



Amy Hull

President's Message

Celebrating 50 Years!

As the new SUNA President, I appreciate the opportunity to communicate with members directly. Yes, once again, we have experienced transition in SUNA, and I am excited to continue to work for you. We have new and returning Board members, including Past President Gwen Hooper, President-Elect Gina Powley, Treasurer Leanne Schimke, Secretary Cheryl LeCroy, and Directors-at-Large Katie Wall, Glenn Sulley, and Donna Thompson. This is a great group to represent you for the 2018-2019 organizational year. We have many exciting achievements to celebrate and many exciting opportunities still ahead for our great organization. I will touch on these things in a bit.

First, I wish to highlight our purpose as it relates to SUNA's achievements and opportunities. Below are SUNA's Mission, Vision, and Guiding Beliefs, which are crucial when charting the future direction for SUNA.

Mission: As a professional community of urologic nurses and associates, SUNA is committed to enriching the professional lives of our members and improving the health of our patients and their families, through education, research, and evidence-based clinical practice.

Vision: The authority and resource on evidence-based urologic education, research, and practice.

Guiding Beliefs

1. We believe patients are best served by nurses and associates who strive to enhance their expertise and knowledge through the educational opportunities SUNA provides.
2. We believe patients receive the highest quality health care when this care is evidence-based.
3. We believe patients receive better health care when it is provided by a healthcare team who respectfully works with the patient, family, and other healthcare professionals in a collaborative environment.
4. We believe to best serve our members and their patients, SUNA must provide the highest standards of nursing education.
5. We believe SUNA members should be leaders in research, education, and evidence-based clinical practice.

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Mark Your Calendar!

March 21-23, 2019

Advanced uroLogic
Conference

Hyatt Regency Chicago
Chicago, IL

September 20-23, 2019

uroLogic Conference
Disney's Coronado
Springs Resort
Lake Buena Vista, FL

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Glenda Wilkinson

From the Editor's Desk

2019 is a big year for SUNA as we are celebrating our 50th anniversary! In addition, two exciting educational conferences are planned for the year – the Advanced uro**Logic** Conference in Chicago, IL, on March 21-23 and the uro**Logic** Conference in Lake Buena Vista, FL, on September 20-23. The program and speakers for the spring conference look superb! If you would like to share your research at the fall conference, see the Call for Abstracts on page 10.

We often hear the expression, “It takes a village...” in terms of raising children and grandchildren. I suggest that we consider this expression in terms of SUNA. SUNA succeeds when “the village” – SUNA members – succeeds.

Help SUNA be the best organization for urology professionals. How? Participate in your local chapter, attend a national conference, recruit a member, share a copy of the *Urologic Nursing* journal with a colleague, present a lecture, prepare a poster, recruit a speaker, share a copy of the *Uro-Gram*, refer a colleague to our SUNA webpage, teach, mentor, and learn!

2019 is a big year for SUNA! Your involvement makes a difference because “it takes a village!”

Glenda Wilkinson, BSHCA, RN, CRLS, CURN
Editor

Call for Nominations for SUNA Board of Directors

Step Up for a National Leadership Role!

Volunteer for your professional association and increase your opportunities to network with colleagues with similar interests! Volunteer leaders share a high level of commitment and satisfaction from collaborating on a leadership team. SUNA is seeking qualified candidates for the following 2019-2021 Board of Director positions:

- **President-Elect** ~ Serves a 1-year term with a 3-year commitment to SUNA (President-Elect, President, and Immediate Past President).
- **Secretary** ~ Serves a 2-year term and maintains written records for the association, including proceedings of all Board of Directors meetings, Executive Committee meetings, membership meetings, and executive conference calls.
- **Director-at-Large (2 positions available)** ~ Serves a 2-year term and manages the activities of SUNA as a member of the Board of Directors, to provide leadership and facilitate communication.

To volunteer, contact Nominations Chairperson Gwen Hooper (glhooper@ua.edu) or the SUNA National Office (888-827-7862). **The deadline for nominations is March 1, 2019.**

To review eligibility criteria and the role responsibilities for each position, go to www.suna.org/resources/members/policy-procedure-manual. Each position is listed under “Board of Directors.” (Please note that you must enter your member login to access this information on the website.)



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Register Now for Advanced uroLogic Conference

Register today for SUNA's spring educational conference. *Advanced uroLogic: The Premier Conference for Advanced Practice Professionals* will be held March 21-23 at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. Tailored to the needs of busy advanced practice clinicians, the program will offer contact hours, pharmacology credit, and networking opportunities.

Program Highlights

An optional preconference workshop on "Pelvic Muscle Rehabilitation" will be offered on Thursday morning, March 21. Diane Newman, DNP, ANP-BC, BCB-PMD, will provide a comprehensive review of pelvic floor disorders and rehabilitation treatments, include biofeedback-assisted pelvic floor muscle training. Register early as enrollment for this workshop is limited!

The conference will officially open Thursday afternoon with two kick-off sessions on "Genitourinary Infections and Antibiotic Stewardship" and "Preparing the Advanced Practice Provider (APP) to Triage and Handle Urologic Emergencies." A reception in the exhibit hall will follow.

The program will continue through Saturday, March 23, with educational and networking sessions. Topics include:

- Stones: Management of Urinary Calculi
- Evaluating and Treating the Aging Vagina
- Overactive Bladder: Optimizing Care for Patients at Risk
- Genomic Based Tests for Personalized Prostate Cancer Care
- Mastering the Art and Science of Erectile Dysfunction Treatment
- Advanced Evaluation and Management of Incontinence
- Surgical Management of Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia
- Developing the Role of the APP with Reading and Interpreting Imaging Studies in Urology

Certification Exam

Reach for excellence and become certified! The CBUNA certification exams will be offered on Saturday afternoon, March 23. **Exam applications must be postmarked by January 26.** For more information, go to www.cbuna.org.

Foundation Raffle

The SUNA Foundation will hold a fundraising raffle with exciting prizes. Proceeds will help fund urologic nursing research, advanced nursing education, and other scholarships. Tickets will be available at the SUNA Foundation booth in the exhibit hall.

Register Early for a Chance to Win!

Register for the conference and make your hotel reservation at the Hyatt Regency Chicago on or before February 1, 2019, and you will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win one complimentary hotel night with breakfast for two in the American Craft Kitchen. The winner will be chosen and notified by February 15.

View the complete conference program and register at www.suna.org/adv19.

Updated White Paper on Cystoscopes Now Available

The *Joint White Paper on Reprocessing of Flexible Cystoscope* presents an overview of the guidelines for reprocessing of flexible cystoscopes and highlights particular aspects of instrument reprocessing that are unique to cystoscopy. Developed by SUNA and the American Urological Association in 2009, the paper was reviewed and updated in 2018. Learn more and access the updated white paper at www.suna.org/resource/joint-white-paper-reprocessing-flexible-cystoscopes.

