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The President's Corner

Dear Colleagues:

It is an honor and privilege to have been elected President of the New England Section of the AUA. Our Sectional meetings continue to be collegial, intimate and intellectually stimulating. The increasing involvement of our younger members from all the New England states in the activities of our organization augurs well for the future growth and success of our Section. The increasing challenges facing medicine and urology in the areas of residency training, research, socio-economics/reimbursement and medical malpractice are significant. The Board of Directors of the Section is committed to a proactive stance as we face these issues and will be responsive to the needs and wishes of the membership so that the proud traditions of the NEUA can continue.

The 2002 Annual Meeting held in Boston was an unqualified success. The quality and tenor of the presentations, guest lectures and panel discussions were outstanding. Our Past President Anthony A. Caldamone, MD together with David Diamond, MD and Mark Sigman, MD (Scientific Program Co-Chairs) and Michael O'Leary, MD (Local Arrangements Chair) were responsible for putting together the superb scientific and social program. The Presidential

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From the Secretary

In the coming year, we are going to add two exciting, new components to NE Section membership. First, the number of newsletters will be increased from two to four per year. In these new and expanded issues, we will be including features by Section members that will cover both clinical and socioeconomic issues. If you have a topic that you wish to write about in a future issue, please contact me. We will also be including a list of urologic meetings occurring throughout New England in 2003.

In addition to the newsletter, we are going to initiate a series of Town Meetings held throughout the Section. Our intent is to have a Town Meeting in each state, as well as eastern and western Massachusetts, once per year. The initial schedule of Town Meetings is being planned for the early months of 2003. Each meeting will include cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dinner, and a guest speaker. There will be no additional cost for members to attend as these will be covered by NE Section dues. Our first meeting is planned for the Eastern Massachusetts District on Tuesday January 21, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. at the Marriott in Newton, just off Route 128. The speaker will be William Dailey, Esq. of Sloane and Walsh, one of the leading malpractice attorneys in Boston. His topic will be "How To Avoid Being Sued For Medical Malpractice And What To Do If You Are." We look forward to a lively discussion.

We are also going to update the list of member addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses. You will receive a request for this data, so please reply with your current information. We also encourage you to utilize the Section website which can be accessed at www.auanet.org/newengland. If you have any suggestions or issues which you would like the Section to consider, please contact me through the Administrative Office.

Best regards,
Kevin R. Loughlin, M.D.

2003 Annual Meeting

September 11th -14th / Fairmont Tremblant Hotel
Quebec, Canada

NEW ENGLAND SECTION of the AMERICAN UROLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

Highlights of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, September 12, 2002 and the ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING, September 14, 2002

President's Report

Dr. Caldamone informed the Board that the Section currently has its Program, Abstracts, By-Laws, and Articles of Incorporation listed on the NE Section page on the American Urological Association website. The possibility of adding Board and Committee rosters, as well as job postings, is being investigated.

Dr. Caldamone congratulated Dr. Brendan Fox on his election to the position of 2004-2005 President of the American Urological Association. It was a close race between two deserving individuals with a membership response rate of approximately 70%. Dr. Fox will be invited to all future Board Meetings so that he can remain apprised of the activity of the Section.

Treasurer's Report

Dr. Eyre reviewed a four-year financial trend for the Section, showing steady financial growth for the years 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001, with Section assets increasing from a cash balance of \$298,452 at the end of 1998 to \$569,865 at the end of 2001. He emphasized the financial health of the Section and reported that the Board is looking into ways to utilize Section funds to enhance the educational mission of the Section. The Long Range Planning Committee will review and make recommendations as to potential uses of excess funds as well as the possible creation of an Investment/Financial Review Committee.

Secretary's Report

There are currently 343 Active, 162 Senior, 41 Associate, 2 Honorary, 13 Affiliate and 72 Candidate members for a total of 633 members of the New England Section.

Dr. Green reminded members that the Section will not automatically issue Senior status to those who had reached the age of 65; anyone wishing to obtain Senior status must write to the Secretary and request a transfer into the Senior category.

