

President's Message by Michael L. Guralnick, MD



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It is an honor to serve as president of WUS this year. Over the years I have enjoyed attending the meetings and networking with colleagues/friends from all over the state. I am looking forward to another great meeting, which will be held in Green Bay, WI, April 1 – 3, 2011. The WUS Annual Meeting remains the exclusive meeting for urologists of Wisconsin and the region. It is important that we network and discuss issues with our colleagues that will continue to strengthen the urologic community of our state and region. I am fortunate to have the help of past presidents Peter Langenstroer and John Kryger, president-elect

James Wright and, of course, the staff at Weiser & Associates, Mary Tully and Lauren Shaffer, in planning this year's event.

We are privileged to have as guest speakers, Dr. J. Stuart Wolf, professor of urology at the University of Michigan and NCS visiting professor, as well as Dr. Jack McAninch, professor of urology at UCSF. In addition, our own Dr. Stephen Nakada will present an update on AUA affairs and Ross Weber, our state affairs manager, will provide a Wisconsin legislative update. As always we look forward to strong presentations from residents and faculty of UW Madison and MCW, in addition to community urologists.

The meeting is taking place at the Tundra Lodge in Green Bay, a full service, all-suite resort and conference center with an indoor waterpark and arcade. We have extended the meeting to Sunday morning to allow for plenty of free time in the afternoon on Saturday to take advantage of the amenities. So bring the whole family – we are hoping to highlight the social aspects of WUS this year. And what trip to Green Bay is complete without a visit to the shrine of professional football, Lambeau Field? The stadium is only 4 blocks from the hotel and this year's social event is taking place there with a dinner and tour. It will truly be an experience to remember!

I look forward to seeing you in Green Bay in 2011.

Michael L. Guralnick, MD
WUS President

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2011 Annual Meeting
May 13 – 18, 2011
Washington, DC

NCS of the AUA, Inc.
85th Annual Meeting
October 18 – 22, 2011
Westin Mission Hills Resort & Spa
Rancho Mirage, CA

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Secretary/Treasurer's Report by John V. Kryger, MD



John V. Kryger, MD

I am hopeful everyone has enjoyed a healthy holiday and is ready for an exciting new year in 2011. The Wisconsin Urological Society is diligently working and eager to plan the next meeting which is scheduled for April 1 – 3, 2011 in Green Bay, Wisconsin, with the meeting venue in the Tundra Lodge and

Waterpark and an exciting banquet planned at historic Lambeau Field with a dynamic speaker on the History of the Green Bay Packers.

In April of 2010 the Wisconsin Urological Society met in Madison, Wisconsin. A nice reception was well-attended and hosted by our corporate sponsors on Friday evening. The annual meeting on Saturday featured presentations by nationally recognized speakers, Dr. Laurence Levine and Dr. Drogo Montague. The meeting was well attended by physicians, nurses and allied health professionals. We had outstanding

abstracts and presentations from residents and faculty at the two academic medical centers and from the WUS members in the private practice communities.

The Executive Committee of the WUS met on Sept. 1, 2010. Based on feedback from the attendees, we have two excellent speakers planned for the upcoming meeting. Dr. J. Stuart Wolf from the University of Michigan will give presentations on antibiotic use in urology, management of incidental adrenal masses and management of small renal tumors. Our second speaker will be Dr. Jack McAninch from the University of California-San Francisco. He will be speaking on trauma and reconstructive urology.

These speakers are certainly likely to have a great appeal to the membership and I anticipate a high attendance. Our site was selected to reach out to more urologists with a family-centered venue to allow members to bring their families and to enhance social networking among the members. Furthermore, the opportunity for a banquet at Lambeau Field with a speaker on the history of the Packers organization is exciting.

We will be collecting abstracts from the membership with a deadline in January 2011. We will have two State of the Art Lectures from new faculty at the academic medical centers in the WUS. Dr. E. Jason Abel from the University of Wisconsin will speak on renal cell cancer and Dr. Travis Groth from the Medical College of Wisconsin will speak on pediatric urology. We will continue an expert presentation by faculty within the WUS and will also have an update from the AUA by Dr. Stephen Nakada, chairman of the Department of Urology at the University of Wisconsin.

The society's financial status continues to improve. As of August 25, 2010, our balance sheet shows a checking account balance of \$79,860.33 and a total fund balance of \$254,079.45. Our membership stands at 115 active members and 34 senior members.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Green Bay in April. Please mark your calendars to reserve the weekend of April 1 – 3, 2011.

John V. Kryger, MD

Winners of the 2010 WUS Resident's Competition

Resident's Award Certificates 2010 – Madison, WI

1st Place – Madison

Andre King, MD
"Complications of Hand-Assisted Laparoscopic Renal Surgery: Initial Decade of Experience"

2nd Place – Madison

Crystal Dover, MD
"Biliary Peritonitis Following Percutaneous Nephrolithotomy: Case Studies and Management Concerns"

1st Place – Milwaukee

Paul Tonkin, MD
"Effects of P21 Down-Regulation on Urothelial Cell Viability Following BCG Treatment"

2nd Place – Milwaukee

Anand Shridharani, MD
"A Comparison of Surgical Outcomes after Open Radical Prostatectomy Based on Case Order"

