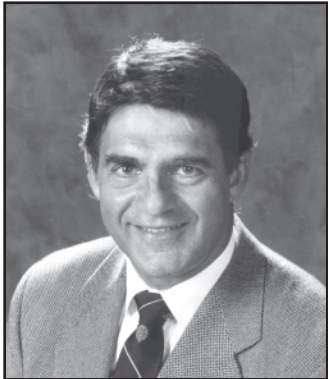




# Canadian Urological Association

Fall 2000 Newsletter

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**Gordon McLorie, MD, FRCS(C),**  
President, CUA

The CUA held its 55th Annual Meeting from June 25th-28th in Kelowna, British Columbia. Although the rest of Canada lives in a state of turmoil with respect to weather, we were treated to absolutely superb sunny weather in the interior of British Columbia. Dr. Tom Kinahan and the urology community of the Okanagan treated us to four days of the best the Okanagan Valley can serve in terms of food, wine, sport, and entertainment. At the same time, Dr. Mike Leonard and his Scientific Committee gave the best that can concurrently be offered of urology today. They had six guest speakers, who used podium sessions, nine poster sessions, and five educational forums to bring the state-of-the-art of urology to Canadian Urologists. The CUA continued its tradition of bringing first-rate science to its members in an atmosphere surrounded by colleagues and friends that we were able to continue in 2000.

In affiliation with the CUA, a variety of committees and societies met. This included the executive meeting of the Canadian Academy of Urologic Surgeons, the CUA Specialty Committee, the Pediatric Urologists of Canada, the CUOG, the Canadian Male Sexual Health Council, the Canadian Endourology Group, the CUASF Research Committee, the Society of International Urology and our colleagues, the Urology Nurses of Canada. The CUA Executive endorsed the proposal by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons to pursue the MoCERT program. This will allow the CUA to implement its mandate to endorse and promote the highest standards in the practice of clinical urology. You have received a survey to allow you to communicate your wishes to the Royal College and the CUA. We look forward to this feedback to guide us in our organization, so that we may continue to provide the highest quality and most

meaningful continuing education endeavours through the CUA.

Joining us at our meeting were a wonderful group of sponsors from industry, who not only provided tremendous support to the meeting, but made further contributions to the CUA Scholarship Foundation's scholarship fund as well. Their presence afforded a tremendous opportunity for exchange of information between the representatives and the Urologists of Canada.

At the CUA Annual Meeting, we received a report from the Executive Committee and proceeded to endorse an initiative to provide patient information pamphlets. The Annual Meeting formed a new committee for this purpose and elected Dr. Denis Lavoie to lead this initiative. At the Annual Meeting as well, Dr. Ron Kodama was elected as the Chair of the new committee to proceed with the MoCERT initiative. The CUA will take an active role in guiding this ongoing quality assurance process in conjunction with the Royal College.

A new executive was elected at the meeting, and I look forward to being your President for the next year with a dedicated executive including; Dr. Jim Wilson, President-Elect, Dr. Yves Fradet, Vice-President, Dr. Denis Hosking, Past-President, Dr. Michael Chetner, Secretary, and Dr. Ron Gerridzen, Treasurer. Dr. Jack Sales, Chairman of the Nominating Committee brought forward two new members at large for the executive, Dr. Don Metcalfe and Dr. Tom Kinahan, who were subsequently elected. The members at large now play expanded roles serving on the Guidelines Committee, the Patient Information Committee, the committees for the Annual Meeting, etc. Their active participation is an important part of the ongoing rejuvenation of the CUA. Dr. John

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Mahoney and Dr. Peter Anderson were nominated from the floor and agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee for a term of 2 years.

The meeting ended with the annual President's Banquet at the Grand Okanagan Hotel, which was a tremendous success. We were treated to the wonderful presentation of Colin James and I am sure everyone left Kelowna making plans to return in the future.

For this upcoming year, we look forward to enhancing and improving our services to the membership of the CUA. We have a great team assembled to put together next year's meeting in Toronto, where Blair and I look forward to greeting you.



