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Our New President by Howard Windfield, MD



*Jay B. Hollander, MD,
President*

has not come out directly to say it, but I suspect he is a loyal Wolverine fan.

He has been on the clinical faculty at William Beaumont Hospital since 1985 where he has been the partner of Ananias Diokno, MD. He is Vice Chair of Education and Clinical Affairs, as well as Residency Program Director of the Department of Urology. He has practiced and taught adult general urology. He has a strong interest in upper urinary tract surgery, and coordinated the development of laparoscopic and robotic surgery at William Beaumont Hospital. In questioning Dr. Hollander regarding what he felt was the most significant important aspect of his career, he quickly answered that teaching greater than 40 residents that have graduated over the past 23 years was most important to him. He clearly has impacted the lives of these young urologists and maintains close contact with them, as well as hosting an annual golf outing for them. Besides serving as President of the Michigan Urological Society from 1999 to 2000, Jay has participated on numerous committees for the North Central Section and was the

Dr. Jay B. Hollander is our 82nd President and a long time member and participant of the North Central Section. Born in Detroit, Michigan, son of parents who were both in the field of education, Jay obtained his undergraduate, medical and residency training all at the University of Michigan. He

Michigan State representative to the North Central Section Board from 2001 to 2004. He served as local arrangements chair in 2001. He ascended to the presidency of our society in November 2007. When asked what his expectations and visions were for the upcoming year of his presidency, he stated "I would like to get young urologists involved in the activities of our section so that they can take leadership roles in the future, not only in our section, but at the national level. I hope our annual meeting will provide a valuable educational opportunity for private urologists preparing for recertification and maintenance of certification, in addition to updating them on state-of-the-art practice." When asked about interests outside of work, he responds "I am an avid golfer. My wife Jill is a ballroom dancer. I like to dance with my wife, my wife prefers not to golf with me." He has established a great group of friends and colleagues as a result of his long time involvement in the North Central Section. He and his lovely wife Jill have two children, Brad and Rachel. I personally have enjoyed getting to know and work with this wonderful couple and anticipate that under their presidential direction, the upcoming year and annual North Central Section Meeting will be a great success and model for years to come. This section is indeed fortunate to have Dr. and Mrs. Hollander at the helm of our wonderful organization.

*Post-Convention News
from the*

81st Annual Meeting
October 29 - November 3, 2007
The Westin Diplomat Resort & Spa
Hollywood, Florida

Future Meetings

2008 September 24 – 27, 2008
Hyatt Regency Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

2009 November 9 – 14, 2009
Camelback Inn, A JW Marriott Hotel
Scottsdale, Arizona

Secretary's Report

By Howard N. Winfield, MD



Howard N. Winfield, MD
Secretary

Hollywood, Florida was the site of the 81st Annual Meeting of the North Central Section. Despite a close call from tropical storm Noel, the meeting was a huge success with over 340 members, spouses and guests attending. Under the leadership of our Past President Dennis Pessis, his wife Amy and the organizational skills of Local Chairpersons Jay and Bridget Sandlow, the academic and social events were top notch in all respects. As always, W.J. Weiser and Associates kept the meeting running smoothly due to their incredible attention to the innumerable details that keep the caliber of our meetings so high. Through out

the 6 days of the meeting numerous attendees, including our current AUA President Dr. Paul Schellhammer, commented on how academically strong our Section is in comparison to all the other seven AUA sections.

Over 220 papers were presented by Section members and residents punctuated by State-of-the-Art lectures by national speakers such as Drs. Ernie Sosa, Mark Soloway, Ronald D. Castellanos, Ralph W. deVere White, Jeffrey E. Kaufman, Allen F. Morey, Judd W. Moul, and Dan P. Petrylak. Dr. DeVere White gave the honorary lecture entitled "*Treatment of Localized Prostate Cancer – Making the Punishment Fit the Crime*". Point-Counterpoint debates by leaders from within our own Section were informative and greatly appreciated by all attendees. We were fortunate to have attending the meeting two past presidents — Dr. Larry Ross and Dr. Charles McKiel — as well as our current AUA president Dr. Schellhammer, who gathered together for the AUA Presidents' Seminar: *Past, Present and Future of Urology*. This 60-minute seminar moderated by Dr. Pessis was lively, at times controversial, and certainly entertaining. The absence of past AUA President, the late Dr. Marty Resnick, was sadly acknowledged by all.