President's Message

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As SUNA continues to march into the 21st century, the commitment to our members, colleagues, and, most importantly, our patients, will not diminish. When reading each of these statements, it is clear we are at our best when we strive to deliver the best care for our patients and the best educational opportunities for our members. These goals will not change, even as the faces of SUNA do change. New presidents and new boards will come and go, but the overarching mission of SUNA will remain, but only with our continued efforts and commitment to our purpose.

Now, back to our achievements. SUNA has made it to the great age of 50, which is a huge accomplishment! I do not profess to be a huge history buff, but I do think 50 should be lauded. So, I dug a bit to find out what other organizations have made it to this grand age and was proud to learn we are among a select group. While we may not be older than the American Nurses Association, we can rub elbows with some of the oldest and most well-known nursing and specialty nursing organizations, including the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, the American Academy of Nursing, the Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses, the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric, and Neonatal Nurses, the American Nephrology Nurses Association, and the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses, just to name a few. This is a big deal!

Celebrating
50
YEARS
1969-2019

So, what have we accomplished during these 50 years? We have developed and created numerous educational publications. We have our very own journal, *Urologic Nursing*. We offer the annual **uroLogic** conference and the new Advanced **uroLogic** Conference. We published the *Core Curriculum for Urologic Nursing*. We offer a robust research program to award new and experienced researchers grants to

conduct their projects. We provide certification review courses for associates, nurses, and advanced practice nurses who strive for specialty certification through the Certification Board for Urologic Nurses and Associates. The SUNA Foundation is led by fabulous trustees who work to provide scholarships for members to attend conferences. We have you, the member! So, join us at the **uroLogic** Conference in Florida this year to celebrate all of our past accomplishments. Share with us in committing to the Mission and Vision for SUNA's next 50 years! Celebrate with us as we applaud 50 years of SUNA and 50 years of exceptional current and past members and leaders!

Amy Hull, MSN, RNC, WHNP-BC
SUNA President

SUNA FOUNDATION News & Events

Fundraisers Support SUNA Foundation

The SUNA Foundation raised \$10,216 through fundraising activities during the 2018 **uroLogic** Conference in San Diego, including a silent auction, raffle, gift card tree, and sales of the *SUNA Foundation Cookbook*. The Foundation Trustees thank SUNA members, chapters, and vendors who donated items to the auction as well as conference attendees who bid on the many auction items, such as gift cards, electronics, jewelry, and collectibles.

Congratulations to the lucky winners of the Foundation FUN(d)raising Raffle:

- Fran Foley ~ \$250 Disney Gift Card (donated by the Chicago Metro Chapter and Katy Bortel)
- Maria Contreras ~ \$250 VISA gift card (donated by SUNA Upper Midwest Chapter)
- Peggy Hayes ~ \$250 Best Buy gift card (donated by CURE Medical)
- Linda Abriel ~ \$300 Mystery Chest (donated by Ardeth Hale)

During the conference, the SUNA Foundation also sold copies of its one-of-a-kind cookbook. The *SUNA Foundation Cookbook* features 215 mouth-watering recipes – everything from appetizers to desserts – from SUNA members and national office staff. Each recipe includes the contributor's name so it's easy to find your friends' recipes. Cookbooks continue to be available for only \$10 to chapters ordering 10 or more copies. Don't lose out on great door prizes, gifts for your chapter board of directors, or a thank you to someone in your chapter for a job well done. Cookbooks will continue to be sold at all national conferences.

Finally, congratulations to SUNA members Janice Steele Allwood, Rachelle Fawcett, and Teresa Lim, who were the recipients of the 2018 SUNA Foundation Conference Scholarships. The scholarships funded their attendance at the **uroLogic** Conference in San Diego. See page 8 of this issue to read the scholarship winners' reflections on their conference experience.

Jean Lewis, BSN, APRN, ANP (ret)
SUNA Foundation Immediate Past Chairperson

uroLogic Conference in San Diego Is a Success!

More than 400 urologic health care professionals convened in San Diego for **uroLogic, The Premier Conference for Urology Professionals**, in October 2018. The conference offered urology-focused educational sessions for every practice level, hands-on workshops, networking opportunities, and an exhibit hall with the latest products and resources for urology professionals.

Missed the Conference? Access the conference educational content online! Conference educational session recordings, handouts, and CNE credit are available for purchase in SUNA's Online Library at www.suna.org/library.

Congratulations to the following SUNA members and chapters that were honored with awards and scholarships during the conference!

President's Trophies

- Donna Thompson, MSN, CRNP, FNP-BC, CCCN (Outstanding Contributions to the Specialty of Urologic Nursing)
- Frances Foley, MHA, RN, CURN (Outstanding Contributions to SUNA)

Member of the Year Award

- Janice Beckman, RN

Chapter of the Year Awards

- Syracuse #110 (Small Chapter)
- Mississippi Valley #301 (Large Chapter)

Chapter Enhancement Scholarship

- Syracuse #110

Ardeth Hale Leadership Award

- Cheryl LeCroy, MSN, RN

Ron Brady Career Mobility Scholarship

- Stacy Wright, BSN, RN

Jan LeBouton Certification Scholarship

- Kevin Trimble, MSN, FNP-BC

uroLogic Conference Scholarships

- Janice Steele Allwood, MS, ARNP, CUNP
- Rachelle Fawcett, RN, ONC
- Teresa Lim, RN

uroLogic Registration Scholarships

- Nicole Boesch, CMA, CUA (Arthur T. Evans Scholarship)
- Linda Abriel, MSN, RN, ANP (Past Presidents Scholarship)

Macfarlane Award

- Nicole Boesch, CUA
- Debbie Broyles, CURN

NAFC Continence Care Award

- Darla Cleaves, BSN, RNFA, CURN, CNOR

LABORIE Comprehensive Urodynamics Course Complimentary Registration Scholarship

- Linda Wood, ANP-BC

Urologic Nursing Excellence Awards

- Catherine-Ann Lawrence Literary Excellence Award ~ Christine Bradway, PhD, CRNP, FAAN, AGSF; Helene Moriarty, PhD, RN, FAAN; Lisette Bunting-Perry, PhD, RN; and Joanne P. Robinson, PhD, RN, FAAN, for the article "Caring for Men with Lower Urinary Tract Symptoms and Parkinson's Disease: Coping Experiences of Female Spouses"
- Patricia Bates Novice Literary Excellence Award ~ Holly Milotte, RN; Diane L. Carroll, PhD, RN; and Amanda Coakley, PhD, RN, for the article "The Effect of a Therapeutic Pillow on Pain Following Nephrectomy: A Randomized Clinical Trial"
- Outstanding Reviewer Award ~ MiChelle McGarry, MSN, CPNP, CUNP, FAANP



Cheryl LeCroy (left) accepted the Ardeth Hale Leadership Award from the award's namesake, Ardeth Hale. This award, which recognizes a member for exceptional leadership qualities, was one of many presented during the 2018 uroLogic Conference in San Diego.



