is home to more than 10,000 plants from deserts around the world, including more than half of the world’s total number of cacti species. During your walking tour of the garden, group members will have the opportunity to discover the secrets of the desert. The Garden is a natural environment located on 145 acres within the beauty of Papago Park and is home to jackrabbits, squirrels, desert tortoises and other small animals. For bird watchers, there are dozens of species of native and migratory birds, from darting jewels like hummingbirds to the desert hawks. Desert succulents found throughout the garden include, Agave, Barrel, Prickly Pear, Aloe Vera, Ocotillo, Saguaro, and literally hundreds of others.

*Participants are asked to meet in the lobby of the Westin Kierland Resort by 12:15 p.m.

EVENING FUNCTIONS

Welcome Reception and Beer Tasting
Monday, November 13, 2017 | 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Kierland Ballroom 3/4
Casual Attire
One ticket included in registration; additional tickets are $50 for adults and free for children under the age of 13.

Young Urologists Mixer
Wednesday, November 15, 2017 | 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Brittlebrush Clubhouse
Business Casual Attire
This is a free event open to residents and urologists who are within ten years post-training.

President’s Reception/“Tribal Beat” Theme Night
Wednesday, November 15, 2017 | 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Marshall’s Pavilion
Casual Attire
One ticket included in registration; additional tickets are $175.

Annual Reception
Thursday, November 16, 2017 | 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Vista Morado
Business Casual Attire
One ticket included in registration; additional tickets are $85.

OPTIONAL TOURS & ACTIVITIES

For detailed information including the full program and registration, visit www.ncsaua.org/ncs2017