**Gordon McLorie, MD, FRCS(C),**  
President, Canadian Urological Association

## CUA MEMBERSHIP

### NEW CUA MEMBERS

Membership Approved at  
the 2000 AGM Kelowna, BC,  
June 27th, 2000

Mohammed Al-Kerithy  
Khalid Al-Othman  
Milad Barsoum  
Stephane Bolduc  
Robert Bristow  
Stephanie Cripps  
Darrel Drachenberg  
Gavin Duffy  
Christopher French  
John Garrett  
Michael Guralnick  
Michael Hobart  
Angelo Iocca  
Ziad Jaklis  
Munir Jamal  
John Kell  
Nick Logarakis  
Alain Maillette  
Nicholas McFarlane  
William Meade  
Thomas Morton  
Ali Obied  
Stephen Pautler  
John Preiner  
Robert Siemens  
Simon Wong

### ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Patrick Cho  
Michael Crichlow  
Manoj Monga  
Owen Prowse  
David Riden  
Carson Wong

### TRANSFER TO SENIOR STATUS

Owen Audain  
Guy Bedard  
Pierre Bertrand  
Joseph Binard  
John Bishop  
Robert Bridge  
Barry Caplan  
Romeo Charrois  
Allan Decter  
Marc Henri Dufresne  
Mostafa Elhilali  
Donald Grace  
William Harvey  
Jean-Guy Houle  
Earl Isbister  
Stephen Jacobsen  
Adolf James  
Tibor Juda  
Sydney Katz

Jochen Knackstedt  
Henry Krahn  
Stan Lannon  
Peter Levers  
Stephen MacIsaac  
Charles McKiel  
David Mcleod  
Oliver Millard  
David Moors  
Rama Murthy  
Jean-Pierre Paquet  
Jean-Paul Perreault  
R. Sathasiva Ram  
John Schillinger  
Kazie Siluch  
Lorne Sullivan  
Herman Sullivan  
Yosh Taguchi  
Khoday Tukaram  
Roderick Turner  
Andre Vallieres  
John Williams

### TRANSFER TO HONORARY STATUS

Joseph Segura  
Darracott Vaughan

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## NEW CUA EXECUTIVE, 2000-2001

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### Officers:

<b>President:</b>	Dr. Gordon McLorie
<b>President-Elect:</b>	Dr. Jim Wilson
<b>Vice-President:</b>	Dr. Yves Fradet
<b>Past-President:</b>	Dr. Denis Hosking
<b>Secretary:</b>	Dr. Michael Chetner
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Dr. Ron Gerridzen
<b>Treasurer-Elect:</b>	Dr. Jerzy Gajewski

### Members at Large:

Dr. Fred Saad  
Dr. Simon Tanguay  
Dr. Jocelyne Tessier  
Dr. Bruce Palmer  
Dr. Tom Kinahan  
Dr. Don Metcalfe

### Standing Committees:

**Chair, Administrative Council,  
CUA Scholarship Foundation:**  
Dr. Hassan Razvi

**Chair, Scientific Council,  
CUA Scholarship Foundation:**  
Dr. Joe Chin

**Training, Education & Evaluation Committee Chair:**  
Dr. S. Larry Goldenberg

**Guidelines Committee Chair:**  
Dr. Gerald Brock

**CUA Historian:**  
Dr. Michael Leonard

**Socioeconomics Committee Chair:**  
Dr. Allan Patrick

**CUA-CTG Committee Co-Chairs:**  
Dr. Laurie Klotz  
Dr. Peter Pommerville

**Patient Information Committee Chair:**  
Dr. Denis Lavoie

**MoCERT Committee Chair:**  
Dr. Ron Kodama

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

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Association mailings to the following members have been returned with addresses marked as incorrect.

