

Our New President by: Patrick H. McKenna, MD

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*Chandru P.
Sundaram, MD*

It is a pleasure to introduce Chandru Sundaram as our new North Central Section president. Chandru has been a member of our section since 1993 when he started his urology residency training at the University of Minnesota. He traveled a lot as a child because his father was a physician in the Indian Air Force. He completed medical school at Madras Medical College, India,

in 1985. Following medical school and internship, he remained in India and did an additional three years of training in general surgery. He then spent three more years in England training in urology before moving to the United States. After completing urology residency in Minnesota, he obtained fellowship training in endourology in Boston. His first academic position at Washington University School of Medicine in St Louis kept him from participating in our section again until in 2002 when he moved to Indiana University. He became the first Director of the Fellowship and program in Minimally Invasive Urologic Surgery at Indiana University Medical Center. Since then, he has actively participated in every one of our annual meetings. He currently serves as professor of urology, urology residency director and fellowship director of the Indiana Laparoscopic and Robotic Surgery Fellowship. His area of expertise includes graduate medical education and robotic and laparoscopic surgery of the kidney, prostate and adrenal gland. He has over 100 peer-reviewed publications.

Chandru has been actively involved in leadership in our section serving as the president of the Indiana

Urologic Association and Indiana Representative to the NCS Board of Directors. He serves as chair of the AUA Laparoscopy, Robotic and New Surgical Technology Committee and member of the Education Council. He is course director of the 2013 AUA Advanced Robotic Oncology Course. At the 2013 Annual meeting of the AUA, he will coordinate all the hands-on robotic surgery course and will direct a course on robotic partial nephrectomy. He is also the president of the Society of Urological Robotic Surgeons. He helped develop and established the *Journal of Endourology Part B Videourology*, which is the first peer-reviewed video journal in urology. He continues to serve as the section editor. He is also a graduate of the AUA Leadership Program.

Chandru spends most of his spare time with his family. Linda and I have gotten to know his wife, Nandini, well through the NCS Board meetings and I was lucky enough to visit Nandini and Chandru in Indiana and enjoy Nandini's gourmet cooking. She enjoys painting in her spare time, but their two children Amitha and Ashwin are where they focus most of their energy. Amitha is a senior in high school and is considering attending Indiana University next year. Ashwin, a freshman in high school, is a one of the top tennis players in his age group in Indiana. The family takes a yearly trip to different countries and have come to appreciate how similar people are around the world and how lucky we are to live in America.

I am looking forward to working with a talented leader in urology and he is already using his connections to attract key speakers for our next annual meeting. I know Chandru and Nandini join Linda and me in extending an invitation to join us at the Ritz-Carlton in Naples, Florida, October 8 – 12, 2013, for the 87th NCS Annual Meeting.

**Registration Materials for the
NCS 2013 Meeting will be
mailed and available online at**

**www.ncsuaa.org
in summer 2013!**

We look forward to
seeing you in Florida!



*Post-Convention News
from the*
86th Annual Meeting

October 10 – 13, 2012
Swissotel Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

Plan to Attend!

2013 87th Annual Meeting of the NCS
October 8 – 12, 2013
Ritz Carlton Naples
Naples, Florida

Special thanks to Dr. Sheila Gemar for organizing a fantastic display featuring the history of the NCS Training Programs during the 2012 meeting. Posters will be available on the NCS website at www.ncsuaa.org.

Secretary's Report

Patrick H. McKenna, MD



Patrick H. McKenna, MD
Secretary

academics and fun social events.

The 86th Annual Meeting of the North Central Section was hosted by Dr. Howard and Lori Winfield at the beautiful Swissotel in Chicago. The weather was warm and the facility was perfectly set up for our meeting. With over 450 registered participants, we initiated a new Chicago meeting format and received rave reviews for its incorporation of health policy, practice management, a dedicated primary care nurse practitioner session, new ask the expert sessions and hands-on sessions. In addition to all the new format changes, we maintained the high-quality

