



President's Message

First Quarter 2019

Dear WSUS members

Another year is upon us and we are already deep into 2019 and I cannot thank the members of WSUS enough for your continued support and engagement in our organization. I would also like to thank in particular Debi Johnson our executive director and the members of the WSUS board. Without this team our organization could not continue to be so successful.

Looking back on 2018 WSUS has had one of its best years to date. Financially our organization has never been stronger. We continue to grow our membership and expand our activities both within the organization and into our Washington communities.

WSUS held the annual meeting in June 2018 at the Sleeping Lady Resort, Leavenworth Washington. As expected we had an incredible speaker panel and a record number of first-time attendees to the meeting. Please save the dates for our 2019 meeting which will be held again at Sleeping Lady June 21-23rd. While I am confident you will agree we have put together an informative and educational speaker panel (meeting agenda on WSUS website) we have included two Washington State required certifications. On Friday, June 21st, attendees have the opportunity to take the opioid training as well as the suicide prevention course. Both of these certifications are required by all physicians practicing in the State of Washington to maintain their licensure. As in the past meetings Mark Painter will spend Sunday the 23rd keeping us up to date on coding. This is a great opportunity not only for the physicians attending but also for your coding and management staff to keep current with this ever-changing topic.

2018 also held some firsts for our organization. We added two additional positions to our board. One being Director Public Relations held by immediate-past president Jeff Evans MD and the other being chair of Pediatric Urology held by Kathy Kiernan MD. Both of these positions not only fill a need for our organization but will allow our organization to better represent the Washington State Urologic community.

Another first for our organization was the hosting of the Zero Prostate Cancer Walk/Run which was held at Willis Tucker Park on September 29th. While this was our first time hosting this event we had nearly 400 participants and raised over \$67,000. A portion of this money will be awarded to the WSUS and will be used to support prostate events in our community. Plans are already underway for the 2nd annual WSUS hosted Zero Prostate Cancer Walk/Run on Saturday, September 28th at the same location. Please consider putting a team together or taking part in

this great event. Even if your schedule does not allow you to participate in person you can join a team virtually with their *Snooze for Dudes* option. The website is www.zeroprostatecancerrun.org/pugetsound.

In February we held our third annual WSUS Legislative Day. I like to think of this event as an example of what WSUS really stands for. Over 20 members of the WSUS met in Olympia with elected officials to discuss current bills being reviewed and their potential impact on our patients and practicing Urologists in the state, in spite of snow storms and questionable travel conditions. Another 10 members were scheduled to join the efforts but were stopped with road conditions. I encourage you to be involved with this event next February.

As you read the remainder of this newsletter I think you'll find how active our organization and board members are on your behalf. By supporting this organization in attending the annual meeting and paying your annual dues you can be assured you will have a voice in the State of Washington.

I look forward to the opportunity to see each of you at the Sleeping Lady Resort this June.

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