

AUA Board of Directors October 2019 Meeting Combined Executive Summary

Purpose: This report is to be used by members of the AUA Board of Directors for their general reference and for reporting to AUA Sections.

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Board & Physician Consultant Positions

AUA Treasurer Selection. The AUA Board conducted interviews of four finalists and selected Dr. Thomas Stringer (Gainesville, Florida) for the position of AUA Treasurer-elect (2020-2021) to ascend to the four-year term of Treasurer (2021-2025). Dr. Stringer's name will be presented for ratification as part of the officers' slate at the May 2020 Annual Business Meeting.

AUA Education Chair Search Update. A Search Committee comprised of AUA Board members and staff will be conducting interviews for the next Education Chair, with an announcement expected by November 19, 2019.

AUA Research Chair Job Posting. The AUA will be seeking a highly-qualified member to fill the position of Research Chair-elect beginning May 2020. A job description along with information about compensation, time commitments and travel requirements will be available beginning December 2nd on the website at AUAnet.org/ResearchChair. The deadline to receive applications is January 13, 2020.

Finance

Financial Statements and Budget. The Directors approved the unaudited, internal combined financial statements for the periods ending June 30, 2019 and August 31, 2019 for the American Urological Association, Inc. (AUA), AUA Education & Research, Inc. (AUAER), Urology Care Foundation, Inc. (UCF) and the American Urological Association Inc. Political Action Committee (AUAPAC). The year to date operating surplus as of 8/31/19 is approximately \$1.2 million. The 2019 reforecasted operating budget reflects a deficit of (\$2.8 million) due to BOD initiatives to invest in mission critical programs including Data, Public Policy and Advocacy, as well as mitigating risks and building a strong infrastructure for Information Technology. The Board approved AUA's 2020 Consolidated Budget operating deficit of approximately \$2.0 million, with continuing dedication to mission programs. The Board noted the AUA's diverse programming and sound financial position, while also recognizing the need for continued focus on program prioritization in order to maximize value to members and ensure the continued financial strength of the organization for future generations.

Investments. As of August 31, 2019, the combined AUAER and UCF investment portfolio was approximately \$197 million, which includes both Board- and donor-restricted investments of approximately \$138 million designated for specific mission programs including Research Scholars, Professional Awards and other projects, plus operating reserves.

Education

MRI of the Prostate Standard Operating Procedure Approved. In June 2019, the AUA Board approved amendments to the October 2018 document AUA Standard Operating Procedure for the MRI of the Prostate. The text of the amended SOP is available on [AUA's website](#).

ACCME Reaccreditation Submission in 2019. The AUA's ACCME self-study report will be submitted in December 2019 to the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education. AUA's Education team

is working diligently to ensure that all requirements are met so that AUA retains its Accreditation with Commendation status.

Clinical Problem Solving (CPS) Modules. Three new CPS modules will be released for the 2019 guidelines on Testicular Cancer, Recurrent UTI and Incontinence after Prostate Treatment. The modules are currently in production and will be released in November 2019.

Podcasts. The AUA *University* Podcast series continues to be a popular modality for extending the reach of AUA's educational programs. So far this year, 29 episodes totaling nearly 59,000 plays have been released. These can be accessed [here](#).

Science & Quality

Measure Development. The Quality Improvement and Patient Safety Committee is reevaluating and strengthening its measure development processes and has established a Measures Evaluation Panel to evaluate all AUA measures against standardized criteria to ensure AUA is measuring quality actions that are meaningful to providers and patients. Members of the panel include Drs. Matthew Cooperberg, Matthew Nielsen, Lindsey Herrel, Greg Aufferberg, Jeremy Shelton and Deborah Kaye.

AQUA Registry. As of August 2019, 1,806 active providers from 182 practices participated in the AQUA Registry. The majority of registry participants work in private practice settings, but urologists from academic medical centers or hospitals are also represented. The inaugural AQUA Registry newsletter contains additional information about the AQUA Registry, including [a list of the top five MIPS measures reported through the AQUA Registry in 2018](#) and important dates for 2019 MIPS reporting.

