

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It is with great enthusiasm and my honor to support Tom Stringer for President-Elect/President of the AUA.

I have had the unique experience of observing and interacting with Tom throughout the course of his journey from completion of his residency at the University of Florida (UF) to this moment. I arrived in Gainesville in 1983. Tom was in private practice and one of our best referring urologist. It was always a pleasure to see a patient referred by him. These were very complicated urological cases that could only be dealt with by a team of professionals. The work-up they received from Tom was always perfect when they arrived at our clinic. One could only admire the level of care he provided to his patients and he made the faculty that were involved in his training very proud.

In 2011, Tom was offered and accepted a position as a clinical faculty member at the University of Florida. He has provided our residents with the invaluable experience of management and delivery of the best quality of care in private practice - the real life situation when one frequently has a one on one relationship with the patient, unlike in the university setting that the residents are used to.

When the UF Department of Urology was reorganizing, Tom was asked to take on the role of Medical Director of UF Health Urology and was put in charge of their very busy clinic while continuing to deal with complex patients and supervising resident training.

When the department hit a critical situation and was in need of someone to overcome a crisis situation with a leadership change, the faculty and the UF College of Medicine administration trusted Tom to navigate the department as interim Chairman for 2 years. It was in critical situations such as this that Tom has shown excellent leadership, understanding of the needs of the faculty, and at the same time directing the education of the residents. He was able to do this with a smile and a good sense of humor and he brought the department to quiet waters and was instrumental in choosing the proper leadership.

Tom has been President of the Florida Urological Society, President of the Southeastern Section and a member of the AUA Board of Directors as the SES representative. It's difficult to find another person with such a wide range of experience. Clearly he understands the needs of urologist in private practice - he has been there and done that.

In his role as an academic urologist, he is very familiar with the need for providing excellent education and training to the residents who are the future of urology. He was exposed to and excelled in organized urology in a position of leadership. He has proven his enormous leadership abilities here at UF. It is with total confidence in his abilities and experience that I support his candidacy for President-Elect/President of the AUA.

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