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HIGHLIGHTER

December, 2009

From the President

Mark Sigman, M.D.

The 2009 New England Sectional Meeting in Washington was an overwhelming success. Due in large part to the efforts of Kevin Loughlin and Arthur Tarantino, there was much participation in the advocacy efforts with meetings on Capitol Hill. Currently Congress is in the midst of heated debates over the contents and extent of the healthcare overhaul bill. The final form of any bill remains unclear. It is imperative that representatives hear from physicians since, ultimately, we will live with the consequences of any healthcare bill. The national AUA continues advocacy efforts with meetings and correspondence with the Senate and House leaders. While the details and extent of the healthcare proposals are complex, two valuable resources are the New England Section's Advocacy page, as well as the AUA's legislative update webpage @ <http://www.auanet.org/content/legislative-and-regulatory/washington-news.cfm?sub=alerts>.



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From the Secretary

E. Ann Gormley, M.D.

The 78th Annual Meeting of the New England Section of the AUA was a great success with record breaking attendance. We had 189 pre-registered medical professionals and an additional 17 onsite registrations.

The Co-Chairs of the Scientific Program Committee, Drs. Andy Das, Shahin Tabatabaei and Jim Hu, put together an outstanding and very diverse scientific program from the 126 submitted abstracts. The scientific program included an exceptional variety of podium and poster presentations, panels, state-of-the-art lectures, videos and invited lectures. The program began with two concurrent AUA courses; one by Dr. Steven Schlossberg on practice management and the other by Dr. Judd Moul on the multidisciplinary management of prostate cancer in baby boomers. On Sunday we again offered the Hands-On AUA ultrasound course. The AUA offers Sections a number of courses chosen from their postgraduate courses at the Annual Meeting. We hope to continue to offer these sessions and welcome any suggestions for topics or speakers. We were pleased to have Dr. Arie Belldegrund present the Wyland Leadbetter Lecture which was titled, "Personalized Kidney Cancer Therapy: The Future is Here". Additional invited lecturers were Dr. Lou Kavoussi from Long Island Jewish and Dr. Michael O'Donnell from the University of Iowa.



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Photos of the 2009 ANNUAL MEETING appear inside.

PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2009 ANNUAL MEETING
September 24-27, Washington, DC



NE AUA AWARDS

Post Residency Research Award

Joseph F. Renzulli, II, MD
*Brown University
Providence, Rhode Island*

Practicing Urologist Research Award

John T. Stoffel, MD
*Lahey Clinic
Burlington, Massachusetts*

2009 Max K. Willscher Resident Research Award Winners

1st Place

Rian J. Dickstein, MD
Boston Medical Center
*"Severe, Disabling, and/or Chronic Penile Pain
Associated with Peyronie's Disease: Management
with Non-Intralesional Administration of Steroids"*

2nd Place

David W. McDermott, Jr., MD
Brigham and Women's Hospital
*"Learning Curve in Robotic-Assisted
Laparoscopic Prostatectomy:
When Does It End?"*

3rd Place

Michaela M. Prasad, MD
Harvard Longwood Program in Urology
*"Pharmacotherapy for Erectile Dysfunction
Following Treatment for Prostate Cancer in the
United States: Retention and Cost"*

NEW MEMBERS

*The following were approved for
membership at the 2009 Annual Meeting*

Active Membership

Nelson Bennett, Jr., MD
Burlington, MA
Carl K. Gjerston, MD
Farmington, CT
John M. Hodapp, MD
Augusta, ME
Stuart Kesler, MD
Hartford, CT
Tony Luongo, MD
Boston, MA
Timothy McCullough, MD
Norwich, CT
Sagar M. Phatak, MD
Middlebury, CT
Jonathan Starkman, MD
Longmeadow, CT
Charles N. Walker, MD
New Haven, CT

Associate Membership - Fast Track

David Bae, MD
Fall River, MA
Ryan Frankel, MD
North Easton, MA
Brandon Stahl, MD
York, ME
Matthew Stanizzi, MD
Hollis, NH
Joshua Stein, MD
New Britain, CT
Chad Wotkowicz, MD
Kittery Point, ME

Associate Membership

Jill C. Buckley, MD
Burlington, MA
Mark H. Katz, MD
Boston, MA

Future Annual Meetings

October 21 – 23, 2010
The Westin Hotel &
Rhode Island Convention Center
Providence, Rhode Island

