What Drives SUNA’s Board of Directors?

Many of you may not realize that along with a mission and vision statement, SUNA has a Long Range Strategic Plan (LRSP). As a new member of the Board of Directors, I was amazed when we approved the very ambitious LRSP in 2003. I must admit, I was a little concerned that we were moving forward with something that seemed so aggressive. That plan was to carry us through 2007. Last year as your Board of Directors reviewed the plan, we were proud to find that it had truly become the driving force of our organization these last few years and that nearly everything had been accomplished.

In 2006, Jeffrey Albaugh, with the Board of Directors, identified a group of active SUNA members to develop the next LRSP. This group (identified in Table 1) met in August 2006 and, with the help of a professional facilitator, a draft of the 2007-2012 LRSP was born. This plan was recently approved by your Board of Directors and is available on SUNA’s Web site at www.suna.org.

Table 1
Long Range Strategic Planning Participants

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Mary Anne Wasner, RN, CURN
Glenda Wilkinson, RN, BSHCA, CRLS, CURN
Cheryl Underhill, SUNA Association Services Director

Call for Nominations

SUNA is seeking qualified candidates for the following 2007-08 Board of Director positions:
- President-Elect
- Secretary
- Southeast Regional Director
- North Central Regional Director

For more information about eligibility criteria and the role responsibilities for each position, go to www.suna.org, click on “Resources,” and select “Policy and Procedure Manual.” You will find each position listed under “Board/Regional Directors.” Please note that you must first enter your member login to access this information on the Web site.

For additional information, contact Jeffrey Albaugh, Immediate Past President and Nominations Chairperson (jjalbaugh@yahoo.com, 773-775-7927), or the SUNA national office (888-827-7862). The deadline for nominations is March 21, 2007.

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Spring is a time for renewal. I know I renew my SUNA membership in March! But other than a monetary renewal, do we also renew our commitment to the organization? Do we think about what we can do as members to make SUNA stronger and better for the generations of health care providers that are coming behind us?

In this issue of the Uro-Gram you will read about Jeanette Alexander, who was one of the early members of SUNA (then AUAA). She has recently died, but her legacy lives on. She probably never imagined this organization would grow to be what it has become today. But it has. SUNA has become the organization it is because of the commitment of its members. So as the newness of springtime arrives, renew your commitment and, like Jeanette Alexander, continue the legacy.

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Call for Papers for 2008 Annual Symposium

SUNA’s 2008 Annual Symposium will be held February 28 through March 1 at the Hyatt New Orleans in New Orleans, LA. The Program Planning Committee has issued a “Call for Papers” for the symposium. You are invited to submit abstracts for individual session oral presentation addressing topics related to urologic patient care. Paper presentations must be identified as basic, intermediate, or advanced.

Abstract Submission Guidelines
1. Abstracts must be typed, single spaced on 8 1/2” x 11” white bond paper.
2. Abstracts must be in narrative form and not exceed 300 words.
3. The title of the abstract should appear at the top.
4. List primary presenter first, then additional presenters with credentials (PhD, MA, BSN, RN, etc.) below the title.
5. The author(s)’ work/home/email addresses and telephone/fax numbers should be listed on a separate page.

Instructions also are available online at www.suna.org (under Events). Each submission will be evaluated by the Program Planning Committee to determine the final selection for the meeting program. Send abstracts to suna@ajj.com or SUNA National Office, East Holly Avenue Box 56, Pitman, NJ 08071-0056. Submissions must be received by May 15, 2007.
Table 2
Long Range Strategic Plan
2007-2012 Outcome-Focused Goals

Diversity
• SUNA provides culturally sensitive and competent urology education and care in response to increased diversity of patient populations and increased global technology communications across cultures.
• SUNA provides information that will address the educational needs of an increasingly diverse and broad population of health care providers who come from a wide range of experience, backgrounds, education level, and job roles.

Education
• SUNA is the recognized authority of urologic care and education and sets the standard of urologic education for health care providers and patients/consumers.

Funding
• SUNA maintains financial independence to meet expanding needs of members and patients.

Legislative/Access to Health Care
• SUNA members are responding to issues of great importance to urology and health care. They have access to information on legislative issues and a means to easily respond. This is important because those who make legislative decisions do not have all the information to make informed decisions.
• SUNA believes that all people have a right to equal access to health care and that the disparity between the haves and the have nots should be eliminated.

Membership
• SUNA is a growing, thriving, multi-generational and diverse workforce. SUNA customizes its offerings to be of value to all.

Technology
• Information and knowledge are power. Technology is the key to easy access and gain to both through the use of the World Wide Web. We would like to have 24-hour access to evidence-based information in order to educate patients as well as current and future health care providers.

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The outcome-focused goals developed by this group relate to the primary topics of diversity, education, funding, legislative issues, access to health care, membership, and technology (see Table 2). Goals, objectives and timelines for each primary “area” are also spelled out in the plan so that it may continue to drive and direct the future of SUNA. In order to do all the work set forth in our Long Range Strategic Plan, we need you, the members of SUNA. There will be many opportunities for members at every level to be involved with short-term task forces to accomplish these goals. If you are interested in helping with anything, please feel free to let me know. After all, we’re everything we say we are... because of you.

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Now Available!
New Resource for Urologic Endoscopy

SUNA proudly announces the publication of the Cysto Room Survival Manual: Guidelines for Urologic Endoscopy. Edited by Marie Page, BSPA, RN, CURN, this manual is intended for the use of operating room (OR) and clinic nurses who assist with operative procedures in the “cysto” room. It also will be helpful for those studying for certification by briefly explaining the purpose for the procedures and supplies used, as well as providing an insight into some of the accessory equipment used. Equipment, supplies, and medications are discussed in generic terms. A set of laminated cards containing the guidelines for each procedure that may be used in the cysto room is packaged with each book.

In addition to chapters on commonly used catheters in the OR, common cysto room medications, urologic specimens in the OR, cystoscope disinfection and sterilization guidelines, and instruments, there are seven sections of cysto room procedures. These include Bladder Procedures, Bladder Neck Procedures, Prostate Procedures, Ureteral Procedures, Urethral Procedures, Pediatric Procedures, and Stone Management Procedures Lithotripsy Ureteral.