The meeting started with two simultaneous live cases brought in over the internet from Northwestern University. The session was moderated by Drs. Ken Angermeier and Craig Rogers. They funneled questions to the surgeons and added in their own experiences with the robotic partial nephrectomy expertly presented by Dr. Kent Perry and the penile restoration by Dr. Kevin McVary. Much thanks to Dr. Chris Gonzales for organizing the live program. Larry Lipshultz followed with the AUA course of choice in men's health, which he modified especially for our section and incorporated Drs. Toby Kohler and Dan Williams in the program. It was one of the best AUA sessions I have been too. The first afternoon saw simultaneous programming with a session on health policy and practice management and the first ever primary care and physician extender seminar. The health policy session included Christian Shalgian; the American College of Surgeons lobbyist, Lisa Ohrin, JD; Peter Knapp, Jr., MD; Gary Kirsh, MD; and me. Thanks to Dr. Ajay Nehra for organizing the Primary Care Update in Urology. It was such a high quality update that many urologist also attended. The day ended with a well-attended opening social event in the exhibit area and it was great to see so many friends. I consider myself lucky to be in the best AUA section.

Just over 270 high quality abstracts were submitted and over 200 were accepted. They again represented a comprehensive coverage of urology. The absolute number of abstracts submitted was down by approximately 10%, but the total number of members who submitted abstracts was up by 20%. The discussants were particularly strong this year and I appreciate their hard work in preparing for the meeting. The new "ask the expert sessions" were well attended and provided members the opportunity to ask our invited speakers questions. The response was so positive we will make this a permanent part of the meeting.

The focus of the meeting was education and technology. Our morning education sessions and panel discussions covered topics of digital and social marketing, mini debates in pediatric urology, severe urethral complications of prostate surgery, optimal management for locally advanced prostate cancer, challenging and controversial cases in renal cell cancer, controversial cases in endourology, an update in noninvasive bladder cancer, laparoscopic single site surgery, and what's new in BPH treatment. Again this year, two young faculty members Drs. Charles Powell and Michael Risk gave us their exciting projections of what their specialties will be like in twenty years. I hope I am here to

see it! Thanks to the hard work of Dr. Matt Gettman, the Young Urologists Program: Risk Management: Avoiding Litigation in the 21st Century was standing room only. Thanks to Dr. Gary Faerber for running another exciting quiz bowl with audience participation. I'm not sure the members could have done as well as the resident teams. Although we missed our AUA President Dr. Dennis Pessis at this meeting, we received the AUA update from our good friend AUA Past President Dr. Sushil Lacy. Our President Dr. Howard Winfield also ran an AUA leadership panel with key questions that included AUA leaders, Dr. Robert Flanigan, Past AUA Secretary and AUA Director of International Education; Dr. Rich Memo, AUA Treasurer; Dr. Stephen Nakada, member of AUA Board of Directors; and Dr. Sushil Lacy, AUA Past President. Dr. Thomas Turk provided a summary of the AUA efforts on practice guidelines.

In addition to the outstanding visiting professors that participated in the health policy and AUA update course, we benefited from a stellar group of outstanding visiting professors. Over a series of three lectures Dr. W. Marston Linehan provided the membership fascinating talks on the genetics of renal cell cancer and the possibilities of current and future treatments based on the genetic make up for the different renal cancers. Dr. Mark Litwin discussed outcome research in urologic oncology and participated as a discussant and panel member related to outcomes research in the section and locally advanced prostate cancer. Dr. Mostafa Elhilali spoke on surgical management of symptomatic BPH and the learning curve for laser prostatectomy. Dr. Ralph Clayman provided an update on image-guided ablative therapy for renal tumors. In all areas of urology we are seeing major advances at a rapidly increasing pace. The invited lecturers pushed the envelope on updating the membership on many of the cutting edge advances that have occurred since our last meeting. A special recognition goes out to our own Dr. John Hulbert, who gave a comprehensive overview of tuberous sclerosis including a personal perspective. We are fortunate to have such a dynamic membership that enhance our meeting by their exceptional contributions.

Dr. Winfield chose to honor our late friend Dr. Richard D. Williams by dedicating the entire meeting to him. Dr. Robert Flanigan provided a summary of Dr. Williams' many accomplishments and our section benefited from his leadership and talent. Dr. Ralph Clayman was the honorary speaker and a fitting talk in Dr. Williams' honor on "Creativity and the Academic Process" This was followed by a moving presidential address by Dr. Howard Winfield on "Disaster Management: The Silver Lining of Life's Trials & Tribulations." He outlined his and his family's personal experience in last year's Alabama tornado disaster.