November 3 – 6, 2011
Walt Disney World Swan Resort
Orlando, Florida
Joint Meeting with Mid-Atlantic Section

NEW ENGLAND SECTION of the AMERICAN UROLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

Highlights of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, September 23, 2009 and the ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING, September 26, 2009

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

2009 Annual Meeting

Dr. Loughlin noted the 2009 Annual Meeting had already been a success on many fronts, even before its official start with record pre-registration of 189 professional attendees and a record 126 abstract submissions with 7 late-breaking submissions. Dr. Loughlin attributed these victories to the strength of the New England Section and the contributions of the residents and upcoming leadership.

Report of the Scientific Program Co-Chairs

Dr. Shahin Tabatabaei, Scientific Program Committee Co-Chair stated that the bar was set very high after the successful 2008 Annual Meeting program in Puerto Rico. Building the 2009 Program proved easy, however, with the extremely high caliber of abstract submissions and recruitment of 3 guest speakers, Louis R. Kavoussi, MD, Michael O'Donnell, MD and Professor Arie Belldegrin, MD. With the help of Co-Chairs Dr. Anurag Das and Dr. James Hu, Dr. Tabatabaei opined that the New England Section would enjoy a comprehensive 2009 scientific program, again stressing the amazing quality of the scientific abstract submissions for this year's meeting.

Legislative Affairs Workgroup and Advocacy Sessions in DC

Dr. Loughlin reviewed the agenda for Advocacy programming set to take place on Thursday, September 24, 2009, including a Panel Discussion, featured guest speaker, Vicki Hart, an Advocacy Training Lunch, visits to Capitol Hill and a Meet & Greet for individuals who had traveled to meet with their respective representatives on the Hill. Dr. Loughlin thanked Dr. Arthur Tarantino, who had been instrumental in organizing the day along with the AUA Advocacy Staff. It was noted the DC location for the 2009 Annual Meeting was ideal considering the current economic and healthcare issues and the strong interest among New England Section members to speak with government leadership. Thirty-three Section members held scheduled visits at Capitol Hill - a tremendous response.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Membership Statistics

Section Secretary, Dr. Gormley, noted that the Section presently had 345 Active Members, 204 Senior Members, 36 Associate Members, 3 Honorary Members, 13 Affiliate Members and 107 Candidate Members, for a total of 708 Members.

A moment of silence was observed for those members who had recently passed away:

John H. Fisher, MD, Marshfield, MA;
Daniel S. Liang, MD, Venice, FL;
Rocco A. Verrilli, MD, Springfield, MA.

Advancement to Senior Status:

John S. Daly, MD, Brattleboro, VT.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Report for the Year Ending August 31, 2009

Dr. Plante presented the financial report for the Section for the period ending August 31, 2009 noting that the Section had Total Assets of \$710,220, comprised of cash and cash equivalents of \$296,621, investments of \$398,621 and prepaid expenses of \$14,978. Dr. Plante reported assets and investments had fallen over the past year due to the recent nature of the economy and financial markets, however investments have seen a considerably strong climb since December 31, 2008, gaining 18% in the second quarter alone. With Total Liabilities of \$100,000 to the AUA Foundation for the New England Research Scholar, the Section maintained Total Net Assets of \$610,220.

With revenues and assets down slightly, Dr. Plante noted the increased efforts to constrain costs of the Section. He reported posting the preliminary program electronically on the NEAUA website and notifying the membership with a postcard in summer 2009 was a success and other steps should be taken in this environmentally friendly and cost conscious direction. Dr. Plante proposed three new initiatives to further reduce Section expenses: 1.) post the Highlighter electronically only, which would save an estimated \$4000 - \$6000 per year; 2.) no longer print the membership roster and Section By-Laws in the Annual Meeting Program Books and instead promote their availability electronically on the NEAUA website, which would save about 100 pages of typesetting and printing per book; 3.) the formation of a Financial Taskforce, chaired by Dr. Plante, that would closely analyze the Section's investments and evaluate new methods to increase revenues. A report of the newly formed Financial Taskforce will be provided at the March 2010 Board Meeting.