Urologic Nursing Editor Susanne Quallich (right) presented Holly Milotte with the Patricia Bates Novice Literary Excellence Award for her article, "The Effect of a Therapeutic Pillow on Pain Following Nephrectomy: A Randomized Clinical Trial."

President's Trophy Winners Announced

If you have had the opportunity to attend a SUNA conference, then you are probably familiar with that portion of the meeting when we distribute the awards. As President for the last 2 years, the awards presentation has become one of my favorite activities. Why? Because I have the honor of handing out these beautiful awards to the many deserving recipients. As conference attendees, you are seated in the audience looking up on the stage waiting for the announcements. I have a completely different experience. I am standing on the stage. As I call out each award winner, I am the first to see the winner's face light up and the expressions of surprise, tears, and excitement. Those moments are one of life's sweet and pure pleasures that I will always carry with me. This year's awards ceremony was no different. Beautiful awards, smiling happy faces, looks of surprise, and tears of joy.



Donna Thompson

I was honored to present the President's Trophies to the following individuals. **Donna Thompson MSN, CRNP, FNP-BC, CCCN**, received the President's Trophy for Outstanding Contributions to Urologic Nursing. Donna is a family nurse practitioner and certified advanced practice continence nurse who, over the last 20 years, has specialized in treating older adults with incontinence. Donna has written a

number of books on incontinence and has presented at SUNA conferences many times over the years. This past year, Donna served as the conference chairperson for SUNA's first advanced practice conference in Philadelphia in April 2018. She also has served SUNA as leader of the Geriatric/Inpatient/Incontinence Special Interest Group and as a member of the following groups: CAUTI Task Force, Catheter Guidelines Task Force, and Advanced Practice Continence Nurse Task Force. Donna served as both a reviewer and an author for the *Core Curriculum for Urologic Nursing*. This year, she joined the SUNA Board of Directors as a Director-at-Large. Donna is well deserving of the President's Trophy as she is a true friend and supporter of SUNA in the giving of her time and talents.



Fran Foley (left) accepted the President's Trophy from SUNA President Gwen Hooper during the 2018 uroLogic Conference.

Frances Foley, MHA, RN, CURN, was selected as the recipient of the President's Trophy for Outstanding Contributions to SUNA. Fran is an operating room nurse who works in the area of urology. Her expertise in this area has been invaluable to SUNA as well as the American Urological Association (AUA). She served as a workgroup member of the AUA/SUNA White Paper on *Optimizing Outcomes in Urological Surgery: Intraoperative Considerations* and the AUA/SUNA

Joint White Paper on Reprocessing of Flexible Cystoscopes. She has been an active member of SUNA since 1988 and served the organization in many capacities: as a conference monitor from 1989 to 1992, as a national conference planning committee member for 8 years, as chair of the annual planning committee for 2 years, as Cysto/ESWL/OR SIG Leader from 2005 to 2009, and as co-author of the *Cysto Room Survival Manual: Guidelines for Urologic Endoscopy*. Fran just completed her second term as SUNA National Treasurer, having served in this position since 2014. Fran has always been willing to make herself available for special projects and is a super supporter of SUNA, not to mention the biggest Disney fan ever! I was honored to present Fran with this award for the years of service she has given to SUNA, an organization she truly loves.

Please join me in thanking these two dedicated and passionate SUNA members for all their contributions to our membership and our organization!

We now are looking ahead to magic that will happen for other deserving SUNA members in Florida at the 2019 uroLogic Conference. If want to share your time and talents with SUNA this year, we have a place for you! We are seeking individuals to serve on the SUNA Board of Directors. See the Call for Nominations on page 2.

Gwen Hooper, PhD, APRN, CUNP
Immediate Past President

Membership Announcements

Bylaws Amendments Approved. Members voted to approve proposed revisions to the SUNA Bylaws during the SUNA Business Meeting held October 26, 2018, during the uroLogic Conference in San Diego, CA. The current SUNA Bylaws are available at www.suna.org/download/about/bylaws.pdf.

Membership Dues. The following dues structure goes into effect April 1, 2019.

Member Category	Dues (per year*)
Active	\$85* \$160 (2 years) \$205 (3 years)
Sustaining	\$125*
International	\$105*
Senior Active member for 5 years and reached age 65+ (proof required)	\$55*
Student Full-time nursing student (proof required)	\$55*

Congratulations to SUNA's Winning Chapters!

Each year, SUNA recognizes two chapters for their outstanding achievements. These awards acknowledge a small chapter (50 or less members) and a large chapter (above 51 members) for their accomplishments throughout the year, including educational programs, membership growth, community involvement, and community programs promoting awareness and education of urology issues. When selecting the winning chapters each year, SUNA considers member participation in chapter activities, innovative ideas to promote industry and member support, and advancement of members to become certified by the Certification Board for Urologic Nursing and Associates (CBUNA).

This year's small chapter of the year is the **Syracuse Chapter** in New York. With 38 members (an increase from last year) and 4 members who are certified through CBUNA (also up from last year), the chapter offered four educational activities with 15 to 18 members in attendance. Chapter members serve on task forces and the SUNA Foundation. The chapter hosted a chapter fundraiser, participated in a ZERO Prostate Cancer Run/Walk, and donates to the SUNA Foundation Silent Auction each year. Chapter members also participated in *Warm Hands and Paws*, where they collected hats and gloves for local children in need and blankets and leashes for a dog rescue.

The **Mississippi Valley Chapter** was the 2018 large chapter of the year. The chapter has 170 members and 38 certified members. The chapter offered five educational meetings for a total of 10.0 contact hours. The chapter has a website and logo, and chapter members participated in numerous community activities, including a food drive and toilet paper donations, a ZERO Prostate Cancer Run/Walk, and a presentation on "Violence, Compassion, and the Brain." A chapter member received the Macfarlane Award from CBUNA for the highest score on the certification exam. Chapter members are active in US TOO monthly prostate support meetings and the US TOO walk. Members assist with the local Parkinson's support group and provided a table to promote SUNA at a wound care conference. Chapter members are active as SUNA leaders, SUNA Foundation members, conference presenters, and *Urologic Nursing* manuscript reviewers.