Dr. Pessis gave his Presidential Address entitled "*Waste in Space vs. Space for Waste*". This lecture developed parallels between our U.S. space exploration program and many of the incredible changes and developments in our field of urology. Discussion of how astronauts are able to deal with bodily excretory functions while in space was most informative and entertaining. This set the stage for the President's Banquet key-note speaker, Jim Lovell who was the captain of the famed Apollo 13 space flight which had to be aborted on its way to the moon. The inaugural NCS Resident College Bowl was held on Saturday morning with 15 resident programs participating in a rapid-fire urology question and "beat the buzzer answer" format. This program was highly successful and plans to expand it are ongoing.

While in Hollywood, the Board of Directors approved continued funding of the International Volunteers in Urology. The Board also approved the funding of the new AUA Foundation Research Scholarship program. Sub-committees of the Section Long range Planning Program gave updates on Annual meeting, education, finance, governance and government affairs. The Board would like to sincerely thank Drs. McKenna,

Peabody, and Bahnson who have finished their terms and welcome all the new members.

The AUA Leadership Program continues to be highly competitive and applications for this outstanding opportunity should be directed to AUA at: <http://www.auanet.org/about/involved/leadership/whatisleadership.cfm>. The NCS Board will then make final recommendations at its interim meeting in February. The Gallagher Health Policy Scholar Program is a new opportunity for individuals interested in advancing urology's health policy agenda. Information and applications for this unique opportunity may be found at: <http://www.auanet.org/about/involved/gallagherapp08.pdf>

Chicago will be the site of next year's meeting at the Hyatt Regency, Sept 24 – 27, 2008. To date, our guest speakers are Drs. Gerry Jordan, Brant Thrasher, Elspeth McDougall and Curtis Nickels. Our new president Jay Hollander will introduce the honoree, Dr. Ananias Dioknos, who is well known throughout the Section and the AUA for his innumerable contributions. The meeting will be fast paced, highly educational and with a delightful social flare that only Chicago can offer. The program committee looks forward to a record number of abstract submissions from members and residents so as to continue the strong academic tradition of the NCS.

Finally, it should not go without saying that Stephen Y. Nakada, MD has worked tirelessly over the last 3 years as Secretary of the Section and has initiated many important changes and modifications that have paved a clear road ahead for all of us on the Board of Directors. As the newly-elected Secretary of the Section, I am personally indebted to all of Steve's hard work and appreciate how high he has "set the bar" for the upcoming years! We are all greatly indebted to Steve for his strong leadership and friendship to the Section.

Wishing you all a wonderful Holiday Season and a most productive and healthy 2008!

From the Treasurer

by Peter M. Knapp, Jr., MD



Peter M. Knapp, Jr., MD
Treasurer

The 2007 NCS Annual Meeting in Hollywood, Florida was a tremendous success. Our president, Dr. Dennis Pessis and secretary, Dr. Steven Nakada, organized and executed an outstanding meeting. The Monday symposium and Wednesday presentations focused on the latest techniques and results in laparoscopic and robotic urologic surgery. The presentations on urologic oncology, endourology, pediatric urology and female urology provided a comprehensive, educational review for NCS members and residents. Local arrangements chair couple, Jay and Bridget Sandlow, did an outstanding job planning the evening events, allowing attendees to meet in the comfortable South Florida environment.

