



The Stone Crier Spring 2022

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President's Message



Adam Mogil, MPAS, PA-C
Greetings to all of my fellow
Urology PAs!

I'm writing to you at the tail end of my extended two years as "Pandemic President." To say it wasn't a memorable two years would be false. Despite the cancellation of our 2020 meeting, the UAPA has continued to thrive! We came back with our meeting in San Diego last year (albeit a bit later in the year)

and then another recent success in Jacksonville, Florida, in April. I predict record attendance at our meeting next year in Nashville, Tennessee! Our membership numbers continue to grow which is a testament to both the draw of our organization and the efforts we have made to get the UAPA name out into the urology world.

We will have a presence at this year's AUA conference as well. You won't be able to miss our table outside the APP Summit! We encourage our members to stop by, chat and even help us recruit new members to the UAPA. Our growth is directly related to the positive message and reviews we have received from our annual meetings, regional meetings, new website and growing reputation.

The UAPA will continue to advocate for urology PAs in legislation and AUA affairs as well as some planned consensus and white papers regarding how PAs are utilized in urology practice. As our numbers grow, we will continue to be an important resource for PAs in urology as well as other organizations looking for more clarity and guidance.

I have thoroughly enjoyed being a part of UAPA leadership and look forward to my last year on the Board as Past President. I also encourage you to reach out and play a more active role if that is your desire. We are always looking for volunteers for our committees as well as the Board of Directors. For those who are hesitant, my advice is to "start small" and see how much fun it can be to watch how small efforts can create a large impact. I cannot wait to see what we can accomplish as a cohesive group in the years to come.

Fondly,
Adam Mogil, MPAS, PA-C

President-Elect's Message



Brooke Zilinskas, MMS, PA-C
Greetings!

I hope this newsletter finds you happy, healthy, and professionally fulfilled. After an anything but usual two years (or more), the world is finally seeming to open and figure out what a world with endemic COVID looks like.

We were able to experience this firsthand at our UAPA 11th Annual Meeting in Jacksonville, Florida. It felt so nice to meet in person with one another and with our industry partners. The talk after the meeting was one of the future of UAPA and the importance of PAs in urology.

UAPA continues to advocate for PAs in all areas of urology from the operating room to the office to the inpatient setting. This year the UAPA board will continue to educate and champion the role of PAs in the urology setting. We will work to engage our members so that we can represent the desires of the whole of our organization. Please be on the lookout for UAPA emails with "Quick Polls." These will be only two or three questions that should take no more than a couple of minutes to fill out. By sending several of these over the course of several weeks we will be able to understand the wants and needs of UAPA members.

We also hope to see all of our members and many more urology APPs at our next annual meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, March 31 – April 2. Be on the lookout for more information about this conference later this summer through email, Twitter, and Facebook.

Finally, we hope to connect with any UAPA members in person throughout the year. If you are attending the AUA, we will have a table outside the APP programming room on May 14 and 15 and would love to meet you and talk with you in person. We will also look to restart or regional meetings in Los Angeles and Phoenix area as well as begin having new regional meetings in a variety of areas. These are a great opportunity to mingle, network, and learn. If you are interested in learning more about these meetups, please reach out to us!

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your UAPA president-elect.

Brooke Zilinskas, MMS, PA-C
UAPA President-Elect

Treasurer's Report

With two successful CME meetings under our belt since my last report, we are back on track as an organization and continue to grow support through membership and our partnerships with industry sponsors. In 2020, we weathered a net loss of only \$15,455. The UAPA operates on a calendar year period, and as of December 31, 2021, the UAPA fund balance totaled \$282,344 including a net income of \$48,811. We continue to hold a strong financial position after our recent meeting in Jacksonville. As always, please spread the word to colleagues and peers to join the organization and look to interact with our sponsors in the exhibit halls during our upcoming webinars as they help us to ensure a low-cost, high-quality meeting each year.

Patrick Dougherty, MPAS, PA-C

Secretary's Report

Since our last update, we have not only held one but TWO meetings! Our UAPA 10th Annual Meeting was located in beautiful San Diego, California, in July 2021 and it was wonderful to see each other in person once again. Our UAPA 11th Annual Meeting was held in sunny Jacksonville, Florida, in early April of this year. Attendees heard from speakers in a variety of areas including penile cancer, pelvic organ prolapse, and advanced treatment options for ED, prostate cancer, and OAB. Jeopardy made its return and there was no lack in competitive energy!

We continue to see growth in our membership, and we currently have over 370 UAPA members. Please consider referring your colleagues so our organization can continue to flourish.

We look forward to the 12th Annual Meeting which will be located at the Loews Vanderbilt Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee, from March 31 - April 2, 2023. As always, we appreciate your support and participation and look forward to seeing you in Nashville!