The exceptional program was augmented by an equally enjoyable social program. Under the direction of Drs. Elizabeth and Michael Takas, our local arrangements couple, we had a fantastic family friendly night at the Museum of Science and Technology. The annual banquet provided the opportunity to socialize together and the fine food and band were outstanding. Some danced until Midnight.

At the annual meeting, the membership approved Dr. Gary Faerber (Michigan) the new secretary-elect, and Dr. Teresa Beam (Indiana) as the new historian. Dr. Chandru Sundaram (Indiana) ascends to president, and Dr. Christopher Cooper (Iowa) was elected president-elect. Special thanks go to Drs. Craig Block (Iowa), and Brad Schwartz (Illinois) who end their three-year term on the Board. Dr. Sheila Gemar also moves off the Board after serving three years as our historian. She has made substantial contributions to our section. Dr. Matt Gettman moves off the Board and Dr. Aaron Milbank moves up as the new chair of the Young Urologists. Dr. Toby Kohler was elected as the new

Young Urologist vice-chair and will also be joining the Board. We also are sadly losing one of our most seasoned leaders, Dr. Peter Knapp (Indiana) who has served in the section leadership for over thirteen years. His experience will be missed by the entire section. Drs. Elizabeth Takacs (Iowa), Kevin McVary (Illinois), and Jeffrey Triest (Michigan) were elected to the Board as state representatives. Changes to the Bylaws were also approved that provide a mechanism to select replacements to elected positions should a vacancy occur between meetings, and the chair of the Education Committee was added to the Program Committee.

All state societies participated in the North Central Section Visiting Professor Program. This program supports section visiting professors at state society meetings. Any member that wants to be added to the list of approved NCS visiting professors should contact Sue O'Sullivan. The Young Urologists continue to advocate for young members and the Board has continued to add their suggestions to the meeting format. The Board approved a donation to the International Volunteers in Urology again this year contributing \$8,000.00 to cover two resident fellowships. The Board approved the Education Committee suggestion that all surveys must be approved by the Education Committee prior to being sent through the membership website. The Board approved a change to the social events at the Chicago meetings. There was strong feedback from the membership that one night remains open, so members can have a night off to meet with friends. Starting with the next Chicago meeting in 2014 we will no longer have a Thursday theme night. Thursday night will become an open night.

The Board participated in a half-day strategic implementation meeting before the last interim meeting. The entire strategic plan was reviewed and the Board implemented a plan to operationalize the plan. The main focus was to look at how the section can expand its support to members. Almost all of the recommendations from the meeting have been implemented. Several of the changes to the most recent meeting such as the hands-on sessions and ask the expert arose from the implementation meeting. The Board also implemented a plan to completely revamp the section website and develop a formal Health Policy Committee with a chair elected by the Board and individual state representation.

WJ Weiser & Associates, Inc. continues to do an outstanding job behind the scenes advancing the goals of our section. Donna Kelly had another successful year fundraising with industry support on par with other Chicago meetings despite the significant general decline in industry funding. She was also instrumental in initiating industry sponsored hands on courses. Very special thanks to Sue O'Sullivan who continues to be a joy to work with and key to the daily management of our section. We are extremely lucky to have such an organized group of people that work with Wendy and provide the support so the section can continue its successful planning. Wendy takes special care of our section and it is much appreciated. As I look to run my last section meeting I am very excited to be working with Dr. Chandru Sundaram. We have an outstanding venue at the Ritz Carlton in Naples and Dr. Sundaram has already lined up tremendous visiting professors. We will continue to make improvements to what is one of the best urology meetings. Please mark your calendars to join us for the 87th Annual Meeting October 8-12, 2013, at the Ritz-Carlton in Naples, Florida.

From the Treasurer

Gary M. Kirsh, MD



Gary M. Kirsh, MD
Treasurer

The NCS fund balance, as of September 30, 2012, totals \$2,792,727. The year to date operating surplus totals \$560,121. NCS operations have consistently resulted in a positive cash balance year to year for the past several years. This is a credit to the leadership and financial prudence of the board and NCS management (WJ Weiser & Associates, Inc.) over an extended period of time.

NCS investments have had solidly positive returns over the last five and ten years due to diversification of NCS funds and successful management by Kelly Group. The NCS, which has a diversified balanced account,

has experienced investment returns that have well exceeded those of the blended index for balanced accounts over many years.

