



The Stone Crier Winter '22-'23

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President's Message



Brooke Zilinskas, MMS, PA-C
Hello my fellow PAs!

I hope this newsletter is reaching you in good physical and emotional health. In a world where professional burnout and “quiet quitting” are commonplace conversation, we are lucky enough to be in a career where we (hopefully) feel that we can make a positive difference in the lives of our patients...even when administration, paperwork, insurance, and lack of support staff can feel so hard and real. I am enjoying my role as UAPA President and brainstorming ways to expand UAPA's reach and serve our members better.

Did you know that UAPA continues to work even after our annual conference is over? There are committees working on next year's CME, expanding our membership numbers, and improving our social media presence. These volunteer groups are a great way to make an impact in this organization that is so passionate about supporting urology PAs and an easy way to dip your toe into becoming more involved.

UAPA also works to have a voice and a seat at any table that urology APPs are being talked about. This means that UAPA sits on committees for the AUA, attends the Bladder Health Alliance Network meetings, sends a representative to the AAPA House of Delegates, and sends its leaders to the AAPA leadership summit where they learn the importance and the strategies of advocating for PAs in Washington, DC!

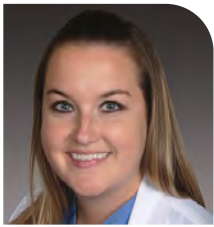
We also have to talk about the exciting things we are working on for our annual conference this year in Nashville, Tennessee. Once again, we will bring current, entertaining speakers who know what PAs need to learn and how they like to learn it. We will feature interactive lectures, debates, panel case discussions, and breakout groups. We also will offer a separate hands-on cystoscopy work-up immediately following the conference on Sunday, April 2nd. We hope you will join us for a great weekend and bring a friend.

Finally, we hope you will help share the word that UAPA is a great organization to participate in and join. Please consider sharing information about us and our annual conference, as well as joining our “UAPA (Urological Association of Physician Assistants)” Facebook group and on Twitter [@UAPAtweets](#). It is a very small way to show other organizations and industry partners that we are a relevant and growing organization.

Thank you again for this opportunity to serve as UAPA President!

Brooke Zilinskas MMS, PA-C
UAPA President

President-Elect's Message



Sara Johney, PA-C

Hello to my fellow Urology PAs!

I hope the past few months have kept you safe and well. We are currently working hard on planning a very successful and engaging conference for everyone in Nashville, TN! Our upcoming 12th Annual UAPA meeting will be held on March 31-April 2, 2023, at Loews Vanderbilt Hotel. We expect a high turnout as we continue to return to in-person meetings and experiences. Our program will feature great speakers discussing hospital and outpatient urology and panels focusing on the Urology profession and prostate cancer. We continue to offer breakout sessions with our ever-popular Urology 101/102 and female urology topics. Remember to pack your competitive side for our annual Jeopardy battle!

In late September, Adam Mogil and I had the opportunity to attend the 2022 AAPA Leadership and Advocacy Summit in Washington, DC. It was my first time attending and it was quite an eye-opening experience. Over 200 PAs and PA students from across the nation came together to visit with legislators and other Capitol Hill staffers to help further our profession. It was a great opportunity to network and brainstorm.

I am thrilled to continue to serve on the UAPA Board as the President-Elect. Serving as Secretary was a great experience and gave me the opportunity to learn how fun it can be to get involved. If you are interested in getting involved, consider serving on a committee or starting a regional meeting to meet other Urology PAs in your area. Please reach out to the Board if you are interested. Continue to help us grow by recommending your colleagues to join UAPA and again, thank you for allowing me to serve!

Cheers!

Sara Johney, PA-C
UAPA President-Elect

Program Chair's Report

Hello! For those of you whom I haven't met, I'm Megan Bollner, UAPA Vice President as well as the 2023 Program Chair. We are excited for a great meeting next spring in Nashville, full of talks and hands-on learning.

Topics will include prostate cancer and BPH updates, pelvic pain, and kidney stone management, among many, many others. Additionally we have heard your requests, and this upcoming meeting will also have lots of content relevant to inpatient providers. And to cap everything off, on Sunday afternoon, we will have a hands-on cystoscopy course. I look forward to seeing all of you there!

Megan Bollner, MPAS, PA-C

New for 2023: Cystoscopy Course

On Sunday, April 2, 2023, UAPA will offer a new hands-on cystoscopy course for a limited number of attendees at UAPA's 12th Annual Meeting.

Enrollment is capped at forty people. The course will provide a completion certificate. Registration for the course is not dependent on registering for the UAPA 12th Annual Meeting and is available through the registration page.

Register today at uapanet.org/register

If you have any questions, please contact the UAPA office at uapainfo@uapanet.org

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Mark Your Calendars!

UAPA 12th Annual Meeting

March 31- April 2, 2023

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