

President's Message by Jay I. Sandlow, MD

Dear WUS Members,



Jay I. Sandlow, MD

It has been an honor to serve as president of the Wisconsin Urological Society (WUS). We had a wonderful meeting in Green Bay last year, highlighted by our visiting experts, Dr. Bradley Schwartz from Southern Illinois University and Dr. Anthony D'Amico from Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, as well as our own faculty and residents, including Dr. Amy Guise and Dr. Neil Mandel.

Our upcoming meeting will be in Milwaukee at the Hyatt Regency from April 10 – 12, 2015. We are looking forward to a great turnout to hear our guest speakers. They include Dr. Ajay Nangia from University of Kansas and Dr. Anthony Schaeffer from Northwestern University. Dr. Nangia will be discussing

testosterone use and treatment of hypogonadism and Dr. Schaeffer will present new information regarding infections in urology. Our New Faculty Presentations will be given by Dr. Kyle Richards from University of Wisconsin – Madison and Dr. Travis Groth from the Medical College of Wisconsin. Our Annual Banquet will be held at the Harley-Davidson Museum on Saturday, April 11, 2015. I am sure we will all enjoy the opportunity to interact with colleagues and friends at this exciting location.

We are all lucky to have such a great society reflected by all of its members, and I am looking forward to catching up with everyone at the upcoming meeting.

Jay I. Sandlow, MD

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**Plan to Attend the
2015 WUS Annual Meeting**
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Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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



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Dear WUS Members,

Last Year's Meeting

We had another great meeting at the Tundra Lodge in Green Bay last spring. Dr. Bruce Neal did a wonderful job presiding over the meeting and arranging for a delicious and fun evening at restaurant Three Three Five. Unfortunately the Badger basketball team lost in the Final Four that night. It was a great venue to watch the game. We had 24 sponsors for the meeting which was an up tic from prior years. Please continue to thank the vendors so we can rely

on them as a source for continued support. The meeting would not take place without their support. It is our job as attendees to help them understand the value of their participation. When they come to visit and meet with you in your office, please encourage them to continue to participate. Because of their support, the society remains in good financial standing. As of December 31, 2014, revenue totaled \$73,515 which is consistent with the average over the last 10 years. We continue to increase our reserves which are already in good standing. We are aggressively working with Well Fargo to maintain a balanced portfolio.

We had a nice turnout with 52 attendees. The attendance of our advanced practice partners continues to be strong. We plan to make a strong push to have them join our society at a discounted associate rate. An ongoing agenda item at the business meetings is how to continue to engage them in our society. At future meetings, we may try to have a session dedicated to their specific needs and issues.

We had an excellent group of visiting speakers. Special thanks to Drs. Anthony D'Amico, Bradley Schwartz, Amy Guise and Neil Mandel for making the trip to Green Bay and sharing their expertise. We had a first rate scientific program with 23 abstracts presented. We also had sessions dedicated to stone, BPH, pediatrics, oncology, infertility, and urologic education. The resident winners of the awards were Drs. Ngii Tazeh and Brett Johnson from the University of Wisconsin and Drs. Justin Benabdallah and Dane Johnson from the Medical College of Wisconsin.

This Year's Meeting

For this year's meeting, we have more abstracts, 43 in total, than I have ever seen submitted to a Wisconsin Urological Society meeting. It should be an awesome academic program. It took some creativity to allow everyone to present without prolonging the program. The program should be educational and enjoyable. We are blessed to have Drs. Anthony Schaeffer and Ajay Nangia as our guest speakers. They will be speaking on UTIs, trends in prostate needle biopsies and hormonal supplementation. Our newer, young faculty presentations will include Dr. Kyle Richards from the University of Wisconsin - Madison who will be speaking on urologic quality improvement and Dr. Travis Groth from the Medical College of Wisconsin who will be speaking on robotic surgery in pediatric urology. Dr. Steven Nakada will give a brief update from the American Board of Urology. The CME office has accredited the program for 9 hours of CME credits. This is much higher than usual and it speaks to the quality of our program this year. To date, we have 14 vendors committed to the program with several more in the works, which should allow for another financially successful meeting.

An important business note for our society: Wisconsin Urological Society will be nominating a president of the North Central Section of the AUA in 2017. This is a very important position and some members have already expressed interest. If anyone is interested in this position, please contact me or Samantha Panicola via email at Samantha@wjweiser.com, to ensure inclusion in the balloting.

Don't forget to register for the Annual Banquet at the Harley-Davidson Museum. This is a great venue for socializing with your colleagues and learning a little Wisconsin history. We hope that the evening is very memorable for everyone.

