

Dear Fellow Kentucky Urologists,

Re: Tom Stringer, MD, Southeastern Section candidate for AUA President

Almost 6 years ago many of you supported me for AUA president. Now the Southeastern Section's turn is up again to nominate the AUA President from our Section. I ask you to become familiar with the name of Tom Stringer, and when the time comes, to support his candidacy for AUA President-elect.

I have worked closely with Tom for many years on AUA committees and served with Tom on the AUA Board of Directors. Tom will make an excellent AUA President. Tom's qualifications include a broad range of experiences which have encompassed a career in private practice, academic practice and service to the Southeastern Section and the AUA. Here is a very brief list of some of Tom's many qualifications:

- Thirty years practicing in a large community urology group in Florida including as managing partner. Past President of the Southeastern Section.
- After three decades as an adjunct professor of Urology at the University of Florida (UF), Tom's desire to teach brought him back to the University of Florida urology department in 2011 as full time Medical Director. At the request of the faculty and the Dean, Tom was appointed interim Chair of the UF Department of Urology in 2014 and served until the permanent Chair was named in 2016.
- He was awarded the University of Florida Urology resident teaching award in 2016 and continues to serve the department as Associate Chair.
- Tom served with me as one of two private practice urologists on the original AUA Task Force on the Future of Urology Residency Training.
- In addition, he has extensive knowledge of the complex financial obligations and responsibilities of the AUA, especially as they relate to program development and sustainability.
- Tom currently teaches the only AUA business course on "Physician Contract Negotiation for Employment" at the AUA Annual Meeting.

Tom Stringer's multiple experiences have made his contributions to the Board invaluable, he will be the longest serving AUA board Section representative when he completes his term 2019.

A notice for written nominations for AUA President-elect be sent to the SES membership in April 2018 (only 4 months from now!). Qualified nominations will be made official by the SES Executive Committee in August of 2018. Online voting will open in December 2018 and close on January 31, 2019. As in the election 6 years ago, a validated email address is required to vote. All Active and Senior AUA members are eligible to vote. Tom Stringer will be one of the nominees.

I can think of no one who is more qualified than Tom to lead our national organization at this time. From personal experience I know that Tom has the energy, passion, experience and commitment to provide the leadership the AUA needs at this time. Please keep Tom Stringer in mind when it comes time to vote in December, 2018.

Thank you,

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