The NCS Annual Meeting Committee (President Howard N. Winfield, MD; President-Elect Chandru P. Sundaram, MD; Secretary and Immediate Past President Patrick H. McKenna, MD; and Local Arrangements Chair Elizabeth B. Takacs, MD) did a fantastic job of putting together a successful, enjoyable 2012 Annual Meeting in Chicago, Illinois. I am sure everyone benefitted from their hard work and dedication in providing the most up-to-date scientific information and outstanding social opportunities to our members.

I am looking forward to another successful annual meeting in 2013, under the leadership of Dr. Chandru Sundaram, which will be our 87th Annual Meeting held from October 8 – 12, 2013, at the Ritz Carlton Naples in Naples, Florida. I hope to see all of you there.

From the Representative to the AUA Board of Directors

Stephen Y. Nakada, MD



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I want to thank the North Central Section for granting me a second and final term on the AUA Board of Directors. It also continues to be an honor to serve with Drs. Memo and Pessis on the AUA Board of Directors. Our Health Policy Committee is now led by Dr. David Penson. I also encourage all of you to attend the JAC meeting in Washington, DC, in March. This is an important meeting to attend on many levels, as this is the one time urologists get together to "storm the hill." This has been a most educational meeting for me, and will have great meaning given the recent presidential election.

Dr. Steven Schlossberg is the new treasurer-elect of the AUA and will take over when Dr. Memo's term ends. The AUA board just completed a lengthy strategic planning process, and significant efforts will be made in education, research, health policy and fiscal planning towards the future. We are in a complex time for urologists right now, but I can assure you the AUA continues to strive to look out for its membership at all levels.

I had a wonderful time at the Section meeting in Chicago and congratulations to Howard and Lori Winfield for a grand meeting! I particularly enjoyed participating in the president's round table; this was a strong exchange regarding relevant matters facing all section members. We look forward to an outstanding meeting in Naples, Florida, and I know Drs. Sundaram and McKenna, along with the WJ Weiser team, will put on a great meeting.

The scientific programs will be strong, and I look forward to another strong "Resident Bowl" competition.

Finally, please come to San Diego in May for the AUA Annual Meeting, and attend the national residents quiz bowl. As you know, this tradition was started in our section by Dr. Dennis Pessis, and we hope to win it this year.

Report From the Immediate Past President

Howard N. Winfield, MD



Howard N. Winfield, MD President

Needless to say, the recent NCS 86th Annual Meeting held in Chicago was a significant event in the lives of my family and me. I could not have asked for a better academic meeting along with wonderful social events. The creative organization of our hard-working secretary, Dr. Pat McKenna, complemented by our local arrangements couple, Drs. Elizabeth and Mike Takacs, resulted in a meeting that was very robust, fast moving and highly educational. Our visiting guest speakers as well as local NCS nationally-recognized faculty presented cutting-edge ideas and concepts in all aspects of urology. Gratitude is extended to Dr. Chris Gonzalez and the Northwestern University surgical team who

once again demonstrated beautiful, live surgical procedures in the areas of robotic kidney surgery and penile reconstruction. The second NCS Health Policy and Practice Management Symposium was again very well attended and informative bringing us up to date with the many current and proposed changes emanating out of Washington, DC.

As I now enter into the 8th year of being involved with the inner workings of the NCS Board I have witnessed great progress and changes lead by extremely bright and competent individuals. The leadership is strong and the North Central Section is recognized by the AUA as the "trend setter and where the bar should be set" with respect to academic standards. It is remarkably easy to recruit nationally recognized faculty

because they live and practice in the states within the North Central Section. We are extremely fortunate to have Wendy Weiser as our executive director at WJ Weiser & Associates - it makes our meetings very easy to arrange and manage. They are extremely good at what they do and it makes us look even better.

At this point I am very pleased to see my colleague and good friend Dr. Chandru Sundaram and his lovely wife Nandini ascend to the presidency of the NCS. Chandru has been highly successful at Indiana University and is internationally recognized as a leader in minimally invasive urologic surgery. He is very experienced with meeting planning and together with Pat McKenna, should put forth a superb 87th Annual meeting next year in Naples, FL. Working along with them will be Dr. Chris Cooper who is president-elect and Dr. Gary Kirsh as our very experienced treasurer. The Section is in the hands of very experienced individuals with strong leadership skills. Although Dr. Peter Knapp moves off the Board, we will undoubtedly continue to tap into his vast NCS leadership experience over the coming years.