The Cysto Room Survival Manual is only available through SUNA. The cost is $39 for SUNA members and $49 for nonmembers. Order your copy via SUNA’s online store at www.suna.org. Order today!
Call for Abstracts for SUNA Search

Do you remember the most interesting urology patient you cared for this year? Have you created patient education for urology? Have you implemented an idea that improved patient care? We are looking for you!

SUNA Search is a session planned for SUNA's 38th Annual Conference that will give members the opportunity to share new ideas and experiences with colleagues. All SUNA members are invited to submit an entry for this dynamic session. Authors of selected topics will present a brief (4-7 minute) presentation to conference attendees.

Abstracts can be submitted in any one of (but not limited to) the following categories:

- Patient education materials – written, audiovisual, or electronic patient education materials that you have developed for the care of a urology patient.
- Urologic pearls – innovative ideas pertaining to urologic methods, procedures, programs, or policies that improve patient care.
- An unusual urologic case report.
- Experience with a new urology product, procedure, or medication.

Criteria for Entry

✓ You must be a SUNA member to participate.
✓ Entries are limited to those created/authored by the SUNA member making the presentation.
✓ Presentation at the conference will be a PowerPoint presentation from the podium, and will be limited to 4-7 minutes, depending on the number of entries selected for presentation.
✓ Presentations may not have been previously published in a professional journal.
✓ Entries may not have received corporate funding or grants.
✓ Presentations may not assume or appear to be representative of companies or their products, nor represent any financial interest on the part of the presenter.

Submission

To be considered for SUNA Search, please submit your abstract and CV (including address, telephone number, and email address) by June 15, 2007, to the SUNA National Office, East Holly Ave, Box 56, Pitman, NJ 08071-0056 or email to suna@ajj.com. If you are submitting a patient education entry, include a copy of your patient education material. Up to 10 SUNA Search entries will be selected for presentation. Each author will be notified of his/her acceptance status.

Call for Abstracts for Research Scientific Session

Presenters are invited to submit abstracts for oral and poster presentations for the Research Scientific Session during SUNA’s 38th Annual Conference. Submission guidelines and accompanying forms are available on SUNA's Web site at www.suna.org. All presenters will be awarded a 1-day complimentary registration to the Annual Conference.

Please read and follow the submission guidelines carefully. Submissions that do not follow the guidelines will not be reviewed. It is often helpful to have a colleague or mentor review an abstract or manuscript prior to submission.

Abstract Submission Information

- Abstracts must be typed using New Times Roman.
- Abstract length is limited to fitting within the one-page abstract form.
- Abstract information must be received by the date specified in the call for abstracts.
- Email to suna@ajj.com. Faxed abstracts will not be accepted.
- A completed call for abstracts cover page must accompany each abstract.
- Final acceptance is conditional upon registration at the Annual Conference and meeting the format and criteria requirements for the abstracts.
- Contact the national office or visit the SUNA Web site (www.suna.org) for specific abstract information and material on writing abstracts and preparing posters.
- Structure of abstract:
  - Purpose/Aim: One sentence stating the major purpose or aim of the study.
  - Context of the study and target population.
  - Methods: a brief description of the design of the study, sampling strategy, measurement instrument(s), and statistical evaluation.
  - Results: summary of the characteristics of the study population and outcomes of the aim(s) of the study.
  - Conclusion: a statement of lessons learned from the study.
  - Implications: indicate the relevance to urologic nursing and future effects if adopted into practice.
  - Statement of funding source(s).
- A resume of the presenter no longer than one page must be submitted with each abstract.
- Authors of accepted abstracts are strongly encouraged to consider publication in Urologic Nursing.

The deadline for submission of abstracts is June 15, 2007.
‘Grand Adventures Await You’ in Phoenix

SUNA's 38th Annual Conference will be held October 12-16, 2007, at the Hyatt Regency in Phoenix, AZ. Save the dates as this conference – with the theme Grand Adventures Await You at SUNA – promises to be an energizing and fun event. October is a great time of the year to visit Phoenix, and the city features plenty of events and sights to entertain you during your stay.

As the fifth largest city in the United States, Phoenix has multicultural flavor with 1 in 4 residents belonging to an emerging ethnic group. With its roots in the cultures of ancient Native Americans and with contributions from the Spanish and recent influences of an increasing African-American population, Phoenix has a distinct personality. Here are just a few of the sites you can enjoy on your trip to this unique city.

The Phoenix Art Museum presents renowned international exhibitions and features over 17,000 works in its collection of American, Asian, modern and contemporary, European, Latin American, and Western American art and fashion design. The internationally acclaimed Heard Museum is one of the best places to experience the myriad cultures and art of Native Americans of the Southwest. Located in downtown Phoenix, the 10 spacious exhibit galleries and beautiful outdoor courtyards feature outstanding traditional and contemporary Native American art. Visit the Museo Chicoano for an overview of historic and contemporary Mexican art.

The Pioneer Arizona Living History Museum portrays Arizona's territorial history, dating back to 1858-1912. Greet a working blacksmith, explore an old print shop, and witness a cavalry fort. The Pueblo Grande Museum offers a museum dedicated to the Hohokam tribe. See a prehistoric ruin, take a short hike along an archaeological site, and join in workshops there.

Frank Lloyd Wright's winter home in Arizona, Taliesin West, is just on the outskirts of Scottsdale. It is well worth the drive. His ideas of design and color are interesting to everyone.

The performing arts in greater Phoenix have more than song and dance. The Orpheum Theater is an awe-inspiring 1,400 seat state-of-the-art theater. The elaborate Spanish-colonial-revival exterior is stunning with its authentic recreation of the original. The completely new Dodge Theater is a venue designed specifically for concerts and Broadway shows.

If you're looking for rugged mountain ranges, you'll find them in Phoenix! The lines "purple mountain majesty" come to life at sunset when visiting the mountains around Phoenix. The Sonoran Desert is widely considered the world's must stunning desert. As you head north to the higher elevations that surround Phoenix, you'll discover a wide range of thriving plant and animal life – ironwood trees, cacti, desert flowers, coyote, and roadrunners.

If hiking is your passion, taking a trek up the steep 1,100 foot rise to the top of Camelback Mountain or try the gentler hike up Piestewa Peak. On the south side, the South Mountain Park and Preserve offers the nation's largest municipal park.

