



President's Message



It has been such an honor to be your president over this last year. I'd like to, again, thank and acknowledge the accomplishments and hard work of immediate past president, Jeff Evans. We moved our annual membership business meeting to June in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the society. This caused Jeff's presidency to be 2.5 years as opposed to the traditional 2-year term. The increased time as president required Jeff to arrange, plan and moderate three of our yearly meetings in addition to our quarterly meetings. A herculean task to say the least. Under Jeff's leadership we saw the WSUS grow in membership, financial security and community involvement. As I stated at our annual meeting last year, Jeff surely earned himself a place on the WSUS Mount Rushmore memorial. On behalf of myself and the entire WSUS organization "THANK YOU" Jeff.

As president I am very excited to have Jonathan Wright as president-elect and Ken Berger as secretary/ treasurer. Both have worked very hard over the last few years for WSUS and will assure our success as an organization in the future. I am looking forward to working with our board members for the remainder of my presidency. We are very fortunate as an organization to have such a dedicated and energetic board to work with whom has earned national recognition from both the AUA and AACU. While the physicians on our board have always covered all types of urologic practices in Washington State we have expanded the representation on our board by adding the field of pediatrics and a chair position for public relations. I am confident that we will continue and expand our successful endeavors in the coming years. As you read this newsletter I feel you will be impressed on the skill, energy level and passion of all our board members. A complete listing of our executive board with their responsibilities can be found on the website www.wsus.org/about.

As with any presidency there must be the "Presidential Platform". Our organization's mission has been to enhance the delivery and quality of urologic care through education and advocacy for patients and physicians. My platform as president of the WSUS is to build on the great work of Jeff Evans and continue branding the WSUS mission with a focus on awareness of the organization and membership engagement. Increasing awareness of the organization not only to the urologic community in Washington State but to their patients as well. By increasing our awareness in the urologic community, I expect to see growth in membership, increased corporate support of our organization and involvement of the physicians not currently active in the organization to increase. With this in mind, the society has decided to host the 2nd Annual ZERO Prostate Cancer Run/Walk and Superhero Kids Dash on Saturday, September 29th. We are also

looking for additional opportunities to educate the public on the role of urologists in the delivery of healthcare ranging from men's health and women's urologic health to pediatric urologic health.

Regarding patient awareness, all of us have patients who know how hard we've worked to become urologists. They are appreciative of our dedication, surgical skills and empathy. I feel that they would have even a greater appreciation if they knew that we were working on their behalf regarding the political and regulatory aspects of their care. This work is accomplished without reimbursement and in time that could be spent doing more leisure activities. Even if that effort is simply paying annual membership dues to the WSUS it shows a dedication and commitment on behalf of the physician for their patient's urologic care. I encourage all WSUS members to share their involvement with this organizations with their patients along with its goals and efforts to benefit them and the delivery of medical care in Washington State.

I would like all members of WSUS to mark their calendars for the annual WSUS meeting June 29-July 1st in Leavenworth at the Sleeping Lady Mountain Resort. Our speaker list is very impressive and I guarantee all attendees will be benefit from the meeting's content.

In closing I look forward to serving you over the next year as president and welcome any feedback regarding the WSUS. I would like to ask that any member of the WSUS who has an interest in serving on a specific committee or being more involvement in the organization to contact either myself, Debi Johnson (425-971-5822 cell djmgmt@gmail.com) or any board member. We welcome any involvement you may have.

Have a great summer.

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WSUS President