Again I want to thank the Board and the NCS membership for giving my wife Lori and me the privilege and opportunity to have been the presidential couple this past year. It has been an amazing experience and we cherish all the wonderful friendships we have established.

Continued success to all!

State Affairs Update

Ross E. Weber, State Affairs Manager, WJ Weiser & Associates



*Ross E. Weber
State Affairs Manager*

Illinois

Before newly-elected veto-proof majorities take office in 2013, legislators will return to Springfield Nov. 27 for two weeks to consider issues of interest to all urologists. Employed, academic and private practice physicians alike are subject to a 100 percent licensing fee increase that may be tied to a required extension of the Medical Practice Act, set to expire Dec. 31, 2012. Lawmakers will also consider the establishment of a health insurance exchange. The make-up of the governing board of that program is likely to be dominated by progressive interests rather than the people and organizations that actually provide and pay for health care.

Indiana

Like their Democrat counterparts in Illinois, Hoosier State Republicans secured a veto-proof majority in both chambers of the legislature in the recent election, thus neutralizing the opposition's twice-failed stalling tactic - preventing official business by high-tailing across the border. One seemingly non-contentious issue that may be considered by the 2013 legislature is an official expression of support for PSA-based prostate cancer screening. The 2012 Indiana State Medical Association House of Delegates approved a resolution declaring that organization in support of the test, which may translate into a legislative priority.

Iowa

With Democrats maintaining tenuous control of the Iowa Senate and a shrinking majority of Republicans in the House, elected officials promise true bipartisanship in the legislature in 2013. Unfortunately for physicians, this fact leads one to expect no progress on long-sought medical liability reforms. Given President Obama's re-election, Gov. Branstad is prepared to propose a health insurance exchange, rather than allow the federal government to impose its will on Iowans.

Michigan

State House Republicans survived a scare on election night 2012, having lost five seats, but maintaining their majority in that chamber. Analysts expect an ambitious legislative agenda during the 13-day lame duck session so Republicans can take advantage of its larger majority. Issues of interest to physicians include a package of medical liability reforms that would redefine economic and non-economic damages, hold doctors to the same liability standards as practicing attorneys and prevent attorneys from artificially inflating awards and expenses. Governor Scott's proposed transformation of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan from a tax-exempt healthcare corporation to a nonprofit mutual corporation will also be considered. Prospects for universal prior authorization forms and expanded nurse practitioner scope of practice are uncertain.

Minnesota

DFL wins in the 2012 election that allowed that party to regain control of both chambers of the Legislature assure that Gov. Mark Dayton's progressive implementation of the Affordable Care Act will go forward with little impediment. The governor already took action without the legislature's consent to lay the groundwork for a health insurance exchange and the soon-to-be DFL chairs of House and Senate Health Committees, Rep. Tom Huntley and Sen. Tony Lourey predicted swift consideration of a legal framework. In a post-election news conference, future Senate President Tom Bakk and Speaker of the House-designate Paul Thissen expressed strong support for establishing a state-based exchange, as well. That said, sources point to competing visions for the make-up of the governing board, as was the case in Democrat-dominated Illinois, where leaders have been working on legislation for nearly two years.

North Dakota

Having distanced herself from President Obama's agenda, Democrat Heidi Heitkamp overcame GOP dominance in The Peace Garden State to retain the U.S. Senate seat for her party. With Gov. Jack Dalrymple winning a four-year term of his own, Republicans hold two of the state's three seats in Washington, all elected state executive offices and supermajority control of the Legislature. A familiar name will join the Senate in Bismarck for the Jan. 8 - May 1, 2013, session. George B. Sinner (D-Fargo), the son of former Gov. George A. Sinner (1985 - 1992), defeated incumbent Republican Senator Jim Roers to represent District 46. In another race of interest to physicians, Insurance Commissioner Adam Hamm (R) won re-election and will be in charge of monitoring implementation of the Affordable Care Act. Hamm criticized the law throughout the campaign, saying it's likely to drive up the cost of health insurance. Interestingly, North Dakota is one of 11 states where the Insurance Commissioner stands for election, rather than serving as an executive-level appointee.