David Barnhouse  
John Bishop  
J. Bourgoquin  
Andrew Bruce  
Stephanie Cripps  
Parker Eberwein  
Adam Gavsie  
James Glenn  
Michael Greenspan  
Andrew Halsall  
Richard Johnson  
Douglas Johnson  
Robert Juzek  
William Lopatin  
Gary Mackie  
Gordon Martyn  
J. McBeath  
Sue McGarvie  
Richard Pidutti  
John Price  
Kostantinos Psihramis  
Manohar Rajani  
Bernard Robinson  
Walerian Spakowski  
Thomas Trinh  
Getchel Williams

If any members know of the current addresses or even the towns involved, please forward this information to:

Dr. Michael P. Chetner,  
Secretary, Canadian Urological Association  
2D2.13, Walter MacKenzie Health Sciences Center  
8440-112 Street, Edmonton, Alberta  
Phone: (780) 407-3283 Fax: (780) 407-2694  
E-Mail: mchetner@gpu.srv.ualberta.ca

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## 2001 CUA ANNUAL MEETING

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2001 CUA Annual Meeting  
Toronto, Ontario  
June 24-27, 2001

### Guest Speakers include:

Martin Barkin  
*Socioeconomics of Health Care*

Robert Kerbel  
*Royal College Lecture*

Craig Peters  
*Pediatrics*

Peter Scardino  
*Prostate Cancer*

Larry Lipshultz  
*Infertility*

Alan Wein  
*Voiding Dysfunction, Neurogenic bladder*

Louis Kavoussi  
*Minimally Invasive Surgery*

### Local Arrangements Chair

Dr. Ron Kodama  
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### Scientific Committee Chair

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Hospital for Sick Children, 555 University Ave.  
Toronto, ON, M5G 1X8  
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E-mail: tony.khoury@sickkids.on.ca

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## CUA SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

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### Major Corporate Sponsors for 2000:

AstraZeneca Canada Inc.  
Aventis Pharma Canada Inc.  
Bayer Inc., Healthcare Division  
Janssen-Ortho Inc.  
Pfizer Canada Inc.  
Pharmacia / Upjohn

### Corporate Sponsors for 2000:

Abbott Laboratories Ltd.  
Boehringer Ingelheim  
Eli Lilly  
Karl Storz Endoscopy Canada  
Merck Frosst Canada Inc.  
Organon Canada  
Paladin Labs

The Canadian Urological Association and the Canadian Urological Association Scholarship Foundation are grateful for the past, present and future support of industry. Their contributions to the CUASF have allowed us to secure the future of urological research in Canada.

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## 2000 CUASF SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

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### Congratulations to:

Diego Barrieras (Pfizer)  
Rob Siemens (Bayer)  
Anil Kapoor  
Patrick Luke

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## 2000 CUA - SIU SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

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### Congratulations to:

Khaleeq-ur Rehman (Pakistan)  
Anand Khabhar (India)  
Ashraf Hafez (Egypt)

Dr. Bob Schwarz as a  
“Traveling CUA/SIU Scholar” to China

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## **CUASF SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **Request for Applications:**

3 categories of support

1. University-based researcher, \$40 000, for recent (within 2 years) Canadian, University Faculty Appointment at level of Assistant Professor or Lecturer, 1 year term, renewable based on merit and availability of funds.
2. Community-based researcher, \$15 000 non-renewable for specific project. For details and application forms, interested individuals can write to Dr. Joe Chin, Scientific Chair of CUASF.
3. CUA – SIU International Scholarship

Deadline March 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, for academic funding year commencing July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Submit applications to:

Dr. J. Chin, Chair, Scientific Council, CUASF  
Rm. #3250, 800 Commissioners Rd. E.  
London, Ontario, N6A 4G5  
Phone: (519) 685-8451 Fax: (519) 685-8455  
E-mail: jchin@julian.uwo.ca

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## **2001 PRIZE ESSAY CONTEST**

1. Basic Science Category
2. Clinical Category

Submit applications to:

Dr. Tony Khoury  
Chairperson, 2001 Scientific Committee  
c/o Congress Canada  
Attn: Ms. Sharon Bevington  
49 Bathurst Street  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada  
M5V 2P2  
Phone: (416) 504-4500 Fax: (416) 504-4505  
Email: cua2001@congresscan.com

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## **2000 PRIZE ESSAY WINNERS**

Congratulations to:

### **Basic Sciences:**

Dr. Peter Chan

### **Clinical Research:**

Dr. Pierre Karakiewicz  
Dr. Walid Farhat

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## **THANK YOU TO THE SPONSORS**

Thank you to the Sponsors in 2000 of the:

### **Basic Science Essay Award:**

Karl Storz Endoscopy Canada Ltd.