NEW ENGLAND SECTION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Local Arrangements Committee

Dr. Jeffrey Ranta provided a report of the Renaissance Hotel and the robust social program provided to Annual Meeting attendees. The Board of Directors and Past Presidents Dinner would be held at Hillwood Estate and Gardens, the former estate of Marjorie Merriwether Post, the Attendee Reception to be held at the Newseum and the President's Reception and Dinner would be held at the International Spy Museum. Dr. Loughlin thanked Dr. Ranta and his wife, Patty, for all their tireless efforts in coordinating such a strong social program and making the Section feel welcome in Washington, DC.

AUA REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

AUA Board of Directors

Dr. Green noted that AUA finances had moved with the market over the past year with respective losses and gains. Given the current economy and financial market, the AUA has employed certain cost cutting measures, such as a hiring freeze and rationing A/V and print costs at the AUA National Meeting, to maintain their strong foundation. Dr. Green also noted the AUA has developed a number of taskforces to cover many different developing initiatives.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF BOARD MEETING *(continued from previous page)*

AUA By-Laws Committee

It was noted the AUA has tabled the inclusion of Doctors of Osteopathy in their membership for the time being. Such integration requires strategic coordination to incorporate DOs into the AUA membership.

AUA Section Secretaries Committee

The Section Secretaries are concerned with resident retention; many times residents do not communicate their contact information when/if they change institutions or move out of Section and are lost within the AUA and Sections' systems. The AUA is encouraging each Section to create a Resident's Committee and hold programming targeted specifically to residents to encourage long-term involvement. The New England Section holds a Resident's Reception each year as part of the Annual Meeting.

Young Urologists Committee

Dr. John Stoffel reported on the AUA national plan to host a website for young urologists beginning their practice which will serve as an information hub. The site will include such materials as AUA guidelines, volunteer information, advocacy effort information, UROPAC, practice patterns and additional supplements to encourage and assist the upcoming generations of urology. The website is set to launch January 2010.

NEW BUSINESS

AUA Leadership Program

The AUA Leadership Program has expanded the age limit for involvement, making the program more advantageous to the young generations in urology. The program is featured on the NEAUA website and communication regarding the program has gone out to Section membership. The Board was provided with an AUA Leadership Program flyer and noted that applications were being promoted on the Section website. **Applications are due December 28, 2009.**

Advocacy Efforts

Dr. Babayan acknowledged the outstanding Section involvement in the Advocacy training and visits to Capitol Hill. He reported the Section has approximately 33 individual participants. Dr. Babayan stated that the AUA will be proposing the idea of increased Advocacy efforts to each Section. Dr. Loughlin was credited with the development and follow through of the Advocacy efforts and Capitol Hill visits of the New England Section and the extremely strong and noticed performance of the smallest Section of the AUA.

NEAUA Advocacy Efforts in Washington, DC

During the NEAUA Annual Meeting in Washington, DC this past September, the New England Section hosted a Urology Advocacy Training Program, and visited with individual representatives on Capitol Hill.

Thirty-three members of the New England Section participated in the training program and Capitol Hill visits. The training program focused on how to communicate efficiently with government leaders and their staffs. The importance of using grassroots efforts to voice the positions of the New England urologic community was stressed.

Following the training session and luncheon, participants traveled to the Capital Building and 39 individual meetings were held with Section members and Members of Congress.

The program took advantage of the Annual Meeting being held in Washington DC and offered members the unique experience of networking with their legislators.

To continue these advocacy efforts, a page of the NEAUA website has been dedicated to posting current and relevant news articles and helpful web links to connect Section members with their representatives. Please visit the NEAUA Advocacy webpage at <http://www.neaua.org/advocacy.cgi>.

The training program featured:
Kevin Loughlin, MD, NEAUA President
Art Tarantino, MD, Board Member, UROPAC;
Member, AUA Legislative Workgroup
Priscilla Chatman, JD, Director of AUA
Government Relations and Advocacy
Brian Bailey, UROPAC Staff Member
Steven M. Schlossberg, MD, Chair of the
AUA Health Policy Council
Vicki Hart, Principal, Hart Health Strategies,
AUA External Lobbyist



FROM THE PRESIDENT

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...the Board of Directors and the Treasurer have kept a close eye on the Section finances. We remain in a strong position.