Research

Residency Research Award Changes. After more than ten years as a successful program to support surgeon-scientist training, the Residency Research Award program has been restructured to increase support for a wider community of residents interested in pursuing urologic research. Effective for the 2020 award cycle, the award will be funded at \$10,000 for an award period of three to 12 months, with 80% protected time for research through the duration of the project. At the same time, institutional requirements have been modified to be more inclusive of programs and Principal Investigators with limited ability to fund resident research. These changes will allow the program to continue to attract strong candidates and hopefully to increase the number of annual awards at the \$10,000 level, while helping ensure the fiscal sustainability of the Residency Research Award. The Program Announcement for the 2020 award will be posted [on AUA's website](#) in October 2019.

Rising Star Award Program. Dr. Jason Van Batavia, Assistant Professor, Pediatric Urology at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, is the recipient of the 2019 Rising Star in Urology Research Award for his project on the Role of Neuronal Subpopulations in the Pontine Micturition Center on Voiding. The Office of Research recently conducted an outcomes analysis of the Rising Star Award program, focusing primarily on the period from the program's inception in 2005 through 2014. Survey responses from awardees reflect that an impressive 93% of Rising Stars Awardees went on to earn at least one federally-funded

research grant, with an NIH R01 success rate of 61.5% for those who applied. More than 70% of respondents identified the protected research time and salary support components of the award as having the greatest impact on their careers. A similar percentage of respondents described the award as “essential” to their career development.

Office of Research Receives NIDDK Grant. The Office of Research was awarded a subcontract for up to \$75,000 over three years to assist in the dissemination of results from the NIH National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases’ *Urologic Diseases in America* project.

Public Policy & Advocacy

Position Statement on Pediatric Decision Making and Differences of Sex Development (DSD).

With the Societies for Pediatric Urology, the AUA Board approved a joint statement in support of the organizations’ position that decisions regarding how to approach DSD diagnoses, and indeed any, complex medical problem, should remain in the purview of the family and expert medical team and thus should not be legislated. The statement acknowledges the complexity of DSD cases, encourages a multidisciplinary and family-centered approach to care, and voices support for efforts to fund and conduct research to improve the treatment of individuals and families coping with the implications of DSD. The joint statement, available [on AUA's website](#) aligns with the recommendations and rationale provided by the American Medical Association Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs Report 3-I-18, “Amendment to E-2.2.1, ‘Pediatric Decision Making’.”

USP Chapter 800. At the Board meeting, the Public Policy Council Chair reported that USP Chapter 800 (requiring the use of a sterilization hood and negative pressure environment when reconstituting and administering certain drugs in the office) will become official on December 1, 2019, while USP’s issuance of clarifying updates to USP Chapter 797 will be delayed. This is discouraging news since these updates are expected to clarify that Chapter 800’s safety requirements are not intended to apply when a physician “administers” such drugs, i.e., mixes or reconstitutes a drug according to manufacturers’ recommendations for a single patient for immediate use. AUA still anticipates the Chapter 797 updates will be published eventually and encourages any AUA members experiencing issues with a state regulatory bodies implementing USP Chapter 800 to contact PaymentPolicy@AUAnet.org for assistance.

Urology Care Foundation

Foundation Board. The AUA Board approved the appointment of Irving “Irv” Rothman, President and CEO at HPE Financial Services, as a Public Lay Member of the UCF Board. In addition, the AUA Board renewed the appointments of Dr. Gopal Badlani (UCF Secretary and Urologist Member) and Jay Baitler (Public Lay Member) for a second term.

May 2020 Foundation Benefit. Mark your calendars for Friday, May 15, 2020. The evening will highlight lively off-track thoroughbred horse racing excitement! Registration opens December 4.