Cheryl LeCroy, MSN, RN
SUNA Secretary

Call for Patient Education Fact Sheet Task Force Members

The SUNA Board of Directors is seeking SUNA members willing to serve on a task force to review and update the following Patient Education Fact Sheets:

- Bladder Cancer
- Interstitial Cystitis/Bladder Pain Syndrome
- Male Infertility
- Overactive Bladder
- Prostate Cancer Brachytherapy (Internal Radiation)
- Prostatitis
- Sacral Nerve Stimulation
- Testicular Cancer
- Urodynamics
- Use of Vaginal Estrogen in Women with Pelvic Floor Disorders

Fact sheets are available on the SUNA website at www.suna.org/resource/patient-education. If you are interested in serving on the task force, please complete the SUNA Volunteer Opportunity Form, indicating the topic(s) in which you have expertise, and submit it to suna@ajj.com by **January 18**. Access the form at www.suna.org/resources/45-110.pdf.

SUNA hopes to enlist one to two members to review/revise each fact sheet. Task force members will receive a small stipend for their services.

SUNA Member Honored as Outstanding Educator



Gwen Hooper

The Nurse Practitioner Alliance of Alabama (NPAA) held its 12th Annual Conference, "Speaking in One Voice: Fostering Evidenced Based Practice," on September 15-16, 2018, in Birmingham, AL. The conference focused on best practices in advanced nursing practice and included updates in pharmacologic treatment and legislative activities.

Each year the NPAA presents awards to Alabama NPs to recognize them for making a difference in the lives of patients and students and for delivering and advocating for outstanding patient care. SUNA Past President Gwen Hooper was recognized with the Outstanding Nurse Practitioner Educator Regional Award for West Alabama. Gwen is a family nurse practitioner at the Tuscaloosa Urology Clinic and teaches in the family nurse practitioner concentration at The University of Alabama Capstone College of Nursing.

Scholarship Recipients Reflect on Conference Experience

Several SUNA members received scholarships to attend the 2018 uro**Logic** Conference in San Diego. The scholarship winners shared their reflections on the conference experience.



Janice Steele Allwood

I want to express my sincerest gratitude for the generous scholarship to attend the 2018 uro**Logic** Conference in San Diego. The experience was extremely rewarding on many levels.

Networking with urology professionals and developing new friends and colleagues was a wonderful experience and will help me continue to grow and inspire me professionally. I learned valuable information at all of the sessions I attended, and I plan to incorporate this information in my current practice as an ARNP in urology within the Veterans Administration (VA).

I am grateful to have learned new information about pre- and postop cystectomy patients. I am excited to contact the ARNP from the University of Michigan, who provided such an excellent presentation and agreed to share clinical pathways with me. I have been back to work for 4 days and have already implemented gum chewing on two open cases on postoperative day one. We have had an ongoing problem in recent months with postop ileus, and I look forward to seeing better outcomes using this helpful idea. I also am very impressed by all the research presented, which inspires me to implement a research project very soon.

Peyronie's disease has been frustrating for me as a practitioner because we really do not have any good treatments available for our VA patients. We have asked several times about Xiaflex® but for some reason have been told we cannot get it. However, now that I have the literature directly from the American Urological Association (AUA) guidelines to present to our pharmacy, I plan to present some strong proposals to finally be able to offer something to treat our patients with Peyronie's.

It was awesome to learn about the AUA advocacy page, and I am excited to share the AUA Consensus Statement on Advanced Practice Providers with all of our urology surgeons as many of them do not understand the many roles of the APP. Hopefully, we can incorporate many new competencies in our practice.

I truly enjoyed all the presentations, discussions, poster presentations, vendors, and exhibits. My favorite social hour was the wine and cheese event and presentation by Dr. Thomas Keane on prostate cancer. I thought I was completely up to date on that subject, but I still learned so much from his humorous and informative talk.

I look forward to seeing everyone next year in Orlando!

Janice Steele Allwood, MS, ARNP-C
ARNP Urology Surgery
St. Pete Beach, FL



Rachelle Fawcett

I would like to take this opportunity to thank SUNA for all the hard work that is put into the national conferences. The material was easy to follow and made sense at the RN level. The speakers were wonderful. I really enjoyed the human touch they added by sharing their own personal experiences.

I have been an OCN certified HEM/ONC for 18 years and wanted something different. I started a new medical career field at age 55. Urology is quite different and a whole new learning curve for me. Urology challenges me in ways I haven't been challenged before. I am already preparing for the conference in Orlando next year!

I feel that I was blessed to be awarded a scholarship to attend this conference. Otherwise, I would not have been able to go. I learned so much and networked with so many others. It was one of my best experiences at a conference in a long time. My plan is to become certified by the end of next year. Please continue the good work that you do. I appreciated every minute of the conference.

Thank you again. I will be a big advocate for pushing toward learning and experiencing all that is available to me and my staff in the future. Keep up the good work!

Rachelle Fawcett, RN
Caldwell Urology
Lenoir, NC



Linda Abriel

Thank you for the opportunity to attend the 2018 SUNA uro**Logic** Conference as the recipient of the Past Presidents Scholarship.

This year's conference was one of the best I have attended in the last few years. There were many topics that were up-to-date and valuable to my current practice. I felt I gained very important information and obtained new information that will help with my current practice.

Many of the lectures focused on standards of care and current practice. Valuable information and resources were presented. I feel I am able to expand my current knowledge base, therefore providing up-to-date care to my patients.

This year I was able to network and meet new SUNA members from across the states. We exchanged contact information, so we can reach out to each other when needed.

Once again, I would like to thank you for this opportunity.

Linda Abriel, MSN, RN, ANP
Capital Region Urology-SPHP
Albany, NY



Nicole Boesch

As a recipient of the Arthur T. Evans Scholarship, I am writing to thank the SUNA Foundation for assistance in my trip to the 2018 SUNA uro**Logic** Conference in San Diego. This was the third time I was able to attend a SUNA conference, and the knowledge I gained through the presentations has helped me immensely in my day-to-day work. Being informed of new treatments, the latest research and guidelines,

and changes in recommended practices allows me to deliver the very best care to our patients. I recently became the lead in training new employees at our clinic, so this is especially helpful to me, as I am able to share this knowledge while training. This helps me to feel more confident while educating others and improves our clinic's nursing standards.

One of the things I enjoyed the most about the SUNA conference was being able to learn about practices and techniques people in other clinics are using. Sharing ideas with others in the field is one of the best ways to improve our own knowledge and skills. This helps keep us up-to-date and provides an invaluable experience that you cannot get from reading about new research, procedures, and treatments. It's also a great opportunity to be able to ask questions of knowledgeable people who specialize in different areas.

At this year's conference, I had the honor of being invited to sit on the Test Writing Task Force for the CBUNA associates exam. This was not only a wonderful learning opportunity for me, but greatly rewarding. The entire process was very interesting, and I truly enjoyed getting to know the others on the task force with me. I am very grateful to have been asked to help out with this wonderful group.