Thank you so much!
Sara Johney, PA-C

UAPA 2021–2022 Officers

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UAPA 2022 – 2023 Elections

The Urological Association of Physician Assistants (UAPA) is holding the 2022-2023 elections online.

The positions open for election this year are *President-Elect*, *Vice President*, *Secretary* and *Treasurer*.

You should have received an email with a Board Election link already. *If you've already voted, there is no need to vote a second time.* We appreciate your time and encourage all voting members to participate in this process.

Important Note: You must be a current Fellow or Associate member in good standing to have the right to vote.

The deadline to cast your vote is Monday, June 6, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. (Noon, Central Time).

If you have any questions or did not receive the election ballot via email, please contact the UAPA Executive Office at uapainfo@uapanet.org.

2022 – 2023 Candidate Profiles

President Elect: Sara Johney, PA-C

Sara A. Johney, PA-C, MSPAS, has worked as a Urology PA since 2016 when she joined Chesapeake Urology Associates in an office located just outside of Washington, DC. She received both her Bachelor of Science in Chemistry (2010) and Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies (2015) from Elon University in North Carolina. Sara covers in-patient consultations and discharges in addition to outpatient general urological diseases. She is her office's main provider for patients with Advanced Prostate Cancer and even founded a monthly Prostate Cancer Support Group for patients in her area. Her love for Urology continues outside of work as she is also the Secretary for the UAPA. She resides in Northern Virginia with her husband, 10-month-old daughter, dog, and cat and loves spending time reading, watching sports, and lying on the beach!

Vice President: Megan Bollner, MPAS, PA-C

Megan Bollner, PA-C, has been working in urology since 2017. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in French from Brigham Young University and a Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies from UT Southwestern. She completed a one-year fellowship in urology at UTSW, after which she joined the staff of the Urology Department there. She divides her clinical time between the operating room, where she first-assists on robotic surgeries, and the outpatient clinic, where she sees general urology patients. She has a particular clinical interest in the medical management of nephrolithiasis.

Treasurer: Patrick Dougherty, MPAS, PA-C

Patrick Dougherty, MPAS, PA-C is a Physician Assistant in the Department of Urology at UT Southwestern Medical Center splitting time between the operating room and a robust clinical practice focusing primarily on men's health issues including benign and malignant prostate disease, erectile dysfunction, Peyronie's disease, hypogonadism, hematuria, urinary tract infections.

Patrick received a Bachelor of Science in Applied Exercise Physiology from Texas A&M University in 2005 and worked in the field of nuclear medicine cardiac stress testing for 2 years. He then went on to pursue his Master of Physician Assistant

Studies from UT Southwestern which he completed in 2009. He initially joined the Department of Urology at Yale New Haven Hospital where he worked primarily on the inpatient service and as a robotic surgical first assist, until moving back to Texas in late 2012.

He has maintained certification with the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants since 2009. He is a member of the American Academy of Physician Assistants, the Texas Academy of Physician Assistants, the American Urological Association, and the Urological Association of Physician Assistants. He currently serves on both the CME/Education committee and the Social Media committee for the UAPA.

He is involved in several ongoing research studies involving treatments for benign prostate enlargement, adjuvant treatments for prostate cancer, biochemical markers for prostate cancer and evaluation of postoperative stress urinary incontinence after prostatectomy.

He was inducted into Pi Alpha, the National Honor Society for Physician Assistants, in 2009.

Secretary: Michelle Deeney, PA-C, MS

Michelle Deeney, PA-C, MS graduated from Philadelphia University in 2010 and worked in pain management/anesthesia for 5 years before moving to South Carolina, where she joined Atlantic Urology Clinics, a large multi-physician group. As the senior and only surgical PAC in her division, she evaluates and treats patients with recurrent UTIs, incontinence, prostate cancer, kidney stones, interstitial cystitis, voiding dysfunction and hematuria.

In conjunction with her attending physician, Dr Brian Roberts MD, they are the leading female pelvic uro-gyn specialists concentrating primarily on pelvic organ prolapse repair and urinary incontinence procedures including transvaginal & suprapubic slings, botox, paravaginal repair with dermal graft, and robotic laparoscopic sacrocolpopexy, where she is the surgical first assistant.

She is a member of the AAPA & UAPA. This is her second year serving on the UAPA committee.

UAPA Dinner Programs

UAPA will be hosting dinner parties throughout the country with the UAPA Industry Partners. Keep an eye out in your email and check the website for dinners in your area. The dinners will be an opportunity to learn about specific disease states, review current journal articles and a chance to network with your peers. If you are interested in hosting a dinner please contact the UAPA Executive Office at uapainfo@uapanet.org.



Mark Your Calendars!

AAPA 2022

May 21-25, 2022

Indianapolis, IN



UAPA 12th Annual Meeting

March 31- April 2, 2023

Loews Vanderbilt Hotel

Nashville, Tennessee

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