Ohio

Challengers unseated the Ohio Supreme Court's lone Democrat and a Republican justice, meaning the court will have new faces but the same political makeup. OSMA-endorsed Sharon Kennedy ended

Justice Yvette McGee Brown's (D) bid to serve an unexpired term through 2014. Voters also elected William O'Neill (D) over the OSMA-endorsed incumbent, Justice Robert Cupp (R). OSMA-endorsed current Justice Terrence O'Donnell (R) retained his seat. In the Legislature, vote totals show Republicans holding a 60-39 majority in the Ohio House and 23-10 advantage in the Ohio Senate. Having reached 60 votes in the House, the GOP may use parliamentary tactics to effectively silence opposition in that chamber. Gov. Kasich looks to be all-powerful going into 2013, with Senate President Pro Tempore Keith Faber recently deferring to the Chief Executive to set that chamber's agenda.

South Dakota

Running on a strong record and the nation's largest growth in personal income since 2010, voters returned large GOP majorities to both the House and Senate in recent elections. Approximately 600 bills are expected to be considered in the Jan. 8 - March 27, 2013, legislative session. Gov. Dugaard will deliver all-important budget recommendations Dec. 4, at which time he is expected to layout his 2013 agenda. With voters rejecting key education, economic development and taxation initiatives, analysts are left wondering just what the legislature may feel empowered to address.

Wisconsin

Since he halted implementation of the Affordable Care Act in late 2011, Gov. Scott Walker asserted he would wait until after the Supreme Court ruled on the law. When the high court upheld it, Walker said he'd wait until after the 2012 election. Walker decided against any partnership with the Federal government to establish or run an exchange. The Federal government will, therefore, operate the marketplace for insurance mandated by the Affordable Care Act. The 2012 elections represented the third switch in party control of the state Senate in two years. Republicans regained the majority after losing it in a summer recall election. That chamber has already selected Sen. Scott Fitzgerald to serve once again as majority leader. At the start of the year-long legislative session Jan. 7, 2013, the GOP will have at least a 20-vote majority in the Assembly. The majorities give Gov. Walker a largely free hand to shape the state's next biennial budget. His stated focus is to help small businesses by reforming the tax code and regulatory process and by easing access to capital for entrepreneurs.

North Central Section Practice Management and Health Policy Report

Herbert W. Riemenschneider, MD
Chair, North Central Section Health Policy Committee

Health Policy Committee Meeting

On October 10, 2012, the Practice Management and Health Policy Program were convened at the NCS meeting in Chicago.

Our speakers included Christian Shalgian of the American College of Surgeons; Lisa Ohrin, JD, formerly associated with CMS and now in the private sector; Peter Knapp, MD; Gary Kirsh, MD; and Patrick McKenna, MD. Moderator: Herbert Riemenschneider, MD.

The discussion focused on the political/legislative/regulatory/academic and the Medical Practice Business Environment. It was well attended and received by an audience of approximately 100 NCS members.

Points of Discussion

Sequestration – Budget deficit not reconciled by previous efforts of Congress and unless in the lame duck session the legislators can work across the aisle there will be drastic cuts in areas such as the SGR (27 percent) but these will be much broader and affect defense, NIH and much more.

Bush tax cuts will expire resulting in massive increases and to date there has been no reduction in deficit spending.

A big driver of deficit spending is the cost of health care. There many reasons, and it is believed that we as doctors can do more and should take charge managing these cost better, such as tertiary care at end of life. Significant costs arise from technical advances, yet in some situations there is little evidence based upon the literature that the increased cost is significantly affecting quality.

The ACA has provisions that are in effect, these are drivers of increased cost and it is speculated that healthcare cost may increase as much as 30 percent in the next annum.

It was also discussed that the IPAB may not come into existence as the projected costs at least by present calculations do not seem to indicate that they will be high enough to initiate this action. This was a surprise to many present.

Physicians within their individual associations can influence the cost side and hopefully the physician revenue side. This will be done by building coalitions with organizations of National Specialty Society's in conjunction with the AMA, hospital associations, pharma, health insurance plans, etc.

Although the presidency is looked at as the critical factor in the future of health care, the position was offered that this power lies within the Senate and the House.