For those who prefer shopping to the outdoors, there are fabulous shopping malls, unique antique stores, galleries, and boutiques. Original Southwestern art and eclectic gifts are sure to pique interests as you peruse art galleries along Main Street and Marshall Way in Scottsdale. Mill Avenue in Tempe, very close to Arizona State University, offers unique gifts, jewelry, souvenirs and clothing – much of which is made by local artists and designers.

Sports in Phoenix are wide ranging. Each January the TPC Stadium Course hosts the FBR Phoenix Open known to golfers. The Phoenix Coyotes, the Arizona Cardinals, the Phoenix Suns and Arizona Diamondbacks, two NASCAR Nextel Cup races, Thoroughbred racing, arena football, and the WNBA are all big draws for the sports fan. In 2008 Phoenix will host the largest televised event in the world – the Super Bowl. To find a sporting event that will be available during your visit in Phoenix, go to www.visitphoenix.com.

The planning committee is now hard at work confirming speakers and topics for this exciting Annual Conference. We hope you will save October 12-16, 2007, and plan to join us in the exciting city of Phoenix! Watch SUNA's Web site and future newsletters for more detailed information about the sessions, speakers, and networking events being planned for your education, enjoyment, and professional development!
Urologic Nursing Plans Special Issues

Urologic Nursing has an exciting year planned for 2007 with three special issues. The first special issue on Women’s Health was published in February. In October, Urologic Nursing, will join over 200 international nursing, medical, and scientific journals who have agreed to publish special issues on the theme of “Poverty and Human Development.” In December, the journal will publish a special issue on prostate cancer.

Planning has begun for a pharmacology special issue in 2008. Please contact Jane Hokanson Hawks, Editor, at jhawks@radiks.net if there are other special issues you would like to see in the future or if you are interested in publishing in one of these themed issues. Also please contact Jane if there are topics you would like to see covered in the columns Infectious Dis-EASE, Medication Minute, Abstracts, Issues, Complementary and Preventative Medicine, and Culture and Diversity Issues.

A new feature was introduced in December 2006 and February 2007 called “Chat with the Author.” You can go to http://www.suna.org/discussions and look for the journal’s discussion board. From there you may ask questions of the authors for 1 month following publication of their manuscript. In December Karen Sasso was the first to debut with her article on the Colpexin™ sphere. Ruth McCorkle and Joanne Robinson were the authors available for February 2007 for their research article related to reactions of spouses and men following radical prostatectomy. Please try out this new feature and let us know what you think of it!

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Variety Spices Up SUNA

Contemplating an article for this issue of the Uro-Gram, I reviewed the list of CE applications from 2006. The variety of applications reflects the many subspecialties within urology. This variety challenges us to venture outside of comfort zones to become knowledgeable in areas outside of our everyday practice so we can provide the very best urologic care for our patients. Within the SUNA mandate of providing urologic education, be daring! Be creative! Be resourceful! Have fun providing educational activities by utilizing teaching strategies that are fun, interactive, and stimulating. Variety spices up education just as it adds “spice” to SUNA!

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Approver Unit Chairperson

2007 Membership Campaign

“We’re Everything We Say We Are Because of You”

Congratulations to the following recruiters. Keep up the good work!

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Membership Campaign Awards & Benefits

Level One (total value $10)
Recruit one or more new members and receive:
• A SUNA pin
• A personal letter from the President of SUNA
• Personal recognition in Uro-Gram and on the SUNA Web site
• Recognition at a plenary session of the SUNA Annual Conference along with a special ribbon

Level Two (total value $70)
Recruit 5 or more new members and receive:
• All Level One awards
• One year free SUNA membership

Level Three (total approximate value $465)
Recruit 10 or more new members and receive:
• All Level Two awards
• Free registration SUNA Annual Conference or Annual Symposium

Level Four (total approximate value $965)
Recruit 20 or more new members and receive:
• All Level Three awards
• $500 for expenses

For more information, visit the SUNA Web site at www.suna.org.
Regional News

Northeast

I am the new Northeast Regional Director, and I am looking forward to working with all of the wonderful SUNA members in the Northeast. I hope I can help you to achieve your goals as a SUNA member this year.

The Columbia Presbyterian Chapter under the direction of Pat Meade-D’Alisera, FNP, CURN, has been quite busy. The National Multiple Sclerosis Society invited Pat to speak at the Annual Janet Pearce Memorial Day presentation was titled Unraveling the Mysteries of the MS Bladder was very well received and very informative. It sparked a great deal of interest from attendees.

Subsequently, she has been invited to set up urology clinic days in six MS centers in New York City to teach staff the long-term management strategies of the neurogenic bladder. Congratulations, Pat, for an excellent job and for promoting better care and understanding of the urologic issues facing these patients.

The Rockland County, NY, Nurse Recognition Day presentation was titled Incontinence Is Not Just an Aging Problem. Over 250 nurses, nurse aides, nursing professors, directors, and administrators attended.

The Columbia-Presbyterian Chapter is working with the Northern New Jersey Chapter to present a spring conference. The chapters will co-sponsor a certification review course at the conference. Several Columbia-Presbyterian chapter members will be presenting at the review session.

Chapter members also are presenting monthly inservices at local nursing homes on urinary issues, including restoring and maintaining urinary continence, preventing and identifying urinary tract infections, and eliminating the use of long-term foley catheters.

The next chapter meeting is scheduled for May. The chapter also will hold elections at that time.

Jane Berlew, president of the New England Chapter, reports that they will be hosting an educational meeting on March 31 at the Sheraton in Portsmouth, NH. Several lectures are planned on a variety of urologic topics. Lunch will be provided for all attendees. Watch your mail for further details.

The Mohawk Valley Chapter, under the direction of President Jeannelle Brown is proud to announce that 10 members will take the certification exam this year. They have been preparing for the exam by attending weekly review classes. Good luck to all those taking the exam. This is a wonderful example of teamwork. Let’s see how many more Northeast members can take the certification exam this year. The chapter held its annual meeting in October.

Jeff Guse, president of the Northeast Pennsylvania Chapter, announced that the chapter held a dinner meeting in Scranton, PA, in late February.

Central New York President Maureen Kiernan and other chapter members are anxiously awaiting the publication of their case study, which was accepted by Urologic Nursing. This was a joint endeavor by the chapter. Congratulations on working together on this creative chapter project.