The following members had passed away since the 2001 Annual Meeting:

Robert Krane, MD, Boston, Massachusetts
Christopher Mamonas, MD, Brewster, Massachusetts
Richard W. Marcure, MD, Pittsfield, Massachusetts
Howard G. Nichols, MD, West Newbury, Massachusetts
Robert J. Phaneuf, MD, North Smithfield, Rhode Island

Transfers to Senior Membership

James J. Shula, MD, Haverhill, Massachusetts

Transfers into the New England Section

Erik G. Enquist, MD, Westerly, Rhode Island
(*Western Section*)
Ralph P. Orlando, MD, Haverhill, Massachusetts
(*Northeastern Section*)
Stephen B. Siegel, MD, Waterbury, Connecticut
(*Southeastern Section*)
Tracey S. Wilson, MD, Boston, Massachusetts
(*South Central Section*)

The Section had again agreed to support Candidate members of the Section by paying their dues.

Dr. Green expressed his thanks and appreciation to the Section and to PRRI for their support during his 5 years as Secretary of the Section. Dr. Caldamone spoke on behalf of the Board and congratulated Dr. Green on the outstanding job that he had done as Secretary and thanked him for his years of service.

Historian's Report

The AUA Centennial History has been completed and the two-volume book distributed to AUA members. The New England Section History volume was nearly complete, pending a few updates from state contributors.

Reports of Representatives to the AUA

AUA Board of Directors

For the year ending December 31, 2001, the AUA had an operating surplus of \$848,500 and their investment portfolio had yielded \$775,100 in non-operating income for a total increase in net assets of \$1,494,200. Total assets of the organization were \$66,460,000.

The AUA has established a committee to formulate a contingency plan in the event that the AUA experienced a significant loss in income from corporate support, and has changed the AUA employees pension plan. The new AUA headquarters in Baltimore is underway, with financing approved primarily through tax-free bonding from the State of Maryland. The cost of the new building headquarters will be approximately \$15 million. The 97th annual meeting in Orlando had an attendance of 16,146.

The residency matching fee will be raised to \$75 effective with the 2004 match. The Pathology and Radiology review course will be moved to June to coincide with the ABU Part I examination, and the AUA Office of Education will present the review course just prior to the ABU exam in the same hotel.

The American Lithotripsy Society won its litigation against CMS regarding STARK-2 regulations, but an appeal has already been filed by the Federal Government.

The AUA Office of Education will transition from Houston to the new BWI property in 2003. Doctor Corriere will continue to be responsible for OE education through the 2003 annual meeting, Michele Dinkel has assumed the title of Director of Education and Dr. David McCullough will assume the chairmanship of the Education Council.

AUA Journal of Urology Editorial Board

There will more than likely be a supplement to the *Journal of Urology* in honor of Dr. Alan Retik; members in support of such a supplement felt that an exception should be made with regard to Dr. Retik because of his seminal contributions in the field of pediatric urology.

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Highlights of the Meeting

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AUA Health Policy Council

A primary concern of the Health Policy Council continues to be Medicare reimbursement. The Health Policy Council has voted to support a motion for the AUA to contribute funds to the ALS in its litigation on the Stark II regulations. The AUA is recommending that members be educated on the legal risks associated with internet consultation.

Reports of the New England Section Committees

Nominating Committee

Dr. John A. Heaney, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the report of the Nominating Committee:

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SECTION NOMINEE FOR AUA PRESIDENT IN 2004-2005

Brendan M. Fox, MD

Scientific Program Committee

A total of 52 oral presentations and 34 poster presentations were accepted and the five main guest lecturers were: Dr. William Cromie, AACU Lecturer, Dr. David Page, Dr. Mohamaed Ghoneim, Wyland F. Leadbetter Lecturer, Dr. Walter Robinson, and Dr. Mani Menon.

There were three panel discussions and 2 short update talks by local members, as well as two special presentations, a "History of the NE AUA" by Dr. Brendan Fox, and a presentation by AUA President-Elect Dr. Martin Resnick on "Radio Frequency Needle Ablation of Renal Tumors."

Socio Economics Committee

The Socio-Economics Committee has taken a national lead on the issue of Medicare reimbursement for transrectal ultrasound prior to TUMT. After several communications that outlined the scientific and medical rationale for the procedure, National Heritage (the New England Medicare Intermediary) changed its payment policy and decided to reimburse for pre-TUMT transrectal ultrasound if coded with ICD-9 600.9 (hyperplasia of prostate, unspecified prostatic obstruction).

Scientific Research Award Proposal

Thanks to a generous grant by Yamanoucki, the Section will begin offering a scientific research award in 2003. The Resident Research Committee will draft criteria and guidelines for the award and will report to the Board at their spring meeting. Board members stressed that recipients of the award will be required to provide regular progress reports to the Board.