The financial status of the NCS was reviewed at the finance committee meeting and the annual board meeting, and was presented to the membership at the annual meeting. The convention account was in a strong cash position due to pre-meeting income and low meeting expenses prior to the onset of the annual meeting. The meeting expendi-

tures were on budget and they will be compiled and presented at the interim board meeting in February. The 2006 annual financial statements were presented to the membership and confirmed a positive cash flow in 2006, due to a successful annual meeting in San Diego. Income and expense statements were also compared for the prior five years. The operating accounts of the NCS remain positive and allow the NCS to continue to support the educational objectives of the annual meeting, resident attendee meeting subsidies and the NCS AUAF scholar program.

The Education Fund demonstrated modest growth the first three quarters of 2007, and remains slightly below the blended account benchmark index. Educational Fund performance will be monitored throughout the end of the year and the annual summary will be presented at the interim board meeting in February. The finance committee and NCS board approved funding for the two members who participate in the AUA leadership program. Funding for resident participation in the International Volunteers of Urology Resident Program was approved, as was a contribution to the Marty Resnick Endowment Fund. Funding was also approved to send the NCS Health Policy representatives to the annual AACU State Society meeting.

The AUAF has asked each section to contribute \$125,000 to the AUAF Scholar Fund, which will be matched 2-to-1 by the AUA, to create a fund of six million dollars. The interest from the fund would support the AUAF scholars in perpetuity. The NCS board approved payment of the \$125,000 over three years.

The board approved the finance committee review of our investment advisor. The finance committee will interview our current Merrill Lynch advisors, the AUA Vanguard advisors and an, as yet, undetermined third advisor group prior to the interim board meeting in order to select our investment advisor moving forward.

I would like to invite all members, residents and guests to join our new president, Dr. Jay Hollander, for our 82nd annual meeting next year in Chicago Illinois. Dr. Hollander and local arrangements chairperson, Dr. Gary Faerber, are planning another outstanding NCS meeting. The 82nd meeting will begin the new format for in-section meetings occurring every other year in Chicago. Your attendance will demonstrate the support for the board's effort to make the meeting more accessible to more members and residents. We look forward to seeing all of you at the upcoming Chicago meeting from September 24 to September 27, 2008.



Report from the Immediate Past President

By Dennis Pessis, MD



*Dennis Pessis, MD,
Immediate Past President*

It was an honor to serve as president of the North Central Section of the American Urological Association this past year. Now, as past president, it is gratifying to reflect on the October 2007 meeting in Hollywood, Florida. The scientific sessions were both innovative and informative. Our invited scholars did a superb job. The social events appeared to be enjoyed by all. The planning and commitment by the Executive Committee, Wendy Weiser and Associates, and local arrangements chair were evident throughout the week. Last, I am grateful that the tropical storm that threatened us on Tuesday and Wednesday did nothing to dampen the momentum of our meeting at the beautiful Diplomat Hotel.

We clearly missed Marty Resnick on the AUA Past President's panel — a new format. Larry Ross, Charles Mc Kiel, and Paul Schellhammer performed admirably and offered insight into the future of urology. The GU College Bowl — also a new format — was stimulating and competitive. I was proud of the participating residents and moderators. I hope both new additions will be maintained at future meetings.

Captain James Lovell of the Apollo 13 Mission mesmerized the attendees at the annual banquet with his comments. After his speech, members of our section respectfully asked him questions and welcomed him to our meeting — an additional proud moment for me. I believe that Captain Lovell's appearance added another dimension to the evening.

Amy and I wish to thank Wendy Weiser and Associates for their support and dedication all year. Wendy's staff both back in Illinois and at the meeting ensured a smooth flow of the entire week. Each and every staff member Wendy brings is a pleasure with whom to work. A special thanks goes out to our new president, Jay Hollander. I wish him a year as gratifying as mine. I will miss Steve Nakada's email messages and planning phone calls. He could not have been more efficient and pleasant. Peter Knapp's masterful management of our budget kept me informed and comfortable with the financial status of the meeting. Jay Sandlow and his wife Bridget accompanied us to planning sessions with the Diplomat and added their good sense and energy to the experience. I want to thank the North Central Section for making this year so special for Amy and me — we have made many good friends throughout our years of attendance. We wish all of you a happy and healthy holiday season and look forward to seeing you at the next meeting in Chicago.

