

To my urology friends,

Every 6 years, the Southeastern Section of the AUA is called upon to submit to the AUA a nominee for President-elect. In 2012, the SESAUA elected its nominee by electronic ballot for the first time and nominated Dr. Bill Gee, one of the most qualified candidates ever to serve as President of the AUA. This year, the SESAUA will conduct an election by electronic ballot to elect a nominee to serve as AUA President-elect in 2020. As we did in 2012, we have one of the most qualified candidates ever to serve our profession seeking the nomination. That candidate is Dr. Tom Stringer, and I am asking you to please consider supporting his candidacy.

I have known Tom for 22 years and consider him one of my closest and dearest friends. I had the privilege of serving with him on the SES Board of Directors for 18 years. He preceded me in serving as SESAUA Bylaws Committee Chair, Member-at-Large on the Executive Committee, SESAUA Treasurer, and SESAUA President, and believe me, he set the bar very high. He currently serves as the SESAUA Representative to the AUA Board of Directors, and upon completion of his term in 2019 will be the second longest serving AUA Board section representative. He was selected by the AUA Board to serve as Chair of the AUA Compensation Committee and also serves on the AUA Finance Committee. Since 2013, he has served as Course Director for “Physician Contract Negotiation: Employment and Ownership in the Current Economic Climate” offered at the AUA Annual Meeting.

Tom’s service to our profession goes well beyond his service to the AUA. He is Past President of the Florida Urological Society and currently serves as Director of the Prostate Cancer Advisory Council for the State of Florida. He co-authored a book titled “The Complete Business Guide to a Successful Medical Practice”, published by Springer Publishing Company in 2014.

The AUA President must be able to represent all urologists, whether academic or private sector. To do so successfully requires a thorough understanding of the unique needs and concerns of both sectors. This is where Tom sets himself apart as he brings a broad range of experience in both academic and private practice settings, excelling in both. He spent 30 years in a community urology practice in Inverness, FL, serving as managing partner and heading expansion and ancillary service development. After many years as an adjunct professor, Tom joined the faculty at his alma mater, the University of Florida College of Medicine in 2011 as the full time Medical Director. He soon became Interim Chair of the Department of Urology in 2014 and served until a permanent Chair was named in 2016, and currently serves as Associate Chair. In 2016, he received the department’s Resident Teaching Award, and has served on the AUA Core Curriculum Committee and Task Force on the Future of Urology Residency Training.

Finally, let me speak of Tom as a person. He is a man of strong faith and a devoted husband, father, and grandfather who despite his busy schedule flies to North Carolina on a regular basis to spend the weekend with his grandchildren. He has a unique sense of humor that brings laughter and joy to all he comes in contact with. He is kind, compassionate, and caring, and his morality and integrity are of the highest caliber. His desire and passion to serve the AUA as President-elect and later President is genuine and selfless, and he is the right person at the right time to lead our organization in the next decade. I encourage you to participate in the voting process in December and hope you will consider voting for Tom.

Sincerely,

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