Wisconsin Medical Society Update by James A. Wright, MD

Once again this past year the Wisconsin Medical Society (WMS) efforts to protect the Injured Patient and Family Compensation Fund (IPFCF) from Gov. Doyle's \$200 million raid took center stage. The WMS began this challenge by filing a law suit against the state and Gov. Doyle back on October 29, 2007. On December 19, 2008, Dan County Circuit Court Judge Michael Nowakowski dismissed the case in favor of the state of Wisconsin and Gov. Doyle. Then on March 13, 2009, the WMS appealed the ruling and the case progressed to the State Supreme Court where oral arguments were heard on April 15, 2010. Finally the case came to a conclusion in favor of the WMS on July 20, 2010, by the State Supreme Court in a 5 to 2 ruling (authored by Justice Prosser and joined by Justices Crooks, Gableman, Roggensack and Ziegler with dissenting opinion by Chief Justice Abrahamson and joined by Justice Bradley) determined that the raid on the IPFCF was unconstitutional. Further, the State Supreme Court stated that:

1. Healthcare providers have a constitutionally protected property interest in the fund.
2. Healthcare providers have a right to the security and integrity of the fund and a right to realize the fund's investment earnings to moderate, perhaps even lower, their assessments.
3. Healthcare providers have rights to have excess judgments paid to the proper claimants.
4. The taking of money from the fund was an unconstitutional taking without just compensation.

The State Supreme Court remanded the case to a trial court and has required the state to replace the money taken from the fund along with lost earnings and interest.

And to even top it off, the State Supreme Court also issued a permanent injunction prohibiting the state from transferring money out of the fund.

The legal escapade meandering through the court systems has cost the WMS and its members approximately \$750,000+ (small compared to what we could have lost in future raids). And who knows how much it has cost the state tax payers to defend Gov. Doyle's decision to steal post-tax dollars set aside for injured patients and families.

Please continue to participate at your county meetings; for without the effort of the WMS, Gov. Doyle would have likely succeeded in his illegal raid of the fund.

Following an historic election in which the two legislative chambers and governorship "flipped" from Democrat to Republican, Wisconsin urologists and their patients have an incredible opportunity to educate lawmakers on issues that impact the practice of medicine.

Wisconsin State Government and Advocacy Update by Ross Weber, State Affairs Manager

Analysts expect the first six months of 2011 to be almost exclusively focused on the current budget deficit of almost \$3 billion. Governor-elect Scott Walker (R) promises that his proposals will contribute to a business-friendly climate that produces jobs. Many early tax-cutting proposals, including the elimination of state taxes on health savings accounts, will likely add to that figure, therefore necessitating cuts to current and proposed programs. Targets in this regard include state employees, who may be required to take furlough days as well as BadgerCare. Governor-elect Walker will seek stricter limits on eligibility for the state's health insurance program.

On health care, Walker called for more transparency in costs and an aggressive challenge to federal health system reform. During the post-election transition period, Walker requested that the outgoing Doyle administration halt any establishment of health insurance exchanges and declared that he will authorize Attorney General J. B. Van Hollen (R) to enter the multi-state lawsuit challenging the law. Van Hollen's previous requests to join the 20 other states were stymied by the Democrat legislature and governor. Understanding this new environment, a special committee comprised of health experts and state lawmakers in charge of implementing federal health reform recently declared they would take no binding action.

Medical liability reform will also be considered in 2011. Strong "I'm Sorry" legislation to bar any expression of apology or condolence from being used as evidence will likely finally be approved. Organized medicine will continue to fight trial lawyers' attempts to alter the statute

of limitations and limit defendants' access to plaintiffs' medical records. A constitutional amendment to protect special funds such as the Injured Patients and Families Compensation Fund from unrelated raids may attract attention from the legislature, as well.

Key members of the legislature figure to be brothers Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald (R-Juneau) and Assembly Speaker Jeff Fitzgerald (R-Horicon) and Senator Leah Vukmir (R-Wauwatosa), a registered nurse that focused on health care as a member of the Assembly. The Senate will include a physician for the first time in more than 60 years with Dr. Pam Galloway's stunning victory over outgoing Senate Majority Leader Russ Decker (D-Wausau). There will also be a physician in the State Assembly. Erik Severson, MD, (R-Star Prairie) out-pollied two-term incumbent Ann Hraychuck (D-Balsam Lake) in the 28th District.

As a difficult year gets underway in Madison and throughout state, the Wisconsin Urological Society, in partnership with the American Association of Clinical Urologists, will promote the interests of urologists in the legislature and before executive agencies.

To actively participate in this effort, consider becoming an AACU State Society Network representative. Visit State Society Network at www.aacuweb.org to learn more.

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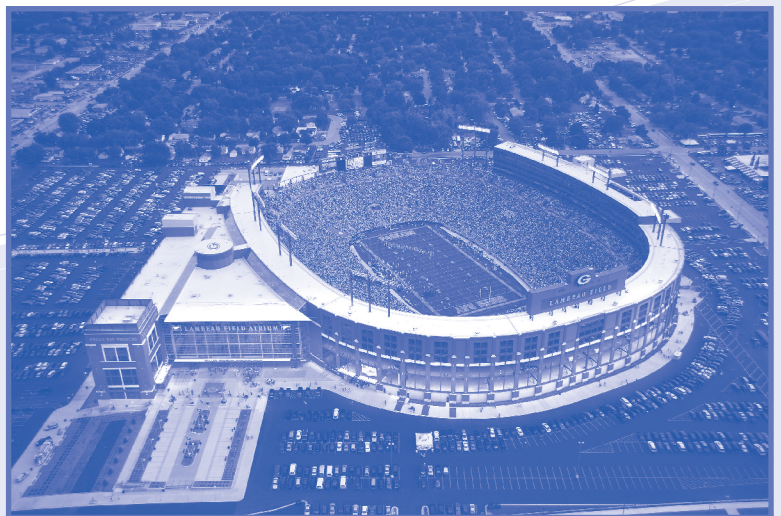
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**Plan to Attend the
2011 WUS Annual Meeting
April 1 - 3, 2011**

Tundra Lodge Resort
Green Bay, Wisconsin
**Featuring special event at Lambeau Field,
Saturday, April 2, 2011*