I have been very fortunate this year to have been honored with the Macfarlane Award, the invitation to sit with the Test Writing Task Force, and to receive this scholarship. This has helped to expand my personal knowledge, give better patient care, and improve my ability to train new staff. I work for the Wisconsin Institute of Urology. Our practice moved into a new free-standing clinic with its own lab, imaging, and ambulatory surgery center this past summer. The recognition and respect I gained at work as a result of these honors has helped me to be a stronger leader during a time of great change for our practice. I am confident these experiences will continue to help me in the future to improve patient care and take on new challenges.

Nicole Boesch, CUA

*Wisconsin Institute of Urology
Neenah, WI*



Teresa Lim

Thank you for the scholarship to attend the 2018 uro**Logic** Conference in San Diego. I feel fortunate to have been selected for this wonderful opportunity. I have attended SUNA conferences in the past and when I return, I always feel inspired by the knowledge that I have gained by attending the presentations.

At the conference, I enjoyed the variety of speakers and diverse topics, including gender affirming surgery, advanced urodynamics, and the management of male incontinence. The presentations as well as the collaboration and networking with nurses from other states were just some of the highlights of my experience at this year's conference. I also enjoyed browsing through the exhibit hall to see the latest technology in continence and medical devices that were being showcased. I found the poster presentations to be very informative, and I enjoyed chatting with the presenters who are passionate about their research.

The SUNA conference contributed to my knowledge and confidence in my clinical capacity as a urology nurse at the Blusson Spinal Cord Centre in Vancouver, BC. The educational sessions that I attended will enhance my assessments and treatment of patients. The knowledge I gained during the conference will also reinforce the evidence-based standards to ensure the best possible outcomes for patients. The experiences and information gained from the conference will be translated into my clinical practice and shared with other members from my healthcare team.

Thank you once again for this amazing opportunity to attend the 2018 SUNA conference, and I look forward to attending the next conference.

Teresa Lim, BSN, RN, NCA

*Blusson Spinal Cord Centre
Vancouver, BC*

Note: Administered by the SUNA Foundation, various scholarships support SUNA members in attending the uro**Logic** Conference, including

- SUNA Conference Scholarships
- uro**Logic** Registration Scholarship ~ Past Presidents Scholarship
- uro**Logic** Registration Scholarship ~ Arthur T. Evans Memorial Scholarship

For more information, go to www.suna.org/scholarships.



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The 2019 uro**Logic** Conference – SUNA's 50th national educational conference – is scheduled for September 20-23 at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort in Lake Buena Vista, FL. The conference will offer many excellent educational, networking, and professional development opportunities. Save the date, and plan to join your colleagues for a special celebration of 50 years of commitment and service to the urologic nursing community!

Call for Research Abstracts

The conference planning committee has issued a call for abstracts addressing topics related to urologic patient care. The deadline to submit abstracts for research oral and poster presentations is April 12, 2019. For additional information, including submission forms and details, go to www.suna.org/event/2019-urologic-conference.

Scholarships Available

Apply for a conference scholarship through the SUNA Foundation. Five scholarships (ranging in value from \$500 to \$1,500) are available for the 2019 conference. The deadline for submission of applications is June 1, 2019. For additional information, go to www.suna.org/scholarships.

Score with 4!

Score with 4! Membership Campaign Results

Congratulations to the following members who recruited colleagues to join SUNA during the 2017-2018 campaign.

Recruited Up to 3 New Members

Linda Abriel
Barbara Allwein
Lisa Anderson
Wesley Barrett
Cheryl Battani
Janice Beckmann
Jennifer Bobish
Marianne Borch
Christine Bradway
Barbara Broome
Bettina Broughton
Renee Cheal
Stewart Chumbley
Kiana Claiborne
Meghan Door
Patty Dumont
Kelly Ernst
Kelly Fawcett
Teresa Golden
Kelly Gollar
Rosemary Grant
Sharon Haney
Mary Jo Hastings
Deborah Hensley
Jessica Hus
Grace Jones
Jane Kaufman
David Knudson
Allyson Kwon
Rita Larmon
Katherine Marchese
Tandy Martin
Tina Mathenia
Laura Mazzenga
Dawn McKenzie
Patricia Moon

Aileen Moschetto-Martorana
Cindie Neufeld
Diane Newman
Heather Nielsen
Angela Oberg
Carol Olsen
Ashley Palmisano
Leesha Platteter
Kathy Ramirez
Sandra Revexz
Suzanne Rogers-Hebel
Cecilia Sambrano
Lisa Shimkus
Pamela Skurkay
Saundra Sturdy
Glenn Sulley
Kathleen Takacs
Donna Thompson
Christopher Tucci
Charlene Vollmer
Katie Wall
Anita Williams
Stacey Wright

Recruited 4 or More New Members

Ann Chinnakotla
Stephanie Hawkins
Maureen Johnson
Susan Lipsy
Jenny Oberts

Recruited 10 or More New Members

Cheryl Bothwell
Marianne Olsen
Gina Powley

Extend your SUNA membership for FREE and earn a chance to win a free conference registration during this year's "Score with 4!" membership incentive program. Here's how: recruit 4 new members between October 1, 2018, and September 30, 2019, and receive a 1-year SUNA membership free. In addition, you will be entered in a drawing to win free registration to SUNA's uro**Logic** Conference. Membership applications and additional details are available online at www.suna.org/membership.



This column recognizes active local SUNA chapters that consistently represent our membership and provide educational opportunities to members and the community. SUNA chapters are a valuable resource and are vital to the growth of our organization.

In this issue, we are shining the spotlight on the Greater Orlando Metro Chapter, a newer chapter that is completing its 1-year probation in January 2019. Sara Drummer is the chapter president and is proud to report that, over the past year, the chapter membership has steadily grown. The chapter is now up to about 20 official members, and chapter officers are excited that many more are interested in joining soon.

The chapter meets every other month, on the second Thursday of the month. The next chapter meeting will be held at Christner's Prime Steak & Lobster in Orlando, FL at 6:30 p.m. on January 10. The meeting is tentatively being sponsored by Janssen Biotech and will feature a speaker presentation on Janssen's new advanced prostate cancer medication, Erleada™.

The chapter is also considering starting a journal club in early 2019 on the months that they do not already have chapter meetings. The plan is to have a more relaxed get-together for these events, and to extend an open invitation to those members who are not able to attend representative-sponsored meetings.

The chapter has a variety of members, including medical assistants, office staff, operating room nurses, wound care nurses, and nurse practitioners, and have recently had some interest from physician assistants to attend as well.

Chapter officers include President Sara Drummer, APRN, MSN, FNP-BC, CUNP; President-Elect Gina Orozco, ARNP; Secretary Kathryn Dere, RN, CWOCN; and Treasurer Sara Roubert. They have created a Facebook page and a chapter website!

I am really impressed with how much this chapter has grown in such a short time! A huge thank you to all the members of this great chapter for their tremendous service and dedication to SUNA and urologic nursing. Great job!