Chapter members also are planning a seminar to be held in September 2007 in conjunction with the Northeast Section of the American Urological Association (AUA). The meeting will be held in Rochester, NY. We hope that many Northeast members will attend this meeting. More information about this exciting meeting will be available in the coming months.

The Central Virginia Chapter held elections and is pleased to announce new officers: President Cheryl LeCroy, MSN, RN; Vice President Linda Waterworth, RN, CURN; Secretary Marcy Donkle, BSN, RN; and Treasurer Lisa Slojarik, RN. Congratulations to these members!

On December 12, 2006, the chapter held a Christmas dinner meeting that was very well attended. Hormonal Therapy for the Treatment of Advanced Prostate Cancer was the educational topic for the evening. Members were requested to bring canned goods to be donated to the Virginia Food Bank. They collected 73 cans. Thank you SUNA members for helping a worthy cause.

Plans are being finalized for the spring conference co-sponsored by the Northern New Jersey Chapter and national SUNA. Urologic Review 2007 will be held on April 28. This is only the second time a chapter has co-sponsored this review course for the certification exam so we are very proud of the chapter’s accomplishment in planning this meeting. President Joan Colella and chapter members have been working very hard in preparation for this meeting. They networked with the Columbia-Presbyterian Chapter and would like to especially thank members, Pat Meade-D’Alisera and Melissa Moreno, for assisting with the scheduled presentations.

The meeting will provide an excellent overview with multidisciplinary presentations by doctors and advanced practice nurses from the Northern New Jersey and Columbia-Presbyterian Chapters and our Northeast Regional Director Valre Welch. Watch the SUNA Web site for more information.

The certification exam will be offered at Hackensack University Medical Center on April 29. Special thanks to Cheryl Underhill at the SUNA national office for all of her assistance with this major undertaking.
thanks also to Sue Lipsy, outgoing Northeast Regional Director and current SUNA Treasurer, for all of her encouragement and support to undertake this conference.

Gerry Sue Young, president of the Metropolitan Washington, DC Chapter, has recently retired. Our thoughts and best wishes for a quick recovery go out to Gerry Sue’s mother who is ill. Gerry Sue is looking for chapter members who would be willing to help with the chapter while she takes care of her mother. Please contact Gerry Sue or me if you can offer any assistance.

The Syracuse Chapter held an educational meeting on February 8 under the direction of President Amy LoPresti. They also will be involved with the joint meeting of the Northeast sections of AUA and SUNA to be held September 13-16, 2007, in Rochester, NY. Mark your calendars and watch for more information!

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Western

With spring coming up soon, the Western Region has many plans in the works for educational offerings. As always, I am very proud of all the work the Western Region chapter presidents and members provide to their chapter members and communities.

Under the guidance of Cindie Neufeld the Yakima Chapter is planning a spring meeting to be held at the Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital on March 24. The chapter held a planning meeting the first week of January. A variety of topics will be discussed during this “Potpourri” Urology event. I am excited that I will be present for this meeting as well as being a speaker during the event.

Member Bev Davidson recently gave an inservice to one of the local Yakima home health care agencies on catheter care using the educational literature SUNA provides. This is a testament to the work we do at SUNA via our members to educate others in the care of urologic patients.

The Southern California Chapter is working with Julie Limfueco of the University of California, Irvine to provide an educational offering just prior to the AUA meeting in Anaheim this May. The offering will be held May 18 and will focus on EndoUrology and Robotics. The morning will feature didactic teaching and the afternoon will offer a hands-on lab, including a live robotics surgery viewing. The meeting will accept the first 100 participants and will offer CE credits. More information will be available soon locally via fliers as well as on the SUNA Web site.

From the national office, under the guidance of the Board of Directors, SUNA will host a conference booth during the AUA meeting in Anaheim as well. If anyone from the area is interested in assisting with hosting this booth, please contact me (donna.clar@va.gov or rpclars@aol.com). Last year at the AUA meeting in Atlanta the SUNA booth was well attended and it’s a fun way to volunteer and support SUNA.

Portland President Lane Biag wishes everyone a happy and fulfilling New Year in 2007. The chapter’s next full-day conference will be held in Portland, OR, during National Nurses Week on May 12. They are currently putting together presentations and topics based on input received from their November conference in Eugene and from their fall 2006 flyer. The chapter had a dinner planned and sponsored by Astellas Pharma US, Inc. for December 5, 2006, to recruit a new chapter treasurer, secretary, and president-elect for 2007. Unfortunately, there was not a good turnout so Lane is hoping to recruit volunteers for these positions during the spring conference. If you are interested, email Lane at lanereid@comcast.net. Lane feels this is a great time for new members to step into leadership roles in the Portland area to carry on the wonderful work of this chapter.

Linda Sabre, Arizona Chapter president, is busy recruiting speakers for the WSAUA/SUNA meeting to be held in Scottsdale, AZ, in October. The program will provide 12-15 CE credits. Traditionally, this has been a 3 half-day educational offering. We are currently working on deciding if this should be only a 1 or 2 day event so that participants will be able to attend more of the WSAUA Conference offerings that SUNA members are graciously allowed to attend. We thank the WSAUA for their support as always. Linda is looking for chapter members to assist with the plans. It’s always a lot of fun to get involved so if anyone from this area is interested in assisting, contact Linda at davlin@worldnet.att.net.

Post-Maui, the Northern California Chapter is busy once again. Jan Jensen and Linda Adams are planning the second annual A UroDynamics Day educational offering at the Silverado Resort in Napa, CA, on April 21-22. They would love for you to join them in the beautiful wine country of Napa. Last year’s offering was described as a “stellar event” by Jan, and she expects nothing less this year.

President Edith Acey continues to spearhead all of the happenings for the Utah Chapter. Post-holidays, this chapter held their first meeting of 2007 on January 17 with a lecture on Female Urology: Concerns and Considerations by Dr. Lindsay. As always, this chapter has plans for monthly meetings through May with educational offerings always a part of the program. If there are any current or new members in the area who would like to become more involved with leadership for this chapter, contact Edith at eacey@middletonuro.com.

President Debbie Johnson is exploring new ways to hold the expanses of the Montana SUNA members together. Teleconferences have been her main focus, but she is also working on finding out what members prefer as a means to stay connected. She also has been working on providing transportation for members who want to attend the Annual Symposium in Colorado. T-shirts are
included. She is energetic and an asset to the SUNA Montana region.