### **Clinical Science Award:**

AstraZeneca Canada Inc.  
Circon Corporation

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## CUA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) AND CUASF ANNUAL MEETING – HIGHLIGHTS

### Okanagan Grand Hotel – Kelowna, BC • June 27th, 2000

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This was the fifth year the joint CUA & CUASF Annual General Meetings were held over the luncheon period on the last day of the CUA Annual Meeting. The meeting was well attended with representation from all over the country. The following is a summary of the AGM.

One of the highlights of the Annual Meeting is the potential for nominating a recipient for the CUA Lifetime Achievement Award, which is the responsibility of the Vice-President who chairs the Awards Committee. This year's Chair, Dr. Jim Wilson, and his committee had deliberated over the many potential candidates for this award and were very pleased to announce at the gala banquet that *Dr. Lorne Sullivan* would be honored by his peers and receive the award. The announcement was kept secret until the President's banquet on the Wednesday evening. At that time, a quite surprised and emotional Lorne Sullivan accepted the award in front of his many friends, former residents and colleagues across Canada.

The first report presented at the AGM was by the *CUA Treasurer, Dr. Ronald Gerridzen*. He acknowledged that the CUA was in sound financial condition. He highlighted the assets and expenditures for the prior fiscal year and commented on the superb job by the London Meeting group and the resultant profit obtained by the organization.

The next report was from the *Finance Committee* and was given by *Dr. Ron Gerridzen*. He outlined the membership of the Finance Committee, which includes the CUA Treasurer, President, the Chair of the CUASF Administrative Council, and the Local Arrangements Chairs for 2000 and 2001 respectively. The membership of the committee will include the current year's Local Arrangements Chair and the forthcoming year's Local Arrangements Chair. Dr. Gerridzen outlined the categories of meeting sponsorship as published in the *CUA Sponsorship Opportunities and Support* booklet. He then thanked *AstraZeneca* and *Pfizer* for their support of the CUA reception at the AUA in Atlanta. He further thanked *Circon* and *Karl Storz* for their ongoing support of the *Prize Essay Awards*. As well, he thanked *AstraZeneca* for their support of the award this year. On a more personal note, he thanked Dr. Luc Valiquette (Chair of the Administrative Council CUASF) and Dr. Jack Sales for their ongoing support and help with the Treasurer's job in the CUA. Lastly an auditor was appointed for the CUA.

*Dr. Michael Chetner*, Secretary for the CUA, presented the next report. He presented the Membership report outlining the many new members, and changes in status to current memberships. This was unanimously supported by the membership at the meeting. He also noted those individuals who were in excess of two years' dues in-arrears. Those individuals were subsequently struck from the membership of the CUA.

Lastly, he acknowledged the obituaries of members from the previous year and a moment of silence was held in their memory. The Time and Place Report was then presented with the outline of upcoming meetings: 2001 Toronto, 2002 St. John's, 2003 Montreal, 2004 Whistler, 2005 Ottawa, 2006 Halifax, 2007 Pending, and 2008 Edmonton.

*President, Dr. Denis Hosking* then took the honor of presenting *Honorary Membership* in the CUA to *Dr. Joe Segura* and *Dr. Darracott Vaughan*. The membership at the AGM welcomed both of the new Honorary Members.

The Annual Meeting of the CUA was temporarily adjourned and the *Annual meeting of the CUASF* was called to order. The first report was by the *Chair of the Administrative Council, Dr. Luc Valiquette*. The total holdings of the CUASF now exceeds 2.8 million dollars. Dr. Valiquette added that the money is invested 2/3 in fixed income and 1/3 in equity holdings. The financial advisors have been superb and he recommended that we continue to use their expertise. Fundraising for 2000 exceeded \$210 000 and Dr. Valiquette acknowledged that although the "players" change year to year there are always new industry representatives willing to support the CUASF. This year, the Executive Council of the CUASF recommended supporting a Genitourinary Alliance consortium which was putting forward a proposal to the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR). The CUA was partnering with other interested parties to propose a joint Genitourinary Institute, which would function within the newly-forming CIHR. Dr. Valiquette then outlined the grants for the previous year. One award was returned when the scholar altered his career plans. Five CUASF-SIU scholarships were awarded. One community scholarship was also awarded. Dr. Valiquette recommended that four CUASF scholarships be awarded next year, and that four to five CUASF-SIU scholarships and one Community CUASF scholarship be awarded pending successful applications. The total value of the awards would exceed \$215 000 and could be derived from interest on the principal amount held by the CUASF.