Glenn Sulley, BS, RN, CURN
SUNA Director at-Large

Arizona Chapter Participates in Community Event

On September 29, 2018, the Arizona Chapter of SUNA participated in a Walk for Prostate Cancer at Tempe Kiwanis Park. The chapter has participated in this annual walk for several years. The event is dedicated to Tim Barber, a Tempe police detective who died of prostate cancer at a young age. Nick Lowery, former kicker for the New England Patriots, Kansas City Chiefs, and New York Jets; seven-time All-Pro; and prostate cancer survivor helped to lead the walk as the Honorary Walk Chairman.

Arizona Chapter members were on hand in SUNA T-shirts to show support for current prostate cancer patients and also to acknowledge those individuals who have lost the fight against prostate cancer and their families. The 2018 event was in memory of Gene Felker who passed away from prostate cancer in March 2013. More information about the Prostate On-Site Project (POP) and Walk for Prostate Cancer can be found online at www.prostatecheckup.org.



Members of the Arizona Chapter of SUNA participated in a Walk for Prostate Cancer in Tempe, AZ.





Special Interest Groups

Advanced Practice



Jennifer Cera

We are coming off a very successful SUNA uro**Logic** Conference in San Diego! It was a success in every way – informative and educational sessions with excellent presenters, an abundance of exhibitors, great networking opportunities, and great weather for all of us to enjoy!

The Advanced Practice SIG meeting was well attended and focused on *Billing and Coding: What the Advanced Practice Provider Should*

Know. Attendees posed excellent questions regarding how to handle different coding scenarios from new patient visits to procedural visits. Elements of complete documentation for each level of service also was demonstrated during the meeting.

Now we look forward to SUNA's next meeting in Chicago in March! The planning committee has done a fantastic job in developing another excellent series of workshops and sessions. This will give us another opportunity to learn from each other and share ideas. Together, we stand united as a strong urology community so that we can continue to provide current, evidence-based quality care to our patients!

Jennifer Cera, DNP, APRN-NP, WHNP-BC
SIG Leader

Sacral Nerve Stimulation / Percutaneous Tibial Nerve Stimulation



Jennifer Compton

I was unable to attend the uro**Logic** Conference in San Diego. Board Liaison Glenn Sulley reported that we had a good group at our SIG meeting with good discussion about sacral nerve stimulation (SNS) and percutaneous tibial nerve stimulation (PTNS). Please feel free to email me or post on the forum any questions, thoughts, or ideas you have on SNS or PTNS.

Jennifer Compton, PA-C
SIG Leader

Urodynamics



Christy Hegan

We had a great SIG meeting at the 2018 uro**Logic** Conference in San Diego. We reviewed the topics and questions that have been shared in the forum over the last year. Of particular interest was the topic of supervision in urodynamics (UDS), so I thought it would be a good idea to provide some clarification. Medical assistants, LVNs, RNs, and APRNs are all qualified to perform UDS. UDS may be independently per-

formed by APRNs, regardless of state. If you work in a dependent practice state, meaning that a supervising physician is required for APRN practice and if there is not a supervising physician on site, the procedure will be billed under the APRN's NPI number. Medical assistants, LVNs, and RNs must have a provider on site somewhere when they are performing UDS in order to receive reimbursement for service. The procedure is billed under the supervising physician on site at the time UDS is performed. If it is a state where APRNs have full independent practice authority and are not required to have a supervising physician for their licensure, then they may provide on-site supervision of an MA, LVN, or RN performing UDS. However, if you work in a state that requires APRNs to have a supervising physician, then this may vary by state laws. Additionally, hospital organizations may have their own rules and regulations about who can perform UDS and who can supervise UDS. Make sure to check with your state and your organization on current policies.

Christy Hegan, MS, APRN, WHNP-BC
SIG Leader

CBUNA Message

Computer Testing Starts This Year!



Marianne Borch

CBUNA is offering computer-based testing for urologic certification starting in April 2019. Representatives at the CBUNA booth at the 2018 uroLogic Conference in San Diego received many questions from conference attendees regarding this new opportunity. Below is the information you need to successfully sign up and complete the exam.

Prior to the Exam

- Identify the best exam date for you. Testing will be offered during the months of April and September.
- Submit the application by the posted deadline. For April testing, the deadline is February 4. (If you submit your application during the period of February 5 to 19, a \$25 late fee will be added.) For September testing, the deadline is July 8. (If you submit your application during the period of July 9 to 23, a \$25 late fee will be added.)
- Upon approval of your examination application, you will receive an examination permit by email.
- The email permit will include a link to an online scheduling portal for you to schedule the exam at the computer-based testing location of choice.
- The computer-based testing agency will send a follow-up email to you confirming the exam site, date, and time that you have chosen.
- If you do not receive the examination permit by email at least 7 days prior to the testing month, notify C-NET at 800-463-0786.
- **You will not be admitted to the examination without an examination permit and proper ID.**

The Certification Exam

- The certification examinations are multiple-choice tests.
- 3 hours are allotted to complete the Certified Urologic Associate (CUA) and Certified Urologic Registered Nurse (CURN) examinations. These exams contain 150 questions.
- 4 hours are allotted to complete the Certified Urologic Nurse Practitioner (CUNP) examination. This exam contains 175 questions.
- Read each question carefully and choose the one answer that you think answers the question correctly.

- There is no penalty for guessing so an educated guess is appropriate if you are unsure of the answer.
- You can skip a question and return to it later.
- Upon completion of the examination, your score will be available immediately.
- If you passed the exam, the report will reflect your score as well as notify you of when to expect your certificate in the mail and when your name will appear in the online CBUNA Certified Directory.
- If you were unsuccessful on the exam, you will receive a report that reflects your score and includes a breakdown of the test subareas with the percent of questions you answered correct in each subarea. This breakdown of subarea scores will help you determine the areas in which you are weak and need further study.

Please note that the pen and paper examinations will still be offered during the uroLogic Conferences.

For more information on the application process, please visit the CBUNA website at www.cbuna.org or call CBUNA at 856-256-2351.

The CBUNA Board of Directors looks forward to helping make the testing process more convenient and more accessible –with more than 200 cities around the United States that now offer computer testing facilities.

Marianne Borch, BSN, RN, CURN
CBUNA President

Certification Matters

Certification Exam

Saturday, March 23

2:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Chicago, IL

in conjunction with the uroLogic Conference

Preregistration is required. The certification application is available at www.cbuna.org (click on the Certification tab) or call C-NET for details at 800-463-0786.

All applications must be postmarked by January 26, 2019.