The method of reimbursement for physicians will change; it will require bipartisan support. There is an opportunity for providers to be responsible and exercise influence in this process.

The perspective that fee-for-service Medicare will survive was discussed.

In any move toward implementation of HCR, National Tort Reform with a 250K cap needs to be established if medical practice adheres to guidelines. Fraud and Abuse Regulation and Quality and Value will be pivotal issues. These are all areas for physicians and their coalitions to be effective!

Cost shifting to patients will not happen; doctors (15 percent of cost) and hospitals (85 percent; hospitals cost too much) will battle over the shrunken pie. Doctors and **their** decisions will bring down healthcare costs.

A Value Based Growth Rate Proposal will replace the broken Medicare Payment System (SGR).

Practice growth using integrated services (within the practices) is pre-

ented and this presentation should be an instructional course in most business schools in the U.S. and presented at the American Urological Society Meeting. The topic dealt with applicable aspects of urology practice from 1990-2020.

Practical Implications of Health Policy for Independent Practice Groups is covered in detail. Here, the issue of benefit from and the problems of integrated urology practice are discussed in detail.

Academic practice is discussed with attention to the low number of funded training opportunities for future urologists. Also how current programs are funding maintenance through clinical revenues and looking for opportunities of growth and excellence. There is discussion about how simulators lead to excellence of training. Then a discussion followed regarding partnering between private practice and academics regarding funding for residency training. There seemed to be considerable interest in this idea. This may be a strategy that will let urology resolve one of its most vexing problems and possibly develop a national leadership position in dealing with the physician manpower problem.

The formal program concluded.

North Central Section Health Policy Committee Meeting

The Health Policy Committee meeting followed, all in attendance at the Health Policy and Practice Management Program, invited to remain and attend the HP Committee Meeting.

This meeting was called to order by Herb Riemenschneider at 4:35 p.m.

Dr. Riemenschneider described the project that the Ohio Urological Society has undertaken, which is known as the **OUS Government Affairs Monitoring Committee**. Then he focused on the resolution regarding PSA testing that will be introduced to the House of the Ohio Legislature.

There is also discussion regarding the private insurance programs in Ohio trying to influence where radiology studies are done, presumably related to lowering cost and bypassing the referring physician recommendation.

Dr. Teresa Beam, Noblesville, IN, discussed the Bill that the Indiana urologists introduced into the Indiana State House of delegates. It was fully indorsed and believed that it will become law so that appropriate PSA testing is available to all that should have it.

Dr. Beam also discussed the intervention that prevented disruption of the "in office pathology and pass through billing" for this service by pending legislation that was rewritten due to the Indiana State Society intervention.

Dr. Chandru P. Sundaram of Indiana University discussed how physicians in the Indiana Hospitals system will work together to save 10 million dollars regarding inpatient care in the coming year.

There is also discussion of how the governor's action regarding Medicaid in Indiana has the potential to hurt the operations of public hospitals such as the Wishard Hospital (Hospital of Marion County Indiana).

Dr. Peter Langenstroer, the Wisconsin representative of the NCS Health Policy Committee, presented that Gov. Scott Walker opposes the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and has refrained from implementing it. Three Wisconsin groups are being selected for a pilot

ACO program and are burdened by this action.

Also, the Medical College of Wisconsin plans for Green Bay and Central Wisconsin installations. These will be community-based satellite campuses that will open in the summer of 2015. This community focus is expected to train more primary care doctors. **(That is where the money for training is going in Wisconsin.)**

Ed Cherullo of Case University discussed how organized urology is now coming to the aid of academic urology. He pointed out how the efforts made by the organizational units have come together and are making health policy an integrated part of urology. It has been an awakening in the past year and is to the benefit of the specialty.

Pat McKenna, MD, discussed how the NCS should take a more formal health policy position within the Section. The effort will be directed so that the Section can have a leadership role in coordinating state efforts in conjunction with the AACU State Society and the AUA to make the NCS states a model for the nation.

Finally, Herb Riemenschneider reported to the annual meeting of the NCS Board and membership. He provided a timeline as to how the Health Policy Committee and Health Policy Program have been developed with the help of Jeffrey Kauffman, MD. This process has been modeled after the system developed by the Western Section.