*Dr. Denis Hosking* then presented the report from the *Executive Council of the CUASF*. He outlined the 3 levels of organization within the CUASF; that being the Scientific Council, the Administrative Council and the Executive Council of the CUASF. The Scientific Council is charged with assessing and dealing with the scientific assessment of proposals put into the CUASF requesting funding. The committee has a Chair, and its membership is selected by the Chair and approved by the CUA Executive. It out-sources peer review for the proposals submitted and then puts forward to the Administrative Council and the Executive Council, its recommendations for acceptance or rejection of the submissions. The Administrative Council's role is to manage the funds of the CUASF and to solicit new funds and support for the CUASF. It is to report the financial statements and

arrangements back to the Executive Council of the CUASF so as to confer the appropriate rewards to the scholars on an annual basis. The Executive Council's role is to "marry" the financial information provided to them from the Administrative Council and the recommendations from the Scientific Council for scholarship allotment. Currently, the Council can support three SIU scholars plus a visiting professorship. It can support four CUA scholars and potentially a community urology scholar as well. This year, the Executive Council sat down and formulated a means by which to ensure consistency in funding on an annual basis for the scholarships. The scholarships will usually be in the amount of \$40 000 for each of the CUA academic scholars and a total amount of \$30 000 for the SIU scholars (usually 3 scholars receiving \$10 000 each), and \$15 000 for the community urology scholarship. A formula for the annual spending was proposed that would look at using 5% of the total funds within the scholarship foundation plus 50% of the yearly-solicited collections from industry. This formula could be applied on an annual basis and would then govern the allotment for scholarships annually.

The CUASF Annual Meeting was adjourned and the CUA annual meeting reconvened. The next report was by *Dr. Larry Goldenberg*, Chair of the *Training, Education and Evaluation Committee* (joint committee with the RCPSC). He outlined the membership and current issues before the committee. The committee reaffirmed that candidates for the RCPSC exams in Urology would have to complete 2 core years of training and 3 years of clinical urology training. A push to replace one year of clinical urology training with a year of research was rejected by the committee.

Ongoing difficulties by Canadian candidates for the American Board of Urology exam continues to be an issue and dialogue between this committee and the ABU will be ongoing. It is hoped that some mutually agreeable standards can be reached. Both Dalhousie and Queens University received full re-certification of their respective training programs this last year. Dr. Klotz and Dr. Aprikian have completed their tour of duty on the Exam Committee and will be replaced by Drs. MacMahon, Tanguay and Kodama. Dr. Gourlay will replace Dr. MacNeily on the POS Exam Committee.

The next report to the AGM was the *By-Laws Committee* report by *Dr. Gordon McLorie*. The proposed changes were previously published in the CUA Spring 2000 Newsletter and posted on the website. Dr. McLorie again presented them to the membership and after some productive discussion the membership approved the changes unanimously.

Next, new members of the *Awards Committee* were elected. *Dr. Jerzy Gajewski* and *Dr. Serge Carrier* were unanimously elected by the membership.

Following that, new members of the *Nominating Committee* were elected. With the accepted changes in the by-laws, the membership of this committee now excludes prior Officers of the CUA. *Dr. Anderson* and *Dr. Mahoney* were unanimously elected by the membership.

*Dr. Michael Leonard* then presented the *Historian's Report*. He outlined the ongoing collection and archiving of CUA materials being undertaken. There is an initiative to have the records of the organization stored with the National Archives of Canada. Dr. Leonard encouraged all members of the CUA to submit important artifacts and documents to him for further storage and archiving.

*Dr. McLorie* followed with a brief synopsis of the upcoming meeting in Toronto. Some of the details are outlined elsewhere in this newsletter. The meeting site chosen is the Hilton Hotel where they have negotiated a room rate of \$166/night, which given the locale is an excellent rate. The opening reception will occur at the top of the CN Tower, the fun night will be at Casa Loma and the theme of the meeting will include the multicultural aspects of the city of Toronto. The social activities will, of course, include the golf tournament and a children's program. It is hoped that both the Toronto academic and Community Urologists will become actively involved in the organization of the meeting. It will prove to be an excellent meeting highlighting the diverse ethnic and cultural varieties found in the country's largest city.

