

I am writing this letter of endorsement to express my wholehearted support for Dr. Tom Stringer as the SES AUA nominee for AUA president in 2021. Voting will begin online in December 2018 for this position.

We are indeed fortunate in life if we have been able to establish quality life-long friendships. Tom has fulfilled that role for me as well as for many other colleagues. We first met about 40 years ago when he was a resident in urology at the University of Florida and I had recently started in private practice in Clearwater. Little did we know at that time what life would hold for us. As I look back in time, I have observed a good friend and colleague excel in so many areas through his hard work, dedication, loyalty, perseverance, and love of our profession. In order to become a truly effective representative for the urologic profession, one ideally needs to have had working experience in both the private and academic environments in order to fully appreciate the complexities and needs of both. Tom fulfills that requirement quite well in my mind as evidenced by his many years in private practice and subsequent academic roles at the University of Florida. His resume summarizes many of these roles and achievements quite well which make him uniquely qualified to be president of the AUA.

Furthermore, Tom has served in leadership positions in various capacities, including past president of the FUS and SES and as our representative on the AUA board for several years. His AUA Position Statement of October 24, 2018, which I would encourage you to read, summarizes his vision and future priorities for the AUA.

I would also be remiss if I did not comment on Tom's tennis skills, although for both of us, tennis will always be a work in progress as long as we are able to play. Tom has one other valuable asset that I should also mention, that being his wife, Leah, who continues to be very supportive of Tom's many professional endeavors and obligations.

In summary, I strongly encourage you to support Tom's candidacy to become the AUA president in 2021 by voting online next month. Tom has all the experience and qualities needed to successfully guide our profession through the challenges in healthcare that are on the horizon.

Sincerely, T. Johnson Ross, Jr MD  
Past president of the FUS