Time Line for Health Policy of the North Central Section

1990 Omnibus reconciliation Act Bush 1= RBRVS

Begins the need to develop Health Policy at the Section level.

2008 Dr. Dennis Corcoran and Dr R. worked to grow NCS Health Policy Committee

2009 H.P. presented to the NCS Board asked for program presence on the agenda

2010 H.P. Present on the agenda Phil Roe, MD, Congressmen 1st District Tenn. Presented HCR. (ACA proposal)
Program consultation Jeffrey Kauffman Western Section

2011 H.P. on Program — Agenda P.M. & H.P.
HP Comm. gave NCS Young Urologists HP voice raised question: Equal benefits for all members of AUA?

2012 H.P. on Program — Agenda P.M. & H.P.
HP Comm. demonstrates the effectiveness of states in conjunction with AACU State Society to monitor legislation and regulation and act to preserve practice principles under assault at state level.

Respectfully,

Herbert Riemenschneider MD
Chairman of the Health Policy Committee of the North Central Section
NCS Representative to the Health Policy Council of the AUA

IN MEMORIAM 2012

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.

Mark J. Chelsky, MD
Appleton, WI

Howard M. Diamond, MD
Munster, IN

M. Wesley Feigert, MD
Findlay, OH

William E. Forsythe, MD
Cleveland, OH

John T. Grayhack, MD
La Grange, IL

Kenneth S. Helenbolt, MD
Prescott, AZ

Jose M. Hernandez-Graulau, MD
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Joseph H. Iwano, MD
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Report From the Historian

Sheila K. Gemar, MD
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Thank you to all the academic programs that participated in the 2012 North Central Section History poster display. The hard work that goes into archiving a program's history certainly should be commended! Currently we have seventeen of twenty-two programs that participated at this year's meeting and we are still hopeful that all academic programs will take it upon themselves to complete the history of their program. The next phase is to get all of this information not only on our NCS website but also archived with the William P. Didusch Urological Museum. Remember: the insight of medicine into the future can only be accelerated by the accomplishments and failures of those that have gone before us.

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Incontinence/Infertility/Sexual Dysfunction/Urethra/Ureter

Clinical Winner: Poster #11 – Ureteral Stent Trauma, A Lesson Worth Taking to Heart
Presented By: Matthew Maurice

Basic Science Winner: Poster #5 – FSH Ligand Targets Sertoli Cell Uptake of Nanoparticles
Presented By: Devon Snow-Lisy, MD

Prostate-Benign/Malignant

Clinical Winner: Poster #12 – Analysis of Post Operative Outcomes of Laser Vaporization of the Prostate
Presented By: Peter Stuhldreher, BS, MD

Basic Science Winner: Poster #20 – Differential Localization of Activated PSK Kinases in Benign and Malignant Prostate Epithelium
Presented By: Megan Schober, MD, PhD

Bladder Cancer/Outcomes Research/Pediatrics

Clinical Winner: Poster #24 – Predictors of Repeat Transurethral Resection of Bladder Tumor for Bladder Cancer
Presented By: Joseph Zabell MD

Kidney/Ureter – Malignant/Socioeconomic

Clinical Winner: Poster #37 – Comparison of Renal Nephrometry Score, Padua Classification and Centrality-Index for Prediction of Surgery Type for Renal Cancer
Presented By: Conrad Tobert

Endourology/Laparoscopy

Clinical Winner: Poster #43 – Simultaneous Versus Staged Treatment of Upper Tract Stone Disease at time of Radical Prostatectomy
Presented By: Boyd Viers, MD

Basic Science Winner: Poster #42 – Does 24-H Urinary Sodium Accurately Predict Sodium Intake?
Presented By: Kristina L. Penniston, PhD

John D. Silbar Award

Henry M. Rosevear, MD
University of Iowa Health Care

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Richard Memo, MD
NEO Urology Associates, Inc.
Podium #103: Characteristics of Patients on Non-Daily and Daily Cy-toreductions Compared to Patients Cytoecution Naïve (Dustaeride & Finasteride)

Traveling Fellowship Award

Bruce Jacobs, MD, MPH
University of Michigan
Poster #68: Trends in Treatment of Ureteropel Vic Junction Obstruction

Best Video Award

Video #4: Less Nephrectomy Utilizing a Pfannestiel Incision: A Different Perspective
Presented By: Robert Kohut

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