There is much to report and lots of positive change going on at UAPA. The most important change is that we have contracted with WJ Weiser to provide professional management for our organization. WJ Weiser has a national reputation for managing physician urology specialty societies and the choice was a natural fit to both organizations. It had become clear to the board and me that UAPA is at a critical juncture in its development and we needed help to move our agenda further. The board is made up of members like you, with busy practices, and we just don’t have the time necessary. The membership needs to understand that this was executed in such a way that there is no financial risk to UAPA and the annual renewable contract will be reviewed in November 2011. In order for this to be a mutual success, we need to conduct an annual CME event and I’m particularly excited to see this happen. I have found that a lot of CME has become repetitious, biased and not especially useful in clinical practice.

UAPA’s goal is to provide a relevant CME event that caters to general urology topics for the practicing clinician that challenges the veteran and supports the transition to urology for the novice. The event will also provide breakout sessions for hands-on and procedures. We have sent out a practice survey to all PAs in urology so that we can begin to plan our event. The better the response then the better the event, so please complete your survey. They were sent on February 28th and we encourage you to take them if you haven’t already done so.
The other noteworthy event is the further cooperation between the UAPA and AUA. There are two standing committees at the AUA for PAs: Non-Physician Education Committee and Non-Physician Membership Committee. The committees are composed of APNs and PAs and the members are approximately 6 months into a 3-year term. The purpose of each committee is to provide the applicable AUA Governance Board with recommendations regarding membership and continuing education guidance as it relates to our respective profession. The AUA is committed to the process and they have put time and money into the process. Some early results have been a membership process that has been revamped and organizing an Advance Practice Nurse/Physician Assistants CME track at the AUA Annual Meeting. Mary Mathe, PA-C is the chair of the Education Committee and Diane Newman, NP is the chair of the Membership Committee. An unintended consequence of this process is that the UAPA has gotten to know SUNA leadership and we hope to work collectively on future projects that have shared goals.

Elections are around the corner and Ken Mitchell, president-elect, will be conducting the election process, so get involved. Visit our website: www.uapanet.org for happenings, updates, etc. Remember to complete your survey!

Sincerely,
Todd J. Doran, MS, PA-C
President, UAPA

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**Treasurer’s Report**
Charlene Kreiensieck, PA-C

The UAPA is in good financial health with its fund balance consisting of two operating accounts – one with Chase Bank and the other at Wachovia Bank.

The UAPA Board recently signed a contract with WJ Weiser & Associates to manage our group. All monetary transactions will now be under their supervision. This change is a positive step towards the growth of our society and should not impact our members in any way. All future membership renewals shall be handled through Weiser.

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**Secretary’s Report**
Folusho Ogunfiditimi, PA-C

UAPA has entered into an agreement with a management organization – WJ Weiser, in hopes of providing its members with more detailed and efficient information and support. This partnership will facilitate the growth of UAPA while enhancing our marketability to PAs and non-PAs.

The partnership also means that our UAPA newsletter—Stone Crier—will now be produced and circulated by the management team, hence improving our distribution rates to our membership. It will also provide us with the opportunity to communicate effectively with urology PAs across the nation. Finally, the partnership will maintain our membership database and facilitate our recruitment and retention strategies. As secretary, I will still be directly involved with approving membership status and administrative organization of the activities of the board in conjunction with WJ Weiser. We look forward to a fruitful and productive year with UAPA. Please don’t forget to stop by our UAPA booth in Washington, DC at the AUA in May and in Las Vegas at the AAPA conference in June.
The AUA continues to explore ways to provide lectures as well as on hands courses that are geared to Advanced Practice Nurses and Physician Assistants. They will have a booth at AAPA meeting in May in Las Vegas to provide information about the AUA and what it is doing for PAs. The AUA is in the process of having more lectures and hands-on courses such as cystoscopy. They are actively working with NPPs to be a part of the AUA.

Don’t forget to stop by the UAPA booth at AUA Exhibit Hall! This meeting offers a chance to network and learn.

Job Postings:
Physician Assistant – Urology
Well-established urology practice on Florida’s Treasure Coast seeks a full-time Florida licensed PA to practice as a skilled member of its healthcare team. Must be NCCPA certified and possess a clear record of professional history. Urology and operating room experience helpful. This practice sees patients of all ages. A great location, as a wildlife refuge, Vero Beach boasts a dazzling riverfront district, public and private schools, close proximity to Atlantic beaches, a year-round average temperature of 73.4 degrees, the Arts, municipal golf courses and airport, and easy access to I-95 and the Florida Turnpike. Excellent pay and benefits. New grads considered.

Reply to IRUPA by fax to (865) 531-0722 or email to resume@drsmgmt.com.
Physician Assistant (PA) postgraduate residencies have been in existence since the 1970s. Residency programs are available in a multitude of primary care and specialty areas. Currently there are two PA postgraduate residency programs in urology.

Northwest Metropolitan Urology Associates in affiliation with Rosalind Franklin University/The Chicago Medical School Physician Assistant Program was the first to offer additional postgraduate training in urology (http://www.nmuadocs.com/pa). The first class of residents started in July 1999 and graduated in June 2000. Since then, NMUA has accepted two PAs into the program each year. Their residents receive education and clinical experience in general urology as well as in the important urologic specialties. In addition to their clinical training, the residents are expected to participate in daily teaching rounds, weekly conferences, weekly grand rounds, weekly interdisciplinary conferences and monthly research meetings. Quarterly didactic tests are given as part of the didactic component as well.

The Department of Urology at UT Southwestern Medical Center has also developed a postgraduate training program. Their first PA urology resident will begin in February 2011. The resident will be integrated into its already well-established didactic program including weekly pre-operative conference, M&M conference, monthly journal club, weekly grand rounds and attendance at national and specialty meetings. In addition, it offers a vast and diversified exposure to the field of urology, including access to the emergency room and inpatient activities, in addition to first assist training in a wide variety of robotic urologic surgical procedures. The program is divided into two sections. The first section (4 – 6 months) will be spent learning about the main sub-specialty areas of urology by rotating for four to six weeks in BPH/male LUTS, stone disease and mineral metabolism, urologic oncology, female pelvic medicine & reconstructive surgery and reconstructive urology, prosthetics and trauma. The second section allows for growing autonomy with providing in inpatient consults, providing care in outpatient clinics, and operating room (OR) time. Dedicated research time is also available. More information can be found at: http://www.utsouthwestern.edu/utsw/cda/dept10803/files/605079.html

UAPA at the AAPA Meeting
This meeting offers an opportunity to network with other PAs in the field of urology.

UAPA at the AAPA Meeting
UAPA Networking Reception at the AAPA
Wednesday, June 1, 2011
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Las Vegas Hilton
Conference Room 8

Everyone is welcome! This is a great opportunity to meet with other urology PAs to network and discuss the issues in the field of urology, as well as other medical issues.

Also, don’t forget to stop by the UAPA booth at AAPA Exhibit Hall!