A Brief Update from the AUA Health Policy Committee

by Brian Reuwer

Congress passed a bill reversing the 2008 10.1% physician pay cut and extending SCHIP with a sweeping majority Wednesday. The proposal will replace the 10 percent cut with a 0.5 percent increase in physician payments next year. SCHIP, the state children's health insurance program, will be extended until early 2009.

The bill will protect doctors from Medicare cuts until the end of June, when congress will have to act again to ward off the cut. Democratic congressmen said Republicans blocked their efforts to pass broader Medicare reforms and view the six month band-aid as a concession.

Don't forget to register for the 2008 Urology Joint Advocacy Conference. The meeting will be March 30 – April 1 at the Grand Hyatt in Washington, DC. This meeting is jointly hosted by the AUA and AACU and will prepare urologists to be better advocates for their practice and their patients. Please visit www.uropac.org to register for the conference.

The 2008 Urology Practice Management Conference, held on the weekend preceding the opening of the AUA Annual Meeting, will have something for everyone involved in managing a urology practice. Whether you are a new urology manager or a veteran of urology management, this two-day symposium put on in collaboration with the Urology Administration Assembly of the Medical Group Management Association will provide you with what you need to know to manage a urology practice today. Urologists who are involved in managing their practices will also benefit from this education. The conference will be held on May 16 – 17, 2008 in the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Florida.

survey are shown below for review. Current efforts are being made to garner further information across all of the AUA sections from the membership on these crucial issues. All data derived from these surveys will be made available to the American Board of Urology and the AUA planning group involved with the future of urologic education.

2. A national core curriculum should be standardized for urologists in training which can be compared and reproduced across different programs.			
		Response Percent	Response Total
Agree		92.3%	144
Disagree		7.7%	12
Total Respondents			156
(skipped this question)			0

3. The last 2 years of a residency program should be flexible meaning the resident could choose from a different set of electives (not necessarily all within urology).			
		Response Percent	Response Total
Agree		37.4%	58
Disagree		62.6%	97
Total Respondents			155
(skipped this question)			1

NCS Member Survey Results

by Christopher Gonzalez, MD

The white paper produced by the AUA *The Future of Urology and Urologic Education in America* (AUA News December 2006) addressed and commented on many of the issues surrounding the future of urologic education including the length of training, recertification, and the potential evolution of a "two tiered" (office based and surgical) training system. Although many issues still need to be considered, significant changes to the current training model promise to have widespread implications for both private and academic urologists alike within all sections of the AUA. Recognizing the importance of these potential decisions and the need for membership feedback, the NCS produced a basic 12-question survey related to some of the consensus statements reached by the AUA planning group for the future of urology. The results of this

9. Which training philosophy do you feel will most effectively prepare the field of urology to deal with the numerous specialties competing in similar areas of patient care i.e. minimally invasive surgery, urogynecology.			
		Response Percent	Response Total
Two-tiered (Medical Urology vs. Urological surgery)		15.8%	24
Comprehensive broad-based training		84.2%	128

10. Maintenance of Certificate should include submission of patient logs for a defined interval?			
		Response Percent	Response Total
Agree		57.4%	89
Disagree		42.6%	66
Total Respondents			155
(skipped this question)			1
(skipped this question)			1

11. Re-certification should be at which year interval? Please indicate your response.								
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Response Average
Year Interval	0% (0)	12% (19)	1% (2)	6% (9)	3% (5)	1% (1)	77% (119)	6.09
Total Respondents								155
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*Meticulous, Staged, Do-it-Yourself Surgical Self-Emasculation:
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