*Dr. Denis Hosking* then addressed the membership. The following is a transcript of his address as presented at the Annual Meeting. Dr. Hosking commented that it is a great privilege to have this opportunity to address the membership and added that for his *President's Report*, he wished to review some of the events of the past year and to offer some thoughts on what we have achieved and make some suggestions regarding our directions for the future.

Since 1995, we have taken on many new initiatives. New committees formed since our Jasper meeting include:

1. Socioeconomics Committee (1995)
2. Guidelines Committee (1995)
3. Clinical Trials Committee (1999)
4. Patient Information Committee (2000)
5. Endorsement Committee (2000)
6. MoCERT  
(Maintenance of Competence) Committee (2000)

In addition, we have a formal representative communicating with the CMA and have formal representation with the Canadian Sexual and Prostate Health Councils. During that same time frame, we have supported production of the Video Journal of Urology and the Canadian Journal of Urology. The Association has become an incorporated entity. The Scholarship Foundation has reserves approaching \$3 million, and we have expanded not only the number but value of the scholarships and initiated funding of other scholarly activities that might benefit Urologists on an international level. Our annual meeting has changed from a relatively simple meeting, into a very complex one, with cash flows approaching \$ 3/4 million. During that transition, we have learned a lot about the complexities of corporate support and we continue to define and refine our relationships with our corporate sponsors.

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Registration, abstract submission, and even the full presentations can now be submitted electronically. Satellite meetings require as much if not more planning now than the meeting itself, reflecting the reality that our Annual Meeting represents a hub for many diverse urological activities and interest groups. We are also changing the focus of our meeting to make it more of an update rather than purely a forum for presentation of research results. Your feedback on the success of these initiatives will be important for future meeting planners. The truly incredible thing about all of this, is that it has all been achieved through the hard work and contributions of our membership and the generosity of our corporate sponsors. There are literally dozens of individuals who have made huge contributions, but because I am limited by time, I will single out the Local Arrangements' and Scientific Program Chairs of our Annual Meetings, our Treasurer, Ron Gerridzen, Secretary Mike Chetner, and Laurie Klotz for his truly incredible persistence in trying to establish the Canadian Journal of Urology and obtain indexation. Accolades are also appropriate for Luc Valiquette and Joe Chin and their efforts on behalf of the Scholarship Foundation.

There have been calls for a permanent secretariat, and many of those calls have come from Local Arrangements Chairs. There is no doubt that the complexity of the meeting makes it impossible for an individual to arrange and run our meeting without support. Unfortunately, close scrutiny of that proposal reveals a potential problem in that a permanent secretary will not relocate every year to arrange the Annual Meeting, and we will be forced to rely on meeting planners to the same or greater extent than we do now. To help provide continuity, the Local Arrangements Chair for the upcoming meeting is sponsored to attend the preceding meeting, and a computer is used to record all the information that may be of assistance in the following meeting. It would be ideal if we could establish a multiple year contract with a single meeting planner to take over most of our meeting arrangements. Attempts to develop such an arrangement were made last year, but had to be abandoned because of the expense involved. Nevertheless, this is something that merits further consideration, and would free our Association to hold meetings at locations without relying excessively on the local Urologists for support. Our multiple committees also require that we provide support at the location of the committee chairperson, rather than from the office of the central secretariat. There is also the misconception that the Association Secretary cannot provide the support the Association needs.

However, many persons making that argument have not tested the resources of the Association Secretary to validate their opinions. Another concern is the cost. Establishing a central secretariat could involve annual costs of up to \$100 000, without reducing the costs we already encounter. This would result in a potential dues increase of \$200 annually, a move which could have a detrimental effect on our membership numbers.