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2017-2018 Annual Reports

Board of Directors

President



Gwen Hooper

Finances. SUNA continues to be under the spending freeze that began in 2013. While the Board of Directors (BOD) examines our financial situation on a monthly basis, these past 2 years we have focused on our membership market, purposely concentrating our resources to areas that will improve our ability to promote strong educational programs as well as membership communication and growth. Treasurer Fran Foley has

done an excellent job in keeping the BOD aware of the financial impact of any and all decisions we have made so that finances are foremost in our minds. Fran presented the full budget report this year at the business meeting. This was Fran's final year on the Board. We thank her for her dedication and hard work. We welcome incoming treasurer, Leanne Schimke, to the BOD.

Membership. SUNA has over 2,000 members. Through several surveys this year, we have a clear picture of our membership, which includes at least four generations: Mature/Silents (1927-1945), Baby Boomers (1946-1964), Generation X (1965-1980), and Millennials/Generation Y (1981-2000).

The BOD is committed to our members and has begun to examine not only how to gain new members but where new members may exist for future growth. Our Membership Task Force headed by Director-at-Large (DAL) Gina Powley has worked diligently this past year. Task force members included Glenn Sulley, Sandra Sturdy, Raquel Zamora, and Danielle Quallich. Through survey feedback, we have come to understand that our members want and expect return on their dues. The BOD has begun to implement changes in our online presence with revisions coming to our website and online forum. In 2019, we will launch Higher Logic, a more sophisticated communication platform that will allow member-wide discussions, dissemination of information, and quicker, easier exchange and engagement.

At our recent meeting in San Diego, certified medical assistants, registered medical assistants, medical technicians, medical assistants, and registered technicians requested networking opportunities, specific educational opportunities, and platforms for group discussion. The BOD has begun looking at ways to meet the needs of these important members of our medical team and our organization.

Chapters. We continue to hold our chapter president calls, which support our chapter presidents as they grow their chapters and provide educational activities for their members. SUNA has 29 chapters, including the Florida Greater Orland Metro Chapter, which is currently in probation. The Nursing Network helped many of our chapters develop chapter websites for greater visibility.

Education. SUNA implemented a new educational program in 2018. The Advanced uroLogic Conference

was held in Philadelphia in April. As a new educational venture for our experienced RN and APP members, the conference was well received with rave reviews from our corporate sponsors who are already looking forward to the 2019 meeting in Chicago.

SUNA continues to offer monthly free CNE. During SUNA's conference in Las Vegas in 2016, members approached me to request online CE, free and available at their convenience. Our chapter presidents continue to request CE Fast Track programs for their chapter meetings.

Research. SUNA has research funds available for members. The BOD reviewed one research proposal this year. We would love to see more proposals submitted. Barbara Broome continues to serve as research liaison for SUNA. We are considering development of a Research Special Interest Group (SIG). Susanne Quallich presented on research at the 2018 uroLogic conference in San Diego.

Collaboration. Heather Schultz and Christy Krieg serve on the American Urological Association (AUA) / APP Education Committee. Heather is serving as chair of the AUA/APP Education Committee, and Christy Krieg is serving as SUNA's representative.

In the past 2 years, AUA has asked SUNA to participate on the development of three White Papers on the Surgical Care of the Urologic Patient: Preoperative, Intraoperative, and Postoperative. Chris Tucci, Fran Foley, Glenda Wilkinson, and Charlene Vollmer contributed their expertise in the development of these papers. Michelle Lajiness and I served as reviewers. In addition, Mary Louise Lee worked with AUA on the update of the Joint AUA/SUNA White Paper on Reprocessing Cystoscopes. The White Papers are available on the SUNA and AUA websites.

Amy Hull has been working with the American Urogynecologic Society (AUGS) to develop a proposal on pessary guidelines. Both the AUGS and SUNA Boards have approved this collaboration. We will be moving forward on this project in the coming months. The SUNA BOD endorsed the AUGS document entitled *A Training Guide – Core Competencies for the Advanced Practice Provider Entering Urogynecology*. Access the document at www.augs.org/app-training-guide.

Stefano Terzoni from the European Association of Urology Nurses (EAUN) attended SUNA's conference in Chicago in 2017. We discussed ways in which SUNA and the EAUN can collaborate on several issues.

Amy Hull continues to work with the National Association For Continence (NAFC) to investigate ways in which we can collaborate. NAFC supports and endorses the NAFC Continence Care Award, which is presented annually at the uroLogic Conference. This year's winner was Darla Cleaves, BSN, RNFA, CURN, CNOR.

Sponsored by the AUA Urology Care Foundation, the Bladder Health Alliance is a coalition of 30 patient and physician advocacy organizations, including SUNA, that work to advance awareness and education about bladder health. I was fortunate to attend the Alliance's meeting. In 2016, the Alliance was successful in proclaiming

November as Bladder Health Month and securing House and Senate resolutions that support the designation of November as "National Bladder Health Month" in the United States.

Susanne Quallich participated in the AUA Annual Urology Advocacy Summit in Washington, DC, in February 2018. She presented "How to Better Utilize APPs in Urology," a topic requested by the Advocacy Committee. Susanne will represent SUNA at the Summit this year as well.

Legislation. Mary Meskel retired from her position as SUNA legislative liaison. SUNA is a member of the Nursing Community Coalition.

Publications. Susanne Quallich, *Urologic Nursing* Editor, has been busy since her appointment. Her primary efforts have revolved around recruiting members for the editorial board and authors for journal articles as well as pursuing collaboration with national and international urologic nursing associations. MiChelle McGarry was appointed to the Editorial Board in July 2018, replacing Kay Gaines who retired.

Glenda Wilkinson continues to do a fabulous job on the *Uro-Gram*. She recently retired from her position as a nurse educator with Olympus.

SUNA has sold approximately 650 copies of the *Core Curriculum for Urologic Nursing* since its publication. We contracted with Rittenhouse Book Distributors in 2017 as another outlet for selling the *Core Curriculum*. Copies have been sold at the AUA and International Continence Society conferences the past 2 years. We also are looking at new ways to promote sales of the *Core Curriculum*.

2018 marked the 5-year revision for the *Scope and Standards of Practice for Urologic Nursing*. A task force headed by Barbara Broome is working to complete the update. The *Scope and Standards* were added to SUNA's Strategic Plan in an effort to keep the 5-year cycle on the minds of Board members so that a task force can be formed well in advance of the revision deadline. SUNA will be publishing a new edition of the *Scope and Standards* in the coming months. This resource is important for many reasons, including accountability for practice and standards that improve patient care.

SUNA is in the process of revising Patient Education Fact Sheets as well as updating/adding or removing some of our Clinical Practice Guidelines. DAL Glenn Sulley has been appointed to lead the task force responsible for updating Fact Sheets. DAL Katie Wall is working with several members to complete the Clinical Practice Guidelines. A task force will review the fact sheets and practice guidelines once they are revised. When completed, SUNA will explore various translations for these documents.