We, WUS Board members, are glad to provide you with an excellent opportunity for education, camaraderie and entertainment. I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting.

Best wishes,

Peter Langenstroer, MD, MS
WUS Secretary-Treasurer

Government Relations and Advocacy Update

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Urologists Advocate for Patients and Profession on Capitol Hill

Urologists attending the 10th Annual Urology Joint Advocacy Conference (March 8-10, 2015), in Washington, DC, as well as those participating in a Virtual Advocacy Day, urged members of Congress to take action on four priorities: Repeal the SGR and IPAB; Increase Medicare-Funded Residency Positions; Preserve the In-Office Ancillary Services Exception to the “Stark Law” and Support Transparency and Accountability for the USPSTF. Perhaps coincidentally, or perhaps as a result of these efforts, within 24 hours of the JAC’s conclusion, a Capitol Hill newspaper reported renewed momentum toward a permanent “SGR fix” within the next six months.

‘Balance Billing’ Still an Issue for Consumers Under ACA

Although the Affordable Care Act includes provisions designed to reduce medical bankruptcies, it does not prohibit the practice of “balance billing,” in which out-of-network providers charge patients for the difference between what patients’ insurers cover and what providers charge for the care. Some consumer advocacy groups are asking regulators to place more limits on balance billing. Read more: www.bit.ly/aca-balancebill.

Congress guts the IPAB, then takes on its role

As health care economists and insurance company executives gain greater control over the provision of medical services, those who assert the sanctity of the doctor-patient relationship, including many members of Congress, accuse government and private payers of “rationing care.” Judging by contradictory measures lawmakers approved in the waning days of 2014, attitudes toward that notion depend greatly on who is doing the rationing. Read more: www.bitly.com/congress-ipab.

Prostate Cancer Patients’ Quality of Life Addressed in Congressional Resolution

Rep. Erik Paulsen (R-MN) introduced a resolution Feb. 11, 2015, “Supporting Quality of Life for Prostate Cancer Patients” (H.Res. 106). The resolution calls on Congress to protect Medicare and VA benefits for medical device treatments for men suffering from incontinence and erectile dysfunction. More than two dozen provider and patient groups issued a letter in support of this measure. Elected officials on both sides of the aisle signed on to Rep. Paulsen’s resolution. As of this writing, eight members expressed support: Reps. Trent Franks (R-AZ), Leonard Lance (R-NJ), Thomas MacArthur (RNJ), Luke Messer (R-IN), Donald Payne, Jr. (D-NJ), James Sensenbrenner, Jr. (R-WI), Bennie Thompson (D-MS) and Joe Wilson (R-SC).

BIPARTISAN SUPPORT TO ESTABLISH NATIONAL PROSTATE CANCER COUNCIL

Sens. Barbara Boxer (D-CA) and Pete Sessions (R-AL) introduced legislation Jan. 21, 2015, to establish a National Prostate Cancer Council (S.216/S.222). The NPCC would be tasked with developing a national strategic plan to expedite advancement of diagnostic tools and the transfer of such tools to patients.

IPAB STILL IN FORCE IF NOT ENFORCED

Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX) recently introduced the Protecting Seniors’ Access to Medicare Act (S.141). The primary goal of this legislation is to repeal the Independent Payment Advisory Board (IPAB). Rep. Phil Roe, MD (R-TN), is expected to introduce a companion bill in the House in the near future.

NIH May Break Free from Congressional Budget Process

Reps. Kathy Castor (D-FL) and G.K. Butterfield (D-NC) introduced legislation Feb. 8, 2015, that would make funding for the National Institutes of Health no longer subject to the annual congressional budget process. The bill would make the National Institutes of Health’s (NIH) medical research funding a non-discretionary program, meaning it wouldn’t be part of debates over the federal discretionary spending budget every year. That would make NIH funding treated in the same way as programs like Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid.

Winners of the 2014 WUS Residents Award Certificates

1st Place – Madison

Ngii Tazeh, MD

“Preoperative Neutrophil-Lymphocyte Ratio (NLR) in Bladder Cancer Patients: Does Race Matter”

2nd Place – Madison

Brett Johnson, MD

“One in Six Hypogonadal Men Treated With Clomiphene Citrate Need Combination Therapy With an Aromatase Inhibitor”

1st Place – Milwaukee

Justin Benabdallah, MD

“Cytotoxic Effects of Trehalose-6, 6-Dimyoclate on Urothelial Carcinoma Cells”

2nd Place – Milwaukee

Dane Johnson, MD

“Effects of Intra-Detrusor Onabotulinumtoxin A Injections on Poorly Compliant Neurogenic Bladders”



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