With the recent economic downturn, the Board of Directors and the Treasurer have kept a close eye on the Section finances. We remain in a strong position. A variety of recommendations have been made to reduce overall expenses and these are detailed in the report on page 4.

Plans are actively underway for the 2010 Annual Meeting which will be held in Providence, Rhode Island. The Scientific Program Chairs, Laurie Lerner and Gyan

Pareek, are in the process of forming what will, no doubt, be an exciting and educational meeting. Sectional meetings in Providence have always been enjoyable and well attended. Steven Schiff, the Local Arrangements Chair, is working with our Executive Director to assure a variety of interesting social activities emphasizing the character and history of Providence and the Ocean State.

I look forward to seeing all of you at this meeting next fall.

Mark Sigman, MD

NEAUA ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE AUA BOARD

ELECTION TO BE HELD IN 2010

The New England Section will have the privilege of nominating one of its Active or Senior members to become the Alternate Representative to the American Urological Association's Board of Directors. The chosen Alternate's term will officially begin at the conclusion of the AUA Meeting in 2011.

In accordance with the New England Section By-Laws, all Active and Senior members of the Section shall have the opportunity to participate in the election process, which will result in the final nominee being confirmed at the 2010 NEAUA Annual Meeting in Providence next October.

The election process will begin in January 2010. Required nomination documentation will be posted to the New England Section website at that time and electronic communication will be sent to announce the Call for Candidates. The New England Section looks forward to your participation in this democratic process.



NEAUA Upcoming Town Meetings

Wednesday, January 13, 2010

Manchester Historic Association

Millyard Museum, Manchester, NH

Featured Speaker: John Seigne, MD

***“Decision Making and Prostate Cancer:
Helping Our Patients to Make Good Choices
in the Face of Conflicting Medical Advice”***



Attendance at New England Town Meetings is free for Section members. Please visit www.neaua.org for additional information or to contact your State Representative with suggestions for future New England Town Meetings.

FROM THE SECRETARY *(continued from page one)*

The program was rounded out by Joel Blau speaking about financial issues and Dr. Kevin Loughlin's Presidential Address on what we can learn about universal health care from the state of Massachusetts.

The centrally located Renaissance Hotel was a wonderful venue and provided easy access for our Section's advocacy efforts. Dr. Art Tarantino coordinated a lunchtime meeting of legislative updates and advocacy training before 40 of our members descending on Capitol Hill where we met with our Senators and Representatives. This was a unique and timely opportunity to discuss health care reform with our elected officials.

Dr. Jeff Ranta and his wife Patty organized a fabulous social program with interesting museum tours and plenty of opportunities to enjoy great food and visit with friends.

Section News

At our recent Board Meeting, because of decreased revenues and assets, we discussed a variety of efforts to constrain costs of the Section. We voted to post the Highlighter electronically only and to stop printing the membership roster and Section By-Laws in the Annual Meeting Program Book. These initiatives will not only save us money but they are also environmentally friendly. We also voted to form a Financial Taskforce, chaired by Dr. Plante, that will closely analyze the Section's investments and evaluate new methods to increase revenues.

Town Meetings

Our Section Town Meetings will be resuming in January 2010. The New Hampshire Town Meeting is set to be held at the Millyard Museum in Manchester on January 13th, 2010. Dr. John Seigne will present "Decision Making and Prostate Cancer: Helping Our Patients to Make Good Choices in the Face of Conflicting Medical Advice."

Additional Town Meetings are being planned and announcements will be sent via e-mail. If there is a topic or speaker that you would like to hear at your state's Town Meeting please let me know. In the past we have offered the AUA Ultrasound Training Course as a Town Meeting and we can organize this again if there is enough interest. The Town Meetings are a great way to maintain your involvement in the Section. I would also like to encourage our newest Section members to attend a Town Meeting.

2010 Annual Meeting in Providence, RI

Mark your calendars and make plans to attend the 79th Annual Meeting of the New England Section of the AUA in Providence, RI. October 21-23, 2010. Drs. Lori Lerner and Gyan Pareek, Scientific Program Committee Co-Chairs are already planning the program. Please check the NEAUA website (www.neaua.org) for updates and information on the meeting as it becomes available.



New England Section of the
American Urological Association

79th Annual Meeting

October 21-23, 2010

The Westin Providence
Rhode Island Convention Center
Providence, Rhode Island



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