

President's Message

by Howard N. Winfield MD

2012 Pre-Convention News

**Plan to Attend the
86th Annual
NCS Meeting
October 10 - 13, 2012
Swissotel Chicago**



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It is anticipated that the 86th Annual NCS Meeting (October 10 – 13, 2012) will be recognized as one of the very best academic and social programs ever! The meeting will be held in Chicago beginning Wednesday, October 10th with a robust program with a live surgery transmission from Northwestern University, the AUA Course of Choice (directed by Larry I. Lipshultz, MD), followed by a Health Care Management Seminar. Unique this year will be a concomitant afternoon program directed to Primary Care Physicians, NP, PA and interested general urologists entitled “Primary Care Update in Urology.” The following days (October 11 – 13) are packed with educational opportunities in conjunction with special lectures by internationally known thought leaders in urology. Early in the meeting Dr. Mark S. Litwin and Dr. W. Marston Linehan will speak to us on their respective areas of expertise: “Outcomes Research in Urologic Oncology” and “THE VHL Clear Cell Kidney Gene: Discover to Targeted Therapy.” Later in the meeting Dr. Mostafa M. Elhilali will discuss his enormous experience with laser enucleation of the prostate and BPH management. Finally, we are excited about our Honorary Lecturer, Dr. Ralph V. Clayman who will give the Keynote Lecture in honor of our good friend and colleague, the late Richard D. Williams, MD. It would be a shame not to use much of the incredible academic talent from within the Section and we are fortunate to have many lectures, debates and discussions from our elite NCS colleagues. I know how hard Dr. Patrick McKenna has worked to pull this excellent program together. This is a “huge puzzle” and he has done an incredible job!

The social program is full and should be very enjoyable beginning with the Welcome Reception through to the Annual Banquet. We anticipate the President's Reception/Theme Night at The Museum of Science & Industry on Thursday, October 11th, to be very stimulating and entertaining for all. A special thanks to our Local Arrangements Couple, Drs. Elizabeth and Michael Takacs who have worked diligently with WJ Weiser & Associates to put together the social events that we will enjoy.

Finally, it has been a great privilege and honor for Lori and me to be your NCS President Couple this year. We hope that you will join us and all your urologic colleagues in Chicago this fall for a very worthwhile educational and social event.

Secretary's Report

by Patrick H. McKenna, MD



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Make sure to mark your calendars for the 86th Annual NCS Meeting in Chicago at the Swissotel. It is scheduled from October 10 – 13, 2012. We will feature the new meeting format with a full day of scheduled events on Wednesday, October 10th.

Dr. Howard N. Winfield, the president of the North Central Section, has organized a phenomenal meeting. The meeting will start with a full day of activity on Wednesday, October 10th, so plan to arrive in Chicago on Tuesday. The first day will feature live robotic surgery being brought to us by Dr. Christopher M. Gonzalez live from Northwestern and locally moderated by Dr. Craig G. Rogers. This will be followed by the first invited speaker Dr. Larry I. Lipshultz presenting the AUA Course of Choice on infertility and low testosterone. The afternoon will feature a health policy update including talks by Lisa Orin, JD, Drs. Peter M. Knapp, Gary M. Kirsh, Patrick H. McKenna and a congressional health update. Simultaneously, the NCS will host the first afternoon educational session dedicated to primary care physicians, physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. With the assistance of SUNA and UAPA, we are planning a half day educational event that will feature several North Central Section speakers on topics including PSA screening, clinical management of BPH, erectile dysfunction and renal calculus disease.

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Secretary's Report Continued

We received over 270 abstracts this year and the program committee worked hard to include as many of the outstanding abstracts as possible. Our section continues to have superb clinical and academic productivity. We have retained many of the successful components of our past meetings with some new additions. The meeting will feature a combination of state-of-the-art lectures, panel discussions, early morning breakfast courses, abstracts and posters. We will draw on many of our own talented and nationally renowned clinical and academic leaders to contribute to the meeting. New this year will be dedicated time to ask our visiting professors questions and industry sponsored hands-on labs throughout the meeting.