Leadership Development Program

The AUA Leadership Development Group is trying to develop future leaders and has requested that each Section and/or state put forth the names of young leaders who should receive encouragement to become involved in Section and National activities. The ensuing discussion led the Section to consider the formation of a young leaders group within the Section to serve as a forum for the development of future leaders.

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Max Willscher Resident Award Winners

FIRST PLACE

William Huang, MD
Lahey Clinic Medical Center
"KIAA1096, A Gene on 1Q, is Amplified and Overexpressed in Transitional Cell Carcinoma"

SECOND PLACE

James O. L'Esperance, MD
University of Massachusetts Medical School
"A Novel Estrogenic Compound Induces Apoptosis in Prostate Cell Lines Through an Estrogen-Receptor Pathway"

THIRD PLACE

Benjamin Chung, MD
Lahey Clinic Medical Center
"HIV-1vpr is Effective in Inducing Prostate Cancer Tumor Suppression in an Experimental System"

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Robert C. Eyre, MD*



Anthony Caldamone, MD (l) and AACU Lecturer William Cromie, MD



David Chadbourne, MD (l) and Drs. and Mrs. Caldamone



The audience dons 3-D glasses for one of the scientific presentations



Guest Lecturer Mani Menon, MD (l) and Anthony Caldamone, MD



*Wyland Leadbetter Lecturer
Mohamed Ghoneim, MD*



Barbara Caldamone (l) and Drs. and Mrs. Kevin Loughlin

The President's Corner (continued from page one)

banquet was held in the august surroundings of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston.

At the meeting it was announced that Brendan Fox, MD was elected as the Sectional nominee to be President-elect of the American Urological Association. John Heaney, MD and the Nominating Committee organized a mail ballot of the membership that ensured transparency in the process and grass roots involvement of the members in this important selection. Brendan is a long-serving and loyal member of the NEAUA and he will bring this experience, commitment and hard work to the national AUA.

The 2003 Annual Meeting will be held September 11-14th at the Fairmont Mt. Tremblant in Quebec, Canada. The Wyland Leadbetter Lecturer will be Arthur Smith, MD from New York, who will speak on Minimally Invasive Urologic Surgery. Dr. Raja Khauli, MD (a former Section member) from Lebanon will also be an invited lecturer. Plans are being finalized to have additional guest speakers. The Scientific Program Committee Co-Chairs John Long, MD and Harris Foster, MD are hard at work putting together a program that will cover the traditional as well as cutting-edge areas of urology research and practice. Mark Plante, MD is Chair of the Local Arrangements Committee and promises a lively and eclectic social program. The input and wishes of the membership regarding the annual meeting are encouraged and individuals are encouraged to contact the above chairs regarding suggestions and recommendations for the meeting content and organization.

The Board of Directors of the NEAUA is fully aware of the needs of the membership and is firmly committed to the provision of "value-added" educational and informational offerings over and above that of the annual meetings. Our Secretary, Kevin Loughlin, MD has organized a series of "Town Meetings" throughout the Section to address important issues facing the urologic practitioner (details in the Secretary's Message).

Once again, I offer my humble thanks to the membership for the honor of serving first as Treasurer and now as President of our esteemed Section. The Board of Directors will continue to vigorously serve the diverse needs of the membership and we encourage continued grassroots feedback and communication from all our members. The strength and long-term success of the NEAUA lies in the ongoing commitment and involvement of our members!

Best wishes to all for 2003. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for our 72nd Annual Meeting in Quebec, Canada, September 11-14th 2003.

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TOWN MEETING

Eastern Massachusetts District

January 21, 2003 / 6:30 p.m.

Newton Marriott

William Dailey, Esq.
Sloane & Walsh

"How to Avoid Being Sued for Medical Malpractice and What To Do If You Are"

To register for this Town Meeting, please contact
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September 11-14, 2003

Fairmont Tremblant Hotel / Quebec, Canada

September 8-13, 2004

Ritz Carlton Resort / Amelia Island, Florida

November 2-6, 2005

*Joint Meeting with
Northeastern Section, AUA*

The Southampton Princess / Bermuda

September 28-October 1, 2006

Rhode Island Convention Center and the
Westin Providence / Providence, Rhode Island

UPCOMING UROLOGY MEETINGS OF INTEREST

**Massachusetts Association of Practicing Urologists
ANNUAL MEETING**

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Westin Hotel, Waltham, Massachusetts

**“Treatment Options for BPH: Clinical
and Economic Implications.”**

**Registration - 5:00 p.m. Reception - 5:30-6:15, followed
by dinner and the speakers**

For additional information: Ginny DuLong, MAPU, P.O.
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