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The 2005-2006 Year in Review

It has been a year of change in many areas for the American Urological Association. It has been a year of looking to the future of the practice of urology, and seeing how it matches up with the way urology academic programs train residents and fund research. It has been a year that has seen the sale of the Charles Street property, the home of the AUA for more than 50 years. It has been a year when some of our executives left the organization and were replaced. It has been a year when a number of our members in the Gulf Coast area were devastated by Mother Nature. I hope this review will catch you up on our activities and, as always, we welcome your comments and suggestions as well as ideas to consider for the future.

Administration

Michael T. Sheppard, former Deputy Executive Director, replaced longtime AUA Executive Director, G. James Gallagher who retired in July. New Associate Executive Directors were hired for the AUA Foundation and Health Policy department. A new Chair of Education, Guidelines Chair and Health Policy Chair were appointed. Finally, the Northeastern Section of the AUA contracted with the home office for administrative management of section activities.

AUA Foundation

At last year's annual meeting it was announced that the American Foundation for Urologic Diseases (A.F.U.D.) was now part of the AUA under the new name of AUA Foundation (AUAF). At a retreat of the AUAF major changes were made

to the former operating board foundation structure. To that end John M. Huber was hired as the Associate Executive Director of the Foundation and Dr. Judd Moul was named the Patient Education Council Chairman. Mr. Huber has spent his career working with nonprofit foundations, most recently Goodwill Industries. Doctor Moul was the former editor of the A.F.U.D. magazine *FamilyUrology*.

Education

Dr. Glenn Preminger will replace Dr. David McCullough as the Chair of Education, and will be responsible for overseeing all Office of Education activities including annual meeting courses, subject oriented seminars, hands-on wet and dry lab courses, as well as all home study products (paper, CD-ROM, DVD or video format). He will oversee the Urology Residents Match and work with the AUA/American Board of Urology (ABU) Examination Committee. Doctor Preminger has spent his entire career in academic medicine, has been a frequent participant of AUA courses, and has been a member of the AUA Update Series Advisory Board and the AUA/ABU Examination Committee.

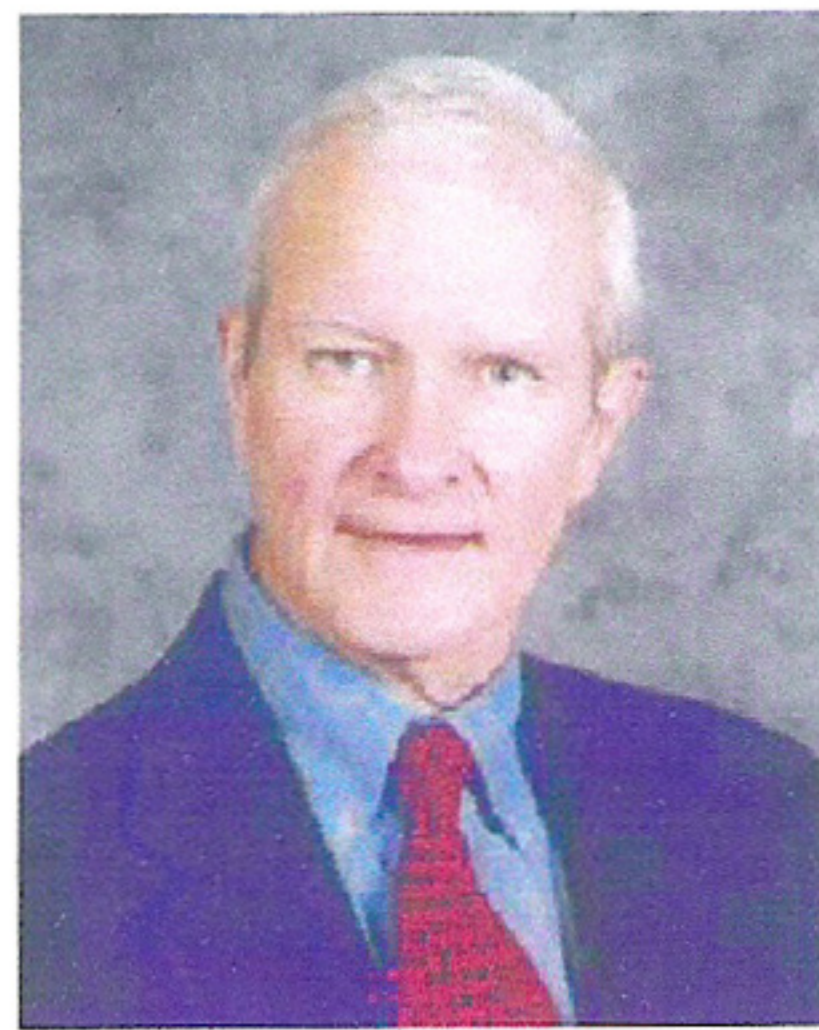
An Office of Education retreat chaired by Dr. Joseph Segura was held to look at the future of urological education not only in terms of content, but more importantly in terms of delivery systems. There is no question that the Internet has become a major source of urological information for physicians and patients, and surgical simulators have developed to a point where they should become a major educational tool. The consensus from this retreat will be used by Doctor Preminger in his new role as Education Council Chair.

The Journal of Urology® and AUANews

Both of these AUA owned publications changed publishers this year after many years with Lippincott Williams & Wilkins. Elsevier now publishes The Journal, and AUANews is published by the AUA. These transfers were seamlessly completed without delays or incidents.

Annual Meeting

During the last year the AUA attempted to resolve a conflict with its 2009 Annual Meeting contract dates and the New Orleans Jazz Festival. The New Orleans Convention Bureau could only partially accommodate the AUA with alternative dates



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using future expansion areas of the convention center. Due to the devastation to New Orleans during the hurricane season, an analysis was done as to the viability of holding the AUA Annual Meeting in New Orleans in 2009, including the completion of convention center expansion. After due deliberation, it was decided to move the 2009 Annual Meeting from New Orleans to Chicago. The 2011 meeting, scheduled to return to San Antonio, has been relocated to Washington, D.C. due to a need for an increase in convention space and hotel rooms.

Health Policy and Practice Management

Beth Kosiak, Ph.D. was hired as the Associate Executive Director for Health Policy. She was recently a senior social scientist for the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality at the Center for Quality Improvement and Patient Safety. In addition, Dr. James B. Regan replaced Dr. William F. Gee as Health Policy Chair.

The officers of the American Association of Clinical Urologists met with AUA officers and agreed to hold a joint "Washington Update" in March rather than 2 separate meetings. If successful, it is hoped that this format will be used for all future meetings.

Guidelines

Dr. Roger Dmochowski replaced Doctor Segura as the Chair of the Practice Guidelines Committee. This year a strategic planning meeting about AUA Guidelines was held as was an international meeting on the subject at which development of worldwide guidelines was considered.



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