Dr. Winfield has chosen several outstanding speakers who will cover a variety of cutting edge topics. Speakers include: Dr. Mark S. Litwin, chair of the Department of Urology at UCLA; Dr. W. Marston Linehan, chief of Urologic Surgery and the Urologic Oncology Branch, Center for Cancer Research at the National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland; Dr. Ralph V. Clayman, dean of the University Of California at Irvine; and Dr. Mostafa M. Elhilali, chairman of the Department of Surgery and the Stephen Jarislowsky Chair in urology at McGill University, Montreal, Canada. Our visiting speakers will provide state-of-the-art lectures, participate in our panels, serve as discussants and will have a dedicated time to answer members' questions. Dr. Winfield has organized the meeting as a tribute to Dr. Richard D. Williams. He will be honored during the Friday session.

Dr. Matthew T. Gettman and the Young Urologists Committee will sponsor a seminar on "Risk Management: How to Avoid Litigation in the 21st Century." Dr. Dennis Pessis, AUA president, will provide an update from the AUA. We will again feature presentations by two young urology faculty members telling us what to expect from their specialty in twenty years. Several of our renowned North Central Section members have organized cutting edge panels and exciting early morning seminars on medical and health policy topics.

Do not plan to leave early because the Saturday program is full of exciting sessions, including state-of-the-art lectures, panels, bizarre and interesting cases and the Resident Quiz Bowl!

Throughout the meeting we will have both breakfast and lunch medical education seminars covering key topics organized by our industry sponsors. The exhibit hall is in direct proximity to the meeting and there will be ample time to visit the displays. Our industry sponsors play an important role in supporting our annual meeting.

The business meeting will be important because we will select a secretary –elect and a request for nominations has been sent out by the Nominating Committee Chair Dr. Peter M. Knapp. In addition, we will be voting on some important by-law changes that cover several topics including how to fill a vacancy that opens between meetings and adding a section to cover the selection of the AUA Board Alternate. We will also present the results of the Board Strategic Implementation retreat.

There is always a lot to do in Chicago! Dr. Elizabeth and Michael Takacs and the Local Arrangements Committee have put together an exciting social program. "Bring the kids" should be the theme, since our major social event will be the Thursday President's Reception/Theme Night at The Museum of Science and Industry. Dr. Winfield and his wife, Lori, will host the Friday night reception and banquet on the property. We are looking forward to mingling with old friends and making new friendships at the social functions. This is a meeting not to be missed!

Treasurer's Report

by Gary M. Kirsh, MD



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More meeting registrations are coming in as we get closer to the NCS 2012 Annual Meeting, October 10 – 13, 2012, in Chicago, Illinois, and we are looking forward to another profitable and successful meeting.

The 2012 financial report includes both the annual meeting cash surplus and the Educational Fund annual performance. The Educational Fund of the NCS has a balance of \$2,169,217 as of June 30, 2012.

The NCS fund balance, as of June 30, 2012, totals \$2,506,740. The year to date surplus is \$252,134. As of June 30, 2012, the operating account has a balance of \$43,465.

NCS President Dr. Howard N. Winfield and Secretary Dr. Patrick H. McKenna are working together to plan another outstanding NCS Annual Meeting in Chicago, Illinois. Their combined creativity and skillfulness will ensure another outstanding NCS Annual Meeting that will provide additional value to NCS members and meeting attendees. The Local Arrangements Chair Couple, Dr. Elizabeth and Michael Takacs, are working to ensure an excellent meeting site in Chicago and are anticipating everyone's presence at the meeting.

I await an exciting and successful 2012 Annual Meeting for NCS with many state-of-the-art presentations. I look forward to seeing each of you at our annual meeting October 10 – 13, 2012, in Chicago, Illinois.

From the NCS Representative to the AUA Board of Directors

by Stephen Y. Nakada, MD



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Greetings fellow section members! It continues to be a rich experience serving on the AUA Board of Directors with now AUA President Dr. Dennis Pessis and Dr. Richard Memo, AUA treasurer. It is my privilege to represent the North Central Section on the AUA Board and to report to you on AUA activities.