Jean Wichman and Diane Clowers are actively recruiting members in the Seattle area to start a new chapter. They recently held a planning meeting that was well attended. The first “official” meeting was held on January 25 and included a discussion of bladder cancer by Dr. Pritchett. The plan is to hold meetings/educational offerings every other month.

The new Seattle Chapter is in the works and cannot be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval unless a treasurer and secretary volunteer for these positions. If you are interested in helping to form this new chapter, contact Jean at wichj@comcast.net. I look forward to this chapter coming together.

The Western Region is busy, but we still need the help of anyone who hasn’t been involved in meetings and chapter activities to step up. Please help your chapter. It’s always a great experience, so contact your local president. Feel free to also contact me.

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**Southeast**

Spring is a wonderful time for re-growth and renewal. The same is true for SUNA members! Spring is a time for members to come back together and continue our work of educating, mentoring, and professional growth. Take a look at what some of the Southeast chapters are accomplishing in your area.

The Research Triangle Chapter held a dinner program on January 18. Sponsoring by Astellas, the meeting focused on the overactive bladder. A spring conference is set for March 17 at the Friday Center in Chapel Hill, NC. The tentative agenda includes topics on: benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH), hemodialysis, stress management for health care workers, common urologic problems in children, urodynamics, and urologic issues in the geriatric patient. Fran Bryant, president of this active chapter, reports that they are already planning their fall educational conference, which is tentatively scheduled for September 22. Chapter members from the Wesley Long Hospital in Greensboro, NC, will host this event. They are excited about this partnership, so stay tuned for more details. If you would like more information about this chapter, contact Fran (bbfryant52@hotmail.com, home 336-578-5622, or work 919-681-6341).

The Central Florida Chapter in Orlando will hold a half-day conference on April 21. Contact hours will be offered and topics will include interstitial cystitis, pelvic floor reconstruction, daVinci robotics, urology mission trip, and more! If you would like more information about this new chapter, contact President Dee Parks (danella.parkes@flhosp.org, 407-303-7395).

The Alamo Chapter under the direction of President Myra Gonzales hosted their 15th Annual Seminar in Urology Nursing on March 3. The conference offered attendees 6.0 contact hours and topics included: kidney stones and obesity, sacral nerve stimulation, as well as the latest information on robotics, female sexual dysfunction, and ambiguous genitalia. The chapter board gathered over the holidays to celebrate and conduct some chapter business. They approved a monetary donation to a local women’s shelter. If you would like more information on this chapter, contact Myra at gonzalessm3@uthscsa.edu.

According to Allison Ahrens Beaver, president of the Greater Dallas Forth Worth Chapter, the chapter held its annual planning meeting in January. An April luncheon and educational offering are in the works, and plans are underway for a full-day fall conference in November. Watch for dates, locations, and times! If you are interested in learning more details, contact Allison (allison.beaver@southwestern.edu, home 972-539-3851, or work 214-645-8788).

The Rocky Mountain Chapter has been busy covering a plethora of topics for their members. They held an educational dinner meeting on October 12, 2006, sponsored by Sanofi Aventis at the Chop House in Denver, CO. Francis Crighton, RN, spoke on the topic of Hormonal Treatment in Advanced Prostate Cancer. Then in November Dr. Fugit spoke to chapter members on Smoking Addiction and the Health Care Provider’s Role in Smoking Cessation. This educational dinner series has continued into 2007 with Dr. Patwardan speaking on Essure® and in-office permanent sterilization at Piatti’s Italian Restaurant. More dinner meetings are planned for the spring. In addition, an all-day seminar is in the planning stages for August. If you are interested in getting involved or for more information regarding this active chapter, contact Carolyn North at carolyn7176@com-
North Central

As health care providers there never seems to be enough hours in a day to accomplish all of our goals. Daily we strive to maintain balance as we juggle family, work, education, and hobbies. I would like to share a quote with you from Deepak Chopra that helps me personally to find balance and remain focused: “In the midst of movement and chaos, keep stillness inside of you.”

Mississippi Valley Chapter President Gina Gerberding Powley, RN, ANP, announces that their January meeting covered kidney stone diagnosis and treatment. In February members earned 1.0 contact hour at a dinner presentation on urinary tract infections.

March will be a busy month for the chapter. They are holding their monthly meeting plus hosting the Third Annual “Meet Me in St. Louis Seminar” as well as an annual business meeting.

In the Upper Midwest Chapter, Diane Mann reports that Mari Olsen, RN, will serve on the planning committee for SUNA’s next Annual Conference. Two board members recently became CBUNA certified. Congratulations to Secretary Theresa Kolle, CURN, and Member-at-Large Jillian Freeman, CURN.

On February 8 the chapter hosted a dinner symposium at Michael’s Restaurant in Rochester featuring a presentation by Jill Freeman on Overactive Bladder Disease. Pfizer pharmacist Kevin Odell is scheduled to present The Health Status of Older Adults at Victoria’s on March 29. Our spring seminar, Kicking Up the Quality of Life, will be held in Rochester on April 21 and will offer 6.3 contact hours. Topics will include treatment for female sexual dysfunction, artificial genitourinary sphincter placement, penile implants, etiology and treatment of Peyronie’s disease, diagnosis and treatment of urachal carcinoma, and a combination talk on attitudes of gratitude and lightening your heart with laughter.

The chapter Web site (www.umcsuna.org) has been updated to include information on upcoming events, photos of past events, members, volunteer opportunities, and much more, thanks to Web site Editor Kiki Rogers.

Susanne Quallich, president of the Great Lakes Chapter – the 2006 SUNA Chapter of the Year – informs us that the chapter is recovering from the Inside Urology Spring Conference that was held at St. Joe’s in Ann Arbor on February 9. The chapter celebrates with their many members who have published in Urologic Nursing this past year. Many were first-time authors. For more information about the chapter, visit their Web site at www.glsuna.com.

Kansas City Chapter President Janey Rouse and the conference planning committee are preparing an educational meeting for fall 2007. Watch for details.

Southeast Nebraska Immediate Past President Kay Colella announces the new board for 2007: President Kathy Marchese, President-Elect Ginger Lewis, Secretary Gerty Pierre-Louis, and Treasurer Grace Jones. Visit the chapter Web site (www.chicagometrosuna.org ) for information about upcoming chapter events.