It has been a great honor to serve as SUNA President for the past 2 years. Our organization is moving in an exciting and new direction. As Past President, there are several initiatives I will continue to pursue. Please continue to reach out to me or other Board members with your concerns or questions. I hope to see all of you at the 2019 **uroLogic** Conference as we celebrate SUNA's 50th anniversary! Start planning now to attend this very special event.

Gwen Hooper, PhD, APRN
President, 2017-2018

President-Elect



Amy Hull

The SUNA BOD has accomplished numerous tasks and initiated efforts for newly identified areas of growth. Following is a snapshot of some of the key areas of focus:

- **AUGS Collaboration.** SUNA participated in numerous calls with the CEO and publications director of AUGS. These discussions revealed potential for collaboration, specifically in the area of nonsurgical management. We will begin with evaluation and documentation of pessary practices. While this effort is still in the planning stages, we have determined a need for a practice guideline. However, we are determining if a white paper or systematic review is needed first.
- Efforts to determine areas for collaboration with NAFC have stalled, and we will need to re-evaluate. Past discussions have centered on translation assistance for the Patient Education Fact Sheets. However, before this can be completed, updates must be completed to the current English language fact sheets. DAL Glenn Sulley is spearheading efforts to create a task force to update these important documents. NAFC/SUNA collaboration will remain an ongoing priority for the BOD for the upcoming year.
- We are nearing completion of a new edition of *Urologic Nursing: Scopes and Standards of Practice*. Final edits are ongoing with full review by the American Nurses Association to be completed soon.
- DAL Katie Wall continues to work with past authors of SUNA's Clinical Practice Guidelines for updates and revisions to these resources.
- There are ongoing efforts to determine how the SIGs can be reorganized, renamed, etc. The goal of this effort is to generate greater traffic and online networking among SUNA members with a planned roll out of a new online forum. Recent discussions with SIG leaders have been productive. Suggestions for current and future engagement efforts include a "Urologic Question of the Month" as well as SIG leader perusal of the journal for topics to encourage discussion in the forums.
- Efforts to increase the visibility of the *Urologic Nursing* journal are ongoing with identified areas for potential growth. Continued collaborative efforts with the British Association of Urological Nurses (BAUN), EAUN, and other international urologic nursing organizations may prove helpful for both organizational and journal visibility. Another area for consideration includes the option for an online offering.
- I had a wonderful time working with the DALs and chapter presidents. Bimonthly chapter leadership calls were well attended this year. Discussion topics were timely and in-depth. Efforts to engage SUNA

chapters are ongoing, and we will continue to explore areas for growth, collaboration, and education.

The BOD continues to review and discuss areas of concern, such as the need to collaborate with other national organizations while identifying SUNA's strengths and membership benefits and allow them to learn of opportunities to participate in greater roles. There also needs to be a greater focus on continued work with other organizations to identify educational, organizational, and research gaps in the specialty as this may help with SUNA's growth, vision, and national prominence. Further efforts are needed for a robust program for social media as well as greater understanding and use of technology.

Amy Hull, MSN, WHNP-BC
President-Elect, 2017-2018

Treasurer



Frances Foley

The details of SUNA's 2017-2018 operating budget are outlined below. This is a report of activities through August 2018.

- Total budgeted revenue: \$1,060,500
- Total revenue to date: \$723,261.24
- Total budgeted expenses: \$1,154,600
- Total expenses to date: \$399,873.81
- Total operating revenue: (\$94,100)
- Total operating expenses to date: \$323,387.43
- Operating revenue less expenses to date: \$417,487.43

SUNA continues with the spending freeze that was initiated during fiscal years 2012-2014. Some strategies the BOD voted upon are as follows:

- Increase dues \$10 (dues have not increased since 2009)
- Decrease speaker honoraria by \$25

The 2019 Advanced uro**Logic** Conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Chicago in March. Last year's conference was well attended. The 2019 uro**Logic** Conference will be held in at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort in Lake Buena Vista, FL, in September.

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve as SUNA Treasurer these past 4 years. I am proud to be a SUNA member for over 30 years. SUNA has so much to offer!

Frances Foley, MHA, RN, CURN
Treasurer, 2017-2018

Secretary



Cheryl LeCroy

It has been my honor to serve as SUNA Secretary. The SUNA BOD is a very committed group of individuals who have SUNA's best interests at heart. It was again my pleasure to review all of the Chapter Review Forms (CRFs) this year to learn all about SUNA chapter activities. Many chapters continue to struggle, but are attempting to stay active and work with members. The chapter leadership calls, led by President-Elect Amy Hull, have aided in these efforts. From these CRFs, I was able to identify several exemplary chapters to be nominated for large and small Chapters of the Year. These were voted on by the board anonymously and it was my pleasure to announce the winners at the business meeting held on October 25. This is truly the highlight of being secretary! I assumed some of the duties of Past President (nominations and voting) over this last year. I continue to take minutes and monitor the posts on the Forum and emails for board votes. I also continue as liaison to several committees.

As liaison to the uro**Logic** Conference, it has been a great experience working with Shelly Lajiness and her committee who worked very hard this year and put together an awesome conference. Jennifer Mosher became the new uro**Logic** committee chair at the conclusion of the conference, and Shelly will stay on as past chair to assist her. I look forward to working with Shelly Lajiness as she assumes her new role as conference chair this year.

I was also the liaison for the SUNA Foundation. Jean Lewis and the Foundation committee worked extremely hard this year generating items for the silent auction and setting up in the exhibit hall. The auction again generated funds for scholarships for our membership. Debbie Buback assumed the chairmanship at the conclusion of the conference.

Christy Hicks became the Urodynamics SIG leader last October and has done a great job! She has been very active on her forum trying to get more engagement from the members with posted questions regarding different aspects of urodynamics to elicit discussion. She ran her first SIG group meeting at the uro**Logic** conference and did a fabulous job!

The pinnacle of being Secretary is selecting the Chapters of the Year. These are based on the CFRs turned into the national office by the chapter presidents. Chapters are required to submit these forms once a year so that we can learn about the exciting things chapters are doing. In addition, the form identifies challenges and areas of concerns where we on the board and national office may be able to assist. From these forms, we also select the Chapters of the Year. This year, was really difficult! There were numerous chapters, both large and small, that continue to do great things and we would love to be able to celebrate all of them.

The Chapter of the Year awards acknowledge the small chapter (50 or less members) and the large chapter (above 51 members) that have outstanding achievements. We look at educational programs offered, growth in membership, community involvement and community programs promoting awareness and education of urol-

ogy issues. We also look at active member participation in chapter activities, innovative ideas to promote industry and member support, and advancement of members to become certified by CBUNA. This year's small chapter of the year was the Syracuse Chapter, and large chapter of the year was the Mississippi Valley Chapter