This past AUA meeting in Atlanta proved to be well-attended and AUA President Sushil Lacy presided over a strong scientific and social program. This year

the Board worked hard in strategic planning, which resulted in creation of a Special Projects Reserve for new major projects and initiatives. This is critical to the AUA, as the organization can be more nimble in decision-making with this clearer structure.

The AUA Health Policy Committee, led by Dr. David Penson, is undergoing restructuring including a new “rapid response work group,” which will function to support urologists’ concerns and initiatives in this challenging healthcare environment. This is a critical step forward in our health policy efforts. The Board approved the AUA’s participation in the Choosing Wisely Campaign, which will help patients, physicians and other stakeholders to review and best utilize healthcare resources. The AUA joins nine other organizations on this initiative.

On the education front, the Board approved four new guidelines and also ratified an agreement with the Society of Pediatric Urology for a three-day program at the start of the AUA, beginning in 2012. As you may know we had the first national resident bowl at the annual meeting. Although our NCS team did not win, the residents did a great job, as did our own Dr. Gary Faerber, who ran the proceedings for the AUA.

The AUA Foundation has been renamed the Urology Care Foundation, and a search is ongoing for a new chair. I am serving on the Search Committee, and hopefully we can find the right individual for this important position.

Regarding research, Dr. Johannes Vieweg continues to be a proactive AUA research chair. At this stage, Dr. Vieweg has put forth the NURA (National Urologic Research Agenda) and begun a full-fledged effort to promote and support physician-scientists in urology via the expanding AUA Scholars Program. Our section is fully vetted supporting fellows in this program.

Deanna and I look forward to a robust meeting in Chicago this fall, and we are certain Drs. Howard Winfield, Pat McKenna and the team at Weiser will put on a great meeting!

State Government Affairs Update:



Tim Lytle

AACU State Society Network for the North Central Section of the AUA

by Tim Lytle - Government Affairs Associate

Pure Michigan

In Michigan, both chambers of the Legislature are considering packages of medical liability reform this summer. House Bills 5669-5672, sponsored by Representatives John Walsh (R-Livonia), Peter MacGregor (R-Rockford) and Joseph Haveman (R-Holland), are collectively entitled the Patients First Reform. The package has a provision that says a physician cannot be held liable if they acted with reasonable and good-faith belief that their conduct was well founded in medicine and in the patient’s best interest.

The proposal also calls for bringing more healthcare professionals under existing liability guidelines, a reduction in the amount of damages that can be

awarded and mandating that expert witnesses practice the same specialty as the defendant. The House bills have been assigned to the Judiciary Committee but haven’t received hearings. The Senate is considering a similar package of legislation (SB 1115-1118) and as of this writing they’ve received one hearing.

Graduate medical education received considerable attention earlier this year in the Wolverine State, when Gov. Snyder proposed significant cuts to state support of those programs. After intense lobbying and mobilization by physicians and educators, legislators lessened the reductions. Only a few states dedicate funds for GME, and for at least another year, Michigan will be one of them.

Ohio Scope

The Ohio General Assembly is heading for what appears to be an uneventful last quarter of the 2011-2012 session. Senate Bill 83, which allows certain APNs to prescribe Schedule II medications, passed in March and is one of only a small number of bills affecting urology that received serious consideration this year.

Two bills, Senate Bill 228 & House Bill 485, widen the scope of practice for CRNAs but neither has gone beyond their committee of origin. Senate Bill 276 would allow physician assistants to make death pronouncements and prescribe Schedule II medications. That measure also remains in committee.

Supreme Court & Senate Shake-Ups

Also in the Buckeye State, a shake-up on the Supreme Court took place when Justice Evelyn Lundberg Stratton announced she will retire at the end of 2012, with two years left in her third term. Regardless of the November 5 election outcome for her seat on the bench, the court will remain solidly conservative and supportive of the state’s medical liability laws.

