

## President's Message by Bruce M. Neal, MD



*Bruce M. Neal, MD*

Dear WUS Members,

It has been an honor to have served as president of the Wisconsin Urological Society this year. I congratulate Dr. Jay Sandlow on his vice presidency of the American Society of Andrology this year, allowing me to move into presidency in the year the meeting is occurring on my home turf in Green Bay. We had a very exciting meeting last year in the Wisconsin Dells with academic lectures presented by Dr. Howard Goldman, Dr. Glenn Preminger and the faculty and residents of UW Madison and Medical College of Wisconsin urology programs. There was good attendance at this program. Once again, there was continued pharmaceutical industry support, which was greatly appreciated. The bowling after the evening banquet was certainly spirited and sometimes skillful.

This year's meeting will take place on April 4 – 6, 2014, at The Tundra Lodge and Resort here in Green Bay. At this point, it is unclear whether the tundra will still be frozen in April. The addition and remodeling of the atrium at Lambeau Field will be at full force. Unfortunately, it is unclear if we will have access to any of that facility. We have made arrangements on Saturday evening to have our banquet at one of the fine dining facilities of Wisconsin called Three Three Five. We also anticipate some very timely academic discussions from our visiting faculty and from the faculties and residents of UW Madison and Medical College of Wisconsin urology programs.

I want to thank the members of Wisconsin Urologic Society, the Board of Directors, WJ Weiser & Associates, past presidents and secretary/treasurer for their supporting efforts in making WUS a successful organization in this time of medical uncertainty. They have been very reliable at putting together very productive meetings. Even in this time of uncertainty, I hope everyone stays involved with the society and hope to see you in Green Bay in April.

Sincerely,

Bruce M. Neal, MD  
WUS President

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**Secretary/Treasurer's Report** by Peter Langenstroer, MD, MS



*Peter Langenstroer*  
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Dear Members,

I hope that all had an enjoyable and festive holiday season. This past year we had another very successful meeting in Wisconsin Dells. The venue provided an opportunity for our educational forum, social activities, vendor sponsorship and family fun.

We are embarking upon the upcoming Wisconsin Urologic Society's Annual Meeting in a matter of weeks. I look forward to another vibrant program and excellent accommodations at the Tundra Lodge in Green Bay. Our acting president Dr. Bruce Neal has facilitated a memorable evening out following the Saturday session. We have continued with the model of the two-day meeting having a half-day session on Sunday morning. The business meeting will be held at the end of the session on Saturday. The meeting will be very educational with excellent abstracts covering many urological topics including BPH, incontinence, oncology and pediatric urology. We have invited Dr. Anthony D'Amico, an internationally

renowned radiation oncologist from Harvard University to speak on issues related to radiation therapy and the treatment of prostate cancer. On Sunday morning we have a session related to laparoscopic and robotic training of young surgeons. Our keynote speaker for this topic is Dr. Bradley Schwartz from Southern Illinois University. I believe we will have a very diverse and educational conference and hope to see everyone there.

The status of the society remains in very good standing. As of December 31, 2013, our balance sheet shows an active checking account balance of \$121,177.16. Our investment account with Wells Fargo has a balance of \$216,138.09. Our membership has 114 active members, 1 affiliate member and 34 senior members. Please encourage your fellow colleagues to be active in our society as our strength is in our membership and their participation. We look forward to another financially strong meeting. We have introduced industry sponsored activities to help maintain the vitality of our organization.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting at the Tundra Lodge in Green Bay April 4 – 6, 2014.

Best wishes,  
Peter Langenstroer, MD, MS  
Secretary-Treasurer

**Plan to Attend the**  
**2014 WUS Annual Meeting**  
April 4 – 6, 2014  
Tundra Lodge Resort  
Green Bay, Wisconsin

# Wisconsin State Government and Advocacy Update

## **Perennial I'm Sorry Bill Approved by Assembly...Again (Wisc. Law Journal)**

On Feb. 20, 2014, the state Assembly approved AB 120, a bill that would let doctors and other medical providers apologize or express fault for adverse events without having to worry their words would be used against them in court.

Similar "I'm sorry" bills have gone before the Legislature several times in the past few years, only to be vetoed (Gov. Doyle, 2005), eviscerated by amendments, or stalled in the final days of session. The author of the current version, Rep. Erik Severson, MD, R-Sun Prairie, said the proposal is meant to ensure medical providers can have "honest conversations" with patients when things go awry.

AB 120 now moves to the Senate. The bill is one of several pieces of "tort-reform" legislation lawmakers have put forward this session.

Lawmakers have so far passed a bill affecting the duty of informed consent. That duty makes doctors and other medical providers responsible for explaining the possible effects of treatments they propose and for identifying alternative treatments. The change passed this session alters the standard used to determine if the duty was fulfilled, making the cases hinge on whether a doctor provided information other doctors would expect to be provided rather than what patients would expect to hear.

## **PA Supervision Requirements Finalized by MEB (von Briesen & Roper, s.c.)**

The Wisconsin Medical Examining Board (MEB) recently finalized changes to Wisconsin's physician assistant (PA) supervision requirements. The changes, effective March 1, 2014, include the following:

- Clarification that one or more physicians may supervise a PA;
- Requirement that a supervising physician to sign and make available to the MEB the supervising physician's review of the PA's prescriptive practices;
- Requirement that the supervising physician to be readily identifiable by the PA; and,
- Clarification that a physician may supervise no more than four on-duty PAs at any time unless approved by the MEB; that a physician is not limited in the number of PAs he or she can supervise over time; and, that a PA may be supervised by more than one physician while on duty.

Also, under the new rules, supervising physicians no longer have to make monthly site visits or enter into substitution agreements to temporarily serve as a supervising physician for a PA.

Overall, the MEB's rules align with customary PA supervision practice in Wisconsin. Providers commonly read the supervision rules to cover on-duty supervision and not on-going supervision between a PA and a particular physician. The MEB's changes to supervision requirements are aligned with this reasoning and appear to allow a physician to supervise numerous PAs, in general, and four PAs on duty at any specific period of time.

However, as a result of the new rule, the MEB will also be able to obtain PA prescriptive practice documents and now requires the PA to "readily identify" his or her supervising physician.

Providers should determine if internal processes should be modified to comply with the new rule.

## Winners of the 2013 WUS Residents Competition

### **Resident's Award Certificates 2013 – Wisconsin Dells, WI**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Place – Madison**

Kelvin S. Wong, MD

"Safety and Feasibility of Percutaneous Microwave Ablation for Renal Parenchmal Tumors"

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Madison**

Jonathan Shiao, MD

"Higher Hemoglobin A1C is Associated with a Greater Likelihood of Uric Acid Stone Formation: Is Control of Diabetes Important for Stone Prevention?"

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Place – Milwaukee**

Nathan D. Grunewald, MD

"Patient Education and the Impact on Ureteroscopy Experience"

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Milwaukee**

Gina Lockwood, MD

"BCG Induces Oxidative Stress as Demonstrated by Lipid Peroxidation in Human Urothelial Carcinoma Cell Lines"



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