A personal concern is that we would be introducing a bureaucracy; ultimately turning this from our Association into someone else's Association to which we belong. There is some-

thing refreshing, and I think beneficial, about changing the officers of the Association on a regular basis, and the by-laws have been restructured for the Nominating Committee to ensure that the membership retains control of the makeup of the Executive. Having said all of this, I think we are entering a time when it is appropriate to evaluate our current status and directions as objectively as possible, and there is a need to centralize some of the Association activities.

We have established several committees, with the best of intentions, and it is now time for us to review some of those committees, determine their impacts and benefits, and support, modify or disband them appropriately. Jim Metcalfe, in his last year as Chair of the Guidelines Committee, started the process of trying to establish the impact of his committee and this important work must continue. If 90% of the membership is unaware of the CUA guidelines, they must be better publicized. If 90% are aware, but don't use them, we need to establish the reasons and the future role of the committee. I have singled out the Guidelines Committee because it has started the process of self-evaluation, but my remarks relate to all the committees.

This past year has also seen the creation of the MoCERT (Maintenance of Certification) Committee, the Patient Information Committee, and the restructuring of the Endorsements Committee. Such expansion of our activities without monitoring the outcomes cannot continue, and it would be irresponsible to preserve these committees indefinitely if they do not provide tangible benefits to the membership. Unfortunately, committees have a tendency to become immortal, a tendency I hope the Association will guard against. Some of the activities that could be centralized include MoCERT documentation and production of the Association newsletter. The Canadian Journal of Urology produced our most recent newsletter and it is proposed we use the CJU offices to document MoCERT activities. Production of patient information brochures will also be based out of the CJU offices. Note that this centralization of activity can occur without impacting in any way on the location of our association secretary.

These are a few of my thoughts regarding our Association. This is a wonderful, energetic, dynamic association, with nothing but promise for the future. We must continue to strive to make it a useful association for all Canadian Urologists. We have made progress, but there is room for improvement. We can look back over the last 10 years with pride, and a degree of satisfaction, and we should be able to face the future with optimism.

This concluded our AGM for the new millennium and we will reconvene the next CUA Annual Meeting in Toronto, in June 2001.



## WEBSITE NEWS

The CUA website is: <http://www.cua.org>

Again on the site is the electronic abstract submission form for the 2001 Annual Scientific Meeting in Toronto. Also the new by-laws, guidelines, executive roster, and newsletters are posted.

The Toronto 2001 Annual CUA Meeting website will be linked to the CUA site. It will contain information that pertains to the Toronto meeting, including the scientific program, social program, location and hotel accommodations.

## NOMINATIONS PROCESS FOR CUA

After the AGM in London, Ontario the officers of the CUA brought forward a refined process for nominations to the Executive Committee of the CUA. This process is designed to increase the membership's awareness of the positions up for nomination and to improve the transparency, fairness and the appropriateness of the nomination process. The process will involve the posting of the vacancies open for the Nominating Committee to fill in the fall newsletter and on the CUA website. Interested parties (CUA members in good standing) can have their name put forward (by a CUA member in good standing) to the Nominating Committee Chair, (Past-President). The Chair of the Nominating Committee will bring all potential candidates' names forward to the Committee members for review. If more than one person's name is recommended to be brought forward from the Committee level, for a single position, then the potential candidates will be contacted by the Committee or its Chair to discuss the responsibilities of the position in question. If more than one person wants to let their name stand for a single position, and the Committee deems the candidates to be appropriate, then an election will take place, either by ballot or at the time of the Annual General Meeting, at which all CUA members will vote. A single candidate will emerge from the election for the position. As always, candidates can be nominated from the floor of the AGM. They must be nominated by a CUA member in good standing and be present at the meeting to accept the nomination and stand for election.

## NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR 2001 AGM

Vice-President

(President in Whistler 2004)

Secretary-Elect

(to replace Dr. Chetner in 2002, new term ending 2007)

Chair of the Scientific Council CUASF

(to replace Dr. Chin, new term ending 2005)

Member at Large

(to replace Dr. Tanguay, new term ending 2004)

Member at Large

(to replace Dr. Palmer, new term ending 2004)

The following will be nominated from the floor of the 2001 Annual General Meeting in Toronto:

2 Members of the Awards Committee – one-year term  
(to replace Drs. Jerzy Gajewski & Serge Carrier).

2 Members of the Nominating Committee – two-year term  
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