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Nominations Being Accepted for Regional Member of the Year

Four SUNA members – one member from each of SUNA’s four regions – are recognized annually with Regional Member of the Year Awards. The awards are presented each year at SUNA’s Annual Conference.

Winners are selected based on the following criteria: a demonstrated commitment to SUNA and urologic nursing, participation in the education of SUNA members and self, and mentoring of new and established members. Within these general categories, nominees receive points for specific criteria such as length of SUNA membership, being certified (or re-certifying) through the Certification Board for Urologic Nurses and Associates (CBUNA), publishing in the Uro-Gram or Urologic Nursing Journal, serving on a national committee or task force, participating in community-focused projects, presenting educational content at chapter-sponsored meetings, and recruiting colleagues to join SUNA. The member with the highest score in each region is selected as the Regional Member of the Year.

Consider nominating a worthy SUNA colleague to receive this honor! Application forms are available on SUNA’s Web site. Go to www.suna.org, click on “Chapters,” and click on “Chapter Awards.” The deadline for submission of application forms is June 1.
While traveling through the Midwest I met Shelly Lajiness at the Great Lakes Chapter spring seminar in Ann Arbor, MI. Shelly is an outstanding nurse and SUNA colleague. I would like to share Shelly’s interview with you. Here is what she has to say about her nursing career and involvement with SUNA.

“I began my nursing career as a graduate of University of Michigan 20 years ago. I joined the Navy and was active duty for 4 years followed by 6 years in the reserves. My rank was Lieutenant Commander when I got out. Five years later I went on to Ohio State University and obtained my Master’s. Five years later I went to Michigan State University for a certificate as a Family Nurse Practitioner. I frequently tell people I’m just touring the Big Ten and haven’t decided where to pursue my doctorate just yet.

I have been working as a nurse practitioner in urology for 5 years and have been a member of SUNA the whole time. I initially joined SUNA because I think it is important to support the professional nursing organizations and I wanted the journal. I had no clue how important SUNA would become for me. I received an e-mail from Susanne Quallich, our current chapter president, stating that she wanted to start a chapter in our area and was anyone interested in joining/helping. I responded to her e-mail and got one of the pharmaceutical representatives involved in sponsoring meetings. Next thing I know, I’m the education chair and have a large group of colleagues to learn from and network with.

We were named the Chapter of the Year at the Annual Conference in 2006! Go Great Lakes! Here at Beaumont when a new person joins the team they are told to just join SUNA now so that Shelly will leave you alone.

My favorite memory of Great Lakes was probably our first conference. We held a half-day conference on a Saturday and had a really great turnout. I think of that day as the day we became official in my mind.

I also have become more involved at the national level, especially with the Urologic Nursing Journal. I am one of the manuscript reviewers and have submitted for Medication Minute. I also spoke at the Annual Symposium last year and will again this March. I enjoy my SUNA activities and the sense of professionalism associated with SUNA.

Currently, I am one of five national speakers who work with Medtronic to train health care professionals programming Interstim®. I do a variety of educational offerings and really enjoy networking with others who have an interest in neuromodulation. When I’m not working, I’m busy raising my 6-year-old son, Brandon. I always tell people he’s the best thing I’ve ever done! I also enjoy reading and volunteering for numerous activities at the school.”

Mary Anne Wasner, RN CURN
North Central Regional Director

Remembering Jeanette Alexander

Recently word has been received about the death of Jeanette Alexander, CURN, one of the original members of our organization (then the American Urological Association Allied [AUAA]) and the certification board (then the Approval Board for Urological and Allied Health Professionals [ABUAHP]). Jeanette was nearly 90 years old.

In her professional career, Jeanette was in charge of the cystoscopy suite at Bowman Grey Medical School at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, NC. She retired from that position in 1980, traveled, and then settled in Scottsdale, AZ.

Jeanette was one of the first RNs certified by the Board (originally all AUAA Allied Health Professions Committee members) and one of the first five allied health professionals named as an examiner for ABUAHP. Jeanette remained on that Board for 12 years as an examiner and as an item writer for the subsequent written examinations. She also served as AUAA Secretary from 1974 to 1975.

Here are some comments from a few people who knew her:

- “Jeanette was chief of all urological procedures and anything else she wanted.” – urologist, who was one of her residents
- “Her sense of humor had her crediting her well being to all those years she spent in urology.” – organization colleague
- “She was dynamic and kind... and one of the examiners I had to sit before for my certification.” – organization colleague

For those of you who did not know Jeanette, this Southern lady was direct, powerful, and often behind the scenes in her contributions to urologic nursing – as so many members are. To meet her, you would not believe it! She certainly would give her opinions, tempered by her Southern charm. SUNA and CBUNA are proud of this predecessor to today’s two organizations that recognize urologic nursing.

Ardeth Hale, CURN (Ret)
Patricia Bates, BSN, CURN
Special Interest Groups

Advanced Practice

The forum discussion on the SUNA Web site has been busy. We have had discussions on the following subjects:

- Methods of nurse practitioner reimbursement. Opinions were aired regarding the pros and cons with “incident to” billing.
- Methods of management for encrusted catheters were offered.
- Suggestions were provided for a new graduate nurse practitioner regarding a job description and proposed salary.
- Methods of management with sedation for the pediatric patient undergoing testing.
- Federal guidelines were clarified regarding provider attendance with contrast CTs.

Join us!

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Sacral Nerve Stimulation

The Sacral Nerve Stimulation SIG added more new members in December 2006. Currently, the total membership is 170 members, giving us a great deal of representation.

I contacted Vic Senese regarding development of the Sacral Nerve Stimulation message board on the SUNA Web site. He indicated that there is going to be a delay of several months in getting it up and running due to system revisions. I will communicate with all of you once it is fully functioning.

In terms of other group goals identified at the SUNA Annual Conference, Helen Rittenmeyer is completing her draft of an InterStim® article for the Urologic Nursing Journal. She is eager to spread the word about this efficacious therapy and the positive impact it has on patients.

