



## President's Message

Jim Kovarik, MS, PA-C



Happy New Year. I hope your holidays were warm and spent with family and friends. It continues to be an honor and privilege to serve as UAPA President. Now that 2019 is in full swing, I am anxiously looking forward to the UAPA Annual Meeting in Arlington, Virginia, March 29 - 31. The

program committee put together another fantastic program.

I am especially excited about this year's additional evening activity, provided as a value-added feature to this year's conference. The Washington DC After Dark Tour is certain to be a great event. You even get a discount. You will not get this tour for this price on your own. I strongly encourage everyone to sign-up. (I've already reserved my seat.) If you have never been to DC, this will be a great chance to see many of the monuments. If you have been to DC, this is a great chance to see them again and maybe you did not get to see them at night.

Next, I would like to offer a challenge to all of you who have been to one of the UAPA Annual Meetings in the past. I challenge everyone to invite someone new to attend this year's meeting. Not only do we offer exceptional education content, but I assert there is immeasurable value networking and meeting other urology PA professionals with vast knowledge and

experiences. How else would I have been able to offer specific names and referrals when my patients are moving from KC to Phoenix or Dallas? Send your PA and NP colleagues an email or give them a call. Send them the link to the conference registration. Heck, send them an invite via US Postal Service. (Yes, I know that's so 1995!) Let's see if we can make this the best attended UAPA conference yet.

Finally, I would like to take a short glimpse into the future. There is a time coming in the not-too-distant future that the need for urologic care is going to outpace the availability of urologists. I feel strongly that PA's will be an integral part filling the gap and providing exceptional care for those patients. For this specific reason, I want to thank all of the UAPA members for your continued support of our organization and our profession. It is the diligent work each of you put into your personal practice to care for your patients that will continue to move our PA specialty forward. Keep up the good work. But it is also for this reason, we need to promote ourselves and position our specialty to be a key player in the future of urologic medicine. My goal and my hope is that UAPA will be part of that future.

See you in Arlington!

Jim Kovarik, MS, PA-C  
UAPA President

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## Program Chair Message

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The 2019 UAPA conference will take place March 29th - 31st at the Ritz-Carlton, Pentagon City in Arlington, Virginia. This hotel is a fantastic location close to many sites in the Washington, DC area. We are proud to offer an interactive CME opportunity with panel discussions on oncology, incontinence, and the differences in patient care in rural areas, private practice settings, and academic settings. We will, as always, provide smaller breakout sessions allowing you hands-on opportunities to learn and perform Tibial Nerve Stimulation, discuss ED and testosterone replacement, and even get off to a great start or a great review in urology, with a Urology 101 breakout session. Finally, for our third year, we will feature conference attendees in short podium sessions where we can learn from each other about case studies or unique ways of treating patients. Please take a moment to apply to give a podium presentation in this forum.

When you register for the conference, please also consider signing up for our Washington DC After Dark Tour! This tour bus will leave our hotel after conference sessions are completed on Saturday and take us around to see the DC landmarks all lit up at night. It will be a fantastic opportunity to get out and explore the city while networking and catching up with old and new friends. Spouses and other guests are welcome to come along also and a boxed dinner is included with the ticket fee.

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us in Washington, DC at the UAPA 8th Annual Meeting! It's an amazing opportunity to learn, present, network, and just enjoy yourself!

Brooke Zilinskas MMS, PA-C



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## UAPA 8TH ANNUAL MEETING



The Ritz-Carlton, Pentagon City  
March 29 - 31, 2019  
Arlington, Virginia

Deadline: March 1, 2019  
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