In Indiana, Supreme Court Chief Justice Randall Shepard retired after serving as chief for the longest tenure in state history. Justice Shepard was appointed in 1985 by Gov. Robert Orr (R) and his leadership and restraint on medical liability issues have allowed Indiana to be a leader in such reforms.

Associate Justice Brent Dickson was selected to succeed Shepard as chief and to fill the seat vacated by Dickson’s elevation; Gov. Daniels selected former Assistant U.S. Attorney Mark Massa. Associate Justice Frank Sullivan, Jr., an appointee of former Gov. Evan Bayh (D), announced he will retire this fall. Sullivan’s departure leaves just one Democratic appointment on the court: Justice Robert Rucker.

In Wisconsin, where following the June 5 recall election Democrats gained a 17-15 advantage in the Senate, Democrat Tim Cullen bolted the party, lessening that slim majority. Senator Cullen cited frustration after being passed over for the chairmanship of the Senate Committee on Education and Corrections in favor of Senator John Lehman, who defeated an incumbent Republican and thereby secured the Democrat’s majority.

Cullen’s departure made the major party split in the Senate even, but that likely won’t matter. The Senate doesn’t plan to meet before the November 5 elections and Democrats maintain a majority anyway after Republican Senator Rich Zippere left to join the Walker administration.

NCS Joins Unprecedented Coalition to Support USPSTF Reform

The NCS recently joined the other sections of the AUA and 24 state and sub-specialty societies on a letter in support of HR 5998, the USPSTF Transparency and Accountability Act. The legislation, in part, amends the Affordable Care Act to strike language granting the USPSTF authority to determine whether public programs may cover vital preventative services, including PSA testing. Additional information is available online at www.bit.ly/USP-

STFReform.

State Round Up

Nearly all legislatures in the U.S. adjourn before the summer heat sets in. But while most legislators stay cool back home in their districts, those in three AUA North Central Section states continue to sweat it out in their respective state capitols.

Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin are still technically in session, though each remains relatively quiet as the November 5 election is fast approaching.

Illinois:

Gov. Quinn was recently featured at a conference of the nation's governors as an expert on Medicaid funding. State Comptroller Judy Topinka reported that the "temporary" income tax increase designated to pay off the state's back bills hasn't made much of a dent. The state still owes nearly \$8 billion dollars for services rendered by physicians, home care workers, contractors and more.

Indiana:

Rather than take action before leaving office, Gov. Mitch Daniels says he plans to ask his potential successors whether the state should set up a healthcare exchange. In a stunning development, longtime House Democratic Leader Rep. Patrick Bauer (D) was ousted by disgruntled members of his caucus who said they need new leadership to regain seats in the General Assembly. Rep. Linda Lawson (D-Hammond) will take over as the GOP nears a supermajority.

Iowa:

Gov. Brandtad is taking a leading role opposing the now-optional expansion of Medicaid. He continues to make national media appearances focusing on

private sector alternatives. Sen. Jack Hatch (D) is leading the opposition and hopes to hold a citizens' summit in the near future. Legislative study committees will meet throughout the summer. Information can be found at www.legis.iowa.gov.

Michigan:

The legislature continues to meet throughout September, then only once in October. Full-scale activity will resume after Election Day.

Minnesota:

Gov. Dayton's Health Care Reform Task continues to hold dozens of meetings throughout the state on issues including access, care integration & payment reform and workforce. The state House and Senate convene January 8, 2013.

North Dakota:

The North Dakota Legislature did not meet for regular session in 2012. They will meet December 3-5, 2012, for an organizational session and officially convene January 8, 2013.

South Dakota:

The Legislative session begins January 8, 2013, with a final bill introduction date of January 29, 2013.

Wisconsin:

Former Gov. and U.S. HHS Secretary Tommy Thompson secured his party's nod for the Senate seat left vacated by the retiring Herb Kohl, who took office in 1989. Thompson will face current U.S. Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D-Madison) in an election of stark contrasts. The 2013-14 state legislative session will commence January 7, 2013.

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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. Partnership 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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