Watch for upcoming presentations at the Annual Symposium in Colorado Springs related to sacral nerve stimulation. Shelly Lajiness, MS, APRN, BC, is presenting a program entitled Managing Complex Sacral Nerve Stimulation Patients after Implantation on March 17 at 3:15 pm. Following that presentation at 4:15 pm, I will be presenting a program with Dr. Ragi Doggweiler on Use of Adjunct Therapies in the Management of Chronic Interstitial Cystitis. I will address sacral nerve stimulation as an effective therapeutic option for treatment of the urgency and frequency associated with interstitial cystitis. Also, plan to attend the Sacral Nerve Stimulation SIG networking meeting on current trends to be held March 15 at 7 pm during the Annual Symposium. Let me know if you have any specific agenda items that you would like to see discussed.

I am in the process of organizing work groups to meet our other identified SIG objectives, so watch for invitations to participate in the near future. Thanks again for your interest and support of this group! Remember, you can communicate any issues to me at cd2rn@aol.com.

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ESWL / OR / Cysto

During the past few months we have been working diligently on the Cysto Room Survival Manual: Guidelines for Urologic Endoscopy. Our committee is very excited about this manual. We all feel that it is long overdue. This manual will help the new graduate or the new nurse in the operating room. It will cover the bare basics for endoscopy urologic procedures.

I have been asked several times about nurses inserting Coude foley catheters. In my hospital the insertion of this type of catheters has been done primarily by the urologist, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner. I am wondering about the guidelines at other hospitals. I would appreciate it if you could e-mail me (foleyfpf@yahoo.com) with your hospital’s policy regarding Coude foley catheter insertion.

Fran P. Foley, BS, RN, CURN
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Position Available

The UT Southwestern Medical Center is an internationally recognized medical complex dedicated to providing specialized clinical care, medical education, and research. The Department of Urology has a distinguished team of health care workers devoted to the treatment of urologic conditions. We are looking for a nurse with 2-3 years experience to support our incontinence division. Responsibilities will include clinic support, patient management, and urodynamic testing. Surgical practice and urodynamics experience preferred but not required. We offer competitive compensation and excellent benefits. Please e-mail resume to jimmy.loftin@utsouthwestern.edu or fax resume and cover letter to 214-648-9211.
CBUNA Recognizes High Score on Certification Exam

The Certification Board for Urologic Nurses and Associates (CBUNA) is proud to present the MacFarlane Award to the person attaining the highest score on the certification examination each year. The 2006 award was presented to Carolyn Bush, BSN, RN, CURN, during SUNA’s Annual Conference in Kansas City, MO, in October 2006.

Carolyn graduated from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Nursing in Lubbock, TX, in 1994. She worked for 2 years at Methodist Medical Center in Dallas, TX, on the medical/surgical/urological floor. Her goal at that time was to obtain 2 years of medical/surgical experience. At the end of those 2 years, Dr. James Coggins invited her to interview for a position at Southwest Urology Associates. She has worked there as a nurse for the last 10+ years.

**Why Certification?**

Carolyn had a personal goal to become a certified urology nurse after attending a SUNA conference. She discovered during that meeting that certification was available and offered many personal and professional benefits. Carolyn obtained a study guide in 2002 but was not motivated to take the challenge of the test at that time. In the spring of 2005 she was encouraged by coworker Aimee Holden, LVN. Together they signed up to take the test, setting the timeline for preparation in the spring of 2005. They completed the test in October 2005. Carolyn believes that the key to following through with her goal was to actually sign up and set the test date.

Carolyn and Aimee both studied using the CBUNA Examination Preparation Guide. They followed the outline provided and set goals to have a certain number of topics covered by certain dates to keep them on a schedule. They used Karen Karlowicz’s *Urologic Nursing: Principles and Practice* and *Urologic Nursing Journal* articles to study the outline topics.

Congratulations to Carolyn for a job accomplished and well done!

**Certification Challenge**

The members of the Certification Board invite all SUNA members to take the challenge of certification. Please contact CBUNA at 856-256-2351 or cbuna@ajj.com for further information or questions.

Mary M. Linn, BSN, CURN  
CBUNA Secretary
Congratulations…

to the following individuals who became board certified in 2006 by passing the urologic nursing certification examination administered by the Certification Board for Urologic Nurses and Associates (CBUNA) at test centers across the country.

**Certified Urologic Associate (CUA)**
- Tracey Autio, Charlestown, RI
- Beth Butler, Springfield, MO
- Leandra Carrizales, Lubbock, TX
- Stephen Cordes, Lacey, WA
- Joseph Donneson, Silverdale, WA
- Lew Hammond, McKenna, WA
- Tammy Hanna, Virginia Beach, VA
- Patricia Hess, Ashland, KY
- Nancy Holmes, Pueblo, CO
- Claire Houghton, Cheney, WA
- Amanda Lucas, Hallsville, MO
- Heather Nielsen, Wausau, WI
- Megham Reed, Tolleson, AZ
- Ann Roberti, Lehighton, PA
- Rose-Mary Sandy, Sewell, NJ
- Donna Schmidt, Collierville, TN
- Helen Stark, Picketer, WI
- Gabriel Tarango, Lubbock, TX

**Certified Urologic Registered Nurse (CURN)**
- Shelly Arnott, Pueblo, CO
- Elizabeth Bowman, Hamilton, ON
- Alice Campanelli, Paramus, NJ
- Corinne Chomiak, Hackensack, NJ
- Heather Christie, Minneapolis, MN
- Opal Cumbee, Johns Island, SC
- Sarah Day, Demarest, NJ
- Mary Dunphy, Flourtown, PA
- Susan Siltman Fanske, Ellicott City, MD
- Zaleha Rohani Fuller, Eureka, CA
- Kathleen Fonder, Decatur, GA
- Mary Jo Forte, Baltimore, MD
- Tracy Gawedzinski, Springfield, IL
- Michael Hallock, La Jolla, CA
- Renée Houck, Reading, PA
- Theresa Kolle, Moorhead, MN
- Deborah Kueker, De Soto, KS
- Geralyn Lewis, Elmhurst, IL
- Laurie Litman, North Kingstown, RI
- Christine Llewellyn, Kingwood, TX

- Dianne Morrison, Jacksonville, FL
- Diana Peebles, Dana, IN
- Cynthia Schreiner, Jonesburg, MO
- Virginia Smith, West Lebanon, NH
- Jean Tarantino, Staten Island, NY
- Eva Thomas, Paterson, NJ
- Jasper Tolarba, Middletown, CT
- Alice Wilson, Palm Harbor, FL
- Meghan Wold, Princeton, IA

