

## President's Message



*John V. Kryger, MD*

It is with great pleasure that I have the opportunity to serve as WUS president this year. This will be my 10th year of membership and consecutive meeting attendance. We have been actively planning activities for the upcoming meeting! I would like to congratulate Past President Tom Londergan and Secretary Doug Dewire for an outstanding annual meeting at the Pfister Hotel in Milwaukee in April 2009. We hope to build on their success with another great meeting at the Fluno Center in Madison in 2010.

This year's program will host two nationally recognized leaders in urology: Drogo K. Montague, MD of Cleveland Clinic and Laurence A. Levine, MD of Rush University Medical Center/Urology Specialists, SC. They were invited based on your feedback from our last meeting. We will also have a strong academic agenda with abstract presentations from urologists throughout the state as well as residents and faculty from the academic medical centers. We also look forward to a social reception for Society members and their spouses and guests.

The WUS Annual Meeting remains the exclusive meeting dedicated to the urologists of Wisconsin and the region. It remains very important that we network and discuss issues with our colleagues that will continue to strengthen the urologic community of our state and region. There is no better and easier opportunity to do this in a professional format, which is well organized once again by our professional consultants at WJ Weiser & Associates.

I look forward to seeing you in Madison for the 2010 WUS Annual Meeting!

John Kryger, MD  
WUS President

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## Secretary / Treasurer's Report

Douglas M. Dewire, MD



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The WUS met at the Pfister Hotel in Milwaukee in April 2009. The annual meeting featured updates in pediatric urology by Dr. Mike Mitchell, and in urogynecology by Dr. Linda Brubaker. The meeting was attended by over 100 physicians, nurses and allied health professionals.

The Society's financial status continues to improve. For calendar year 2009, our balance sheet shows an operating surplus of \$12,222, and a total fund balance of \$248,488.

Our membership stands at 120 active, 1 applied, and 30 senior members.

We look forward to seeing everyone in Madison in April.

## Wisconsin State Government and Advocacy Update

Matt Swentkofske, State Affairs Manager, AACU

While most states throughout the country took a break for the fall, including five states that are done until 2011, the Wisconsin Legislature continues to be full of activity. While the early 2009 session tended to focus primarily on biennial state budget, which was signed in July, the 2010 year will focus more on policy, including health policy. Why? 2010 is an election year for all assembly members and half of the state Senate. It is the usual time for legislators to introduce bills that they can take to the voters in November 2010. So urologists must be vigilant, because politicians will want to be able to say to the voters, "I proposed this law to help control the cost of healthcare or I proposed this law to improve healthcare in our state." Believe it or not, many of these "healthcare bills" will be to the detriment of urology, while others will benefit specialty medicine. So now is the time to get active and push your state legislators on the laws urology needs, and push them away from the laws urology doesn't.

One piece of healthcare policy inserted late into the **Wisconsin state budget** was a gross receipts tax on **Ambulatory Surgery Centers (ASCs)** and other hospitals. It is designed to increase the state's Medicaid reimbursement funding by an estimated \$300 million a year, and the state's hospitals and health systems will see a net benefit from the tax hike, since they're likely to get more in reimbursements than they'll pay out in taxes. However, if the ASC does not serve a large number of Medicaid patients more than likely it will see a net loss under this plan. Under this plan, ASCs are big losers and so are the urologists who use them.

Another series of bills introduced to the detriment of urology and the medical community are **Senate Bill 203** and **Assembly Bill 291**, identical companion bills. These pieces of legislation change liability laws in Wisconsin. While they do not change the non-economic cap, they do make some poor changes. The bills change law by allowing parents the right to recover for loss of companionship if the parent's adult child is injured as the result of medical malpractice and allows an adult child to recover for loss of society and companionship if the adult child's parent dies as the result of medical malpractice. With the uncertain fiscal and legal standing of the Injured Patients and Families Compensation Fund with multiple transfers by the Governor

and pending legal challenge it broaden the state's medical liability exposure.

In addition, the court battle over the State of Wisconsin transferring money out of the patients compensation fund (for medical malpractice cases) and into the general fund continues. As you may already know, on December 19, 2008, a Dane County Circuit Court Judge decided that the legal principle of sovereign immunity prevents the State from being sued in this case and that physicians do not have a property interest in the Fund that would prevent the State from taking the \$200 million. On March 17, 2009, the state medical society, on behalf of all Wisconsin physicians, appealed the Circuit Court's decision because it believes that the language of the statute places the Fund money in a trust that demands safeguards. Simply put, the State ignored that the money in the Fund is held in trust for the exclusive purpose of paying medical liability claims. The highest levels of the judicial system, most likely the Wisconsin State Supreme Court, will make some key rulings regarding this case sometime in the near future.

Finally, Wisconsin **Senate Bill 218** will require a healthcare provider to disclose to a consumer the provider's median billed charge for a healthcare service, diagnostic test, or procedure upon request of the patient. It will also require a healthcare provider to disclose specified charge information for the 25 presenting conditions for which the provider most frequently provides services, as identified by the state. It further stipulates that a provider displays a sign that informs patients of their right to receive charge information from the healthcare provider and from their insurer.

If you ever have questions on legislation affecting urologist in the state of Wisconsin please do not hesitate to contact AACU Government Affairs at [statesociety@aacuweb.org](mailto:statesociety@aacuweb.org) or by calling (847) 264-5924.

## Report from the Representative to the NCS Board of Directors

Peter Langenstroer, MD, MS

It is an honor to provide the members of the Wisconsin Urological Society with an update of the North Central Section activities from the meeting this past November. It is always good to see that Wisconsin is well represented. Three positions were open for appointment. The secretary-elect to the NCS is Patrick McKenna, MD from Springfield, IL. The NCS historian is Sheila Gemar, MD from Willmar, MN. Outgoing NCS President Stephen Nakada, MD is the Alternate NCS Representative to the AUA Board.

The North Central Section continues to be active in resident support. They will continue to financially support residents presenting at the North Central Section that are out-of-section meetings. Additionally, they continue to support a resident scholar to the IVU Med Program as well as the AUA Research Fellows Program. Our society is blessed that the current and past NCS leadership has financially positioned the section to continue to support these important missions despite difficult financial times.

Finally, the section approved a financial contribution to the endowed chair under the name of Dr. Richard Williams from Iowa. This donation was made to recognize his support and contributions to the North Central Section.

It is an pleasure to serve as the Wisconsin representative to the North Central Section and I look forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming Wisconsin Urological Society meeting.



## *Winners of the 2009 WUS Resident's Competition*

### **Resident's Award Certificates 2009 – Milwaukee, WI**

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

Crystal Dover, MD

“Information About Female-Factor Infertility on Websites of Male Infertility Specialists in the Midwest”

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

Matthew Christian, MD

“Port Site Metastasis After Robotic Assisted Laparoscopic Radical Prostatectomy”

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

Andre King, MD

“Impact of Immediate Repeat TRUS Biopsy in Patients Considering Surveillance for Prostate Cancer”

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

Paul Tonkin, MD

“Success of Sacral Neuromodulation Stratified by Age”

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

Nathan Rasmussen, MD

“High Molecular Group Box Protein 1 (HMGB1) Increases the Direct Cytotoxic Effect of BCG on Human Urothelial Carcinoma Cells”

### **Plan to Attend the 2010 WUS Annual Meeting**

April 16 – 17, 2010

Fluno Center

Madison, Wisconsin

### **CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

The call for abstracts is open to members and non-members of the Society and we encourage all Wisconsin residents to submit a presentation for our annual Resident's Competition. The deadline to submit abstracts is noon CST on February 1, 2010

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