



President's Message

Scott Young, MS, PA-C



Greetings to all UAPA members! Thank you all for your continued loyalty to UAPA and your dedication to continuing the progression of our profession in Urology. It has been my honor to serve you as UAPA President for the last half of 2019 and I look forward to continuing to lead this exceptional group going forward.

Our annual meeting in 2020 will take us to St. Louis, the "Gateway to the West." Situated on the Mississippi river, St. Louis is a city of rich history and opportunity. Home of the Cardinals, the Blues, Anheuser-Busch and the well known 630ft Gateway Arch, St. Louis promises to be a great destination for our meeting! Again this year, we are excited to offer an afterhours event- this year at the City Museum.

City Museum is a hundred year old former show factory of over 600,000 square feet that was purchased and continues to be slowly transformed into a "city within a city." The City Museum has something for everyone and promises not to disappoint our members that attend this afterhours event.

Our annual meeting has long been the main value provided with membership in UAPA. Thankfully we have recognized this and have made it a focal point of UAPA to continue to find ways to enhance membership. We now host regional UAPA meetings bimonthly/quarterly in select Metro areas (and we are looking for more Metro areas to host them in!), regular newsletters, job boards and other networking opportunities. Input from our members is key to our growth, so if you have ideas on how to add additional value to our members, please share those with us. Ideas can be emailed to me at scottyoungaz@gmail.com or Heather Swanson at heather@wjweiser.com.

Once again, thank you all for your continued membership and support for UAPA. We appreciate you all and hope you will consider engaging with the leadership of UAPA or even step into a leadership role in the future! Enjoy your holiday season!

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Program Chair Message

G. Brooke Zilinskas, MMS, PA-C



The 2020 UAPA conference will take place April 3rd-5th at the Ritz-Carlton in St. Louis, Missouri. This hotel is truly 5 stars with great food nearby in the city of Clayton. The conference committee is working on putting together another interactive and informative weekend of PA focused education. Based on feedback from last year, we are expanding the Urology 101 breakout to allow MORE

time for PAs new to urology and those that want refreshed in general to get back to the basics of urology in a comfortable session where questions are encouraged. Additional breakout sessions will focus on erectile dysfunction and reading urodynamics. We are also bringing advanced discussions on renal cell carcinoma, prostate cancer, incontinence, neurogenic bladder, and medical management of kidney stones (just to name a few) to the main stage with excellent and experienced speakers from around the country.

We will once again be showcasing you, our UAPA members and future members, in the 10 minute podium presentations. This opportunity really is a change to get public speaking experience in a friendly setting, share an interesting case, or brag about a novel approach to patient care that you are doing in your practice. Please consider applying to give a podium presentation and help our annual meeting be as diverse as it can be!

While details are not finalized yet, your UAPA board of directors and management team are working together to offer another after hours event! Details are coming soon, but this event promises to be unique to St. Louis, open to any family coming with you to the conference, and a great opportunity for fun and networking! The event will take place on Saturday night after the conference has ended.

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us in St. Louis, MO at the UAPA 9th Annual Meeting! It's an amazing opportunity to learn, present, network, and just enjoy yourself!

Brooke Zilinskas MMS, PA-C

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Past President Message

Jim Kovarik, MS, PA-C



I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer and a chance to get out of the clinic or the operating room to spend time with family and friends. As the leaves start turning colors and the air is a bit chillier in my neck of the woods, thoughts turn towards expectations of turkey dinners and cranberry sauce. With that in mind, I would like to use this opportunity to express my gratitude for the privilege of

serving UAPA. I never considered that when I accepted my first permanent PA job at the Milwaukee VA Urology Clinic that I would have the chance to serve with fantastic mentors and colleagues within a national organization. For that experience, I am thankful.

I am excited to see the organization moving forward and continuing to develop new ideas. UAPA continues to represent urology PA's interests and perspectives at local, regional and national meetings. I want to encourage everyone to be involved and if you have ideas to share them. Be proactive, get out and meet the other urology PAs in your city, region and nationally. Those relationships will likely be fruitful both personally and professionally.

We are traversing through exciting times and I am thankful that I had the opportunity to be a part of it.

"I may not have gone where I intended to go, but I think I have ended up where I needed to be." - Douglas Adams

Jim Kovarik, MS, PA-C

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UAPA Board of Directors?

Please submit any questions to
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AUA Liaison Report

Todd J. Doran, Ed.D., PA-C, DFAAPA, AT-Retired



A couple of things to report. There is a proposal to remove the AUA Liaison as a UAPA board position. I endorse this and look forward to being legislatively out of a job to focus on other UAPA matters. This is a natural evolution and demonstrates maturation of the association. The original intent was to have a board position officially affiliated with the AUA so the AUA tied the relationship to a board position rather than to a person. It is not in UAPAs interest for the AUA to view a single person appointed for life as the official spokesperson for UAPA. The board understands this and endorses that an existing board position function in this role.

Currently, that is the Vice President who sits on the Advanced Practice Providers Education Committee.

The next to report on is the status of the survey administered in the spring. Some of the initial results have been presented to the board and provided guidance on the Annual Meeting location and some other strategic decisions. I'm currently working with the NCCPA to update the Urology PA Workforce data and will use some of our data to make comparisons or add clarity. Thank you to the 55 of you who completed the survey and we plan to present the data at the next Annual Meeting.

Todd J. Doran, Ed.D., PA-C, DFAAPA, AT-Retired

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2019 Membership Survey

Thank you to those who participated in the 2019 UAPA Membership Survey.

The last comprehensive membership survey for the Urological Association of Physician Assistants (UAPA) was done in 2012. It is important to know what our members needs are and we appreciate all those who completed the survey.

The survey provided the Board of the Urological Association of Physician Assistants with information about the PA procedural practice, barriers to PA practice, and the continuing education needs of the membership.

All who participated in the survey were entered into a drawing for a \$100 gift card! The winner is Barrie J. Pilgrim, PA from Syracuse, NY! Congratulations Barrie!

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