**Advanced Practice**
- Melanie Blais, CUNP, Minneapolis, MN
- Wesley Barrett, CUNP, Columbus, MS
- Lori Cheney, CUNP, Lake Havasu, AZ
- Mary Campigotto, CUNP, Chesterfield, MO
- Lisa Evans-Thomas, CUNP, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI
- Lisa Patterson Faircloth, CUNP, Cordele, GA
- Jill Freeman, RN, CUNP, Sartell, MN
- Audra Justine Houser, CUNP, Grantsville, MD
- Vicky Janos, CUNP, Pueblo, CO
- Joy Mayfield, CUNP, Lamar, MO
- Susan Nelson, CUNP, Springfield, IL
- Louise Nora, CUNP, Chicago, IL
- Julie Spencer, CUNP, Sterling, VA
- Madhu Singh, CUPA, Leesburg, VA

**Certification Board for Urologic Nurses and Associates**

**ATTENTION ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSES**

The Certification Board for Urologic Nurses and Associates has an announcement that may affect you. Beginning January 1, 2006 and ending December 31, 2008, Advanced Practice Nurses who are NOT Master’s prepared but LICENSED by their state as advanced practice nurses will be given an opportunity to sit for the Advanced Practice Certification Exam.

This window of opportunity is limited to the above dates and will not be offered again.

To download an application, go to www.suna.org, then click the Certification tab, or call C-Net at 1-800-463-0786.
SUNA ACTIVITIES

March 15-17, 2007 ————
The Annual Symposium. Sexuality, Intimacy, and Pelvic Floor Disorders. Location: The Broadmoor, Colorado Springs, CO. Contact: SUNA, East Holly Avenue Box 56, Pitman, NJ 08071-0056; 888-827-7862; 856-256-2335; fax 856-589-7463; suna@ajj.com; www.suna.org.

October 12-16, 2007 ————
SUNA’s 38th Annual Conference. Grand Adventures Await You at SUNA. Location: Hyatt Regency, Phoenix, AZ. Contact: SUNA, East Holly Avenue Box 56, Pitman, NJ 08071-0056; 888-827-7862; 856-256-2335; fax 856-589-7463; suna@ajj.com; www.suna.org.

February 28-March 1, 2008 ————
The Annual Symposium. Location: Hyatt New Orleans, New Orleans, LA. Contact: SUNA, East Holly Avenue Box 56, Pitman, NJ 08071-0056; 888-827-7862; 856-256-2335; fax 856-589-7463; suna@ajj.com; www.suna.org.

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

March 10, 2007 ————

March 31, 2007 ————

OTHER ACTIVITIES

March 21-24, 2007 ————
8th International Meeting of the European Association of Urology Nurses. Held in conjunction with the 22nd Annual EAU Congress. Location: Berlin, Germany. Contact: European Association of Urology, +31 26 389 0680; fax +31 26 389 0686; info@congressconsultants.com; www.eauberlin2007.com.

April 14-15, 2007 ————
Nuts and Bolts of Continence Therapy. Location: Libertyville, IL. Contact: Carralee Sueppel, carralee-sueppel@uiowa.edu or 319-683-2739.

April 19-20, 2007 ————

April 21, 2007 ————
3rd Annual Urology/Gynecology Nursing Conference. Location: InterContinental Hotel and Conference Center, Cleveland Clinic Campus, Cleveland, OH. Contact: Jan Ursinyi, 216-444-5537; 800-223-2273 ext. 45537; ursinyj@ccf.org.

October 6-7, 2007 ————
Nuts and Bolts of Continence Therapy. Location: Libertyville, IL. Contact: Carralee Sueppel, carralee-sueppel@uiowa.edu or 319-683-2739.

Research Grants Available

SUNA is pleased to announce the ongoing availability of grants for clinical research proposals with applicability to urologic nursing practice. Two types of non-dissertation awards are available: (1) The Young Investigator Research Program is designed for new researchers. Awards up to $40,000 are available. Details are available on SUNA’s Web site (www.suna.org, click Resources) or by contacting suna@ajj.com; (2) The Established Investigator Research Program is directed at experienced researchers with the same focus on clinical urologic nursing. Contact suna@ajj.com for further details. Successful applicants will be honored at future SUNA national meetings where they will present their study findings.
SUNA Creates Foundation to Advance Urologic Nursing and Improve Patient Care

To further its commitment to excellence in urologic clinical practice and research, SUNA has formed the SUNA Foundation. Its mission is to improve urologic care and enhance the lives of people with urologic health issues by funding research, scholarships, and education programs.

The foundation will fund research projects related to urologic disease or treatment and award scholarships for advanced education or specialized training for SUNA members. As SUNA members explore new research ideas, further their nursing education, and advance urologic care and treatment, patients will ultimately benefit from this expanded knowledge and expertise.

“The timing is appropriate for SUNA to form a foundation and create a new continuum of knowledge,” said Foundation Chair Ardeth Hale, CURN, a retired urologic nurse in Eugene, OR. “As members take advantage of the grants and scholarships available, SUNA will continue to advance the urologic nursing specialty and improve patient care.”

Support for the foundation will come from corporations, SUNA members, and those interested in urologic health care. The foundation also plans to hold a Silent Auction at SUNA’s Annual Conference, October 12-16, 2007, Phoenix, AZ.

Foundation trustees include:

- Dorothy Calabrese, MSN, CURN, CNP, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, OH
- Joyce Colling, PhD, RN, FAAN, Northwest Urological Clinic, Portland, OR
- Jean Lewis, BSN, APRN-BC, ANP, VA Medical Center, Minneapolis, MN
- Anthony J. Jannetti, SUNA executive director, Pitman, NJ

Members and others interested in supporting the SUNA Foundation may contact the National Office (888-827-7862, suna@ajj.com).

Missed the 2006 Annual Conference in Kansas City?

If you were unable to attend SUNA’s 37th Annual Conference in Kansas City in October 2006, you still have the opportunity to listen to the conference presentations. Conference educational sessions were recorded and are available for sale as CD-ROMs. CD-ROMs of individual sessions or the complete set of recorded conference sessions are available. For more information or to order, contact: Digital Conference Providers, Inc., 630-985-1182; www.dcporder.com/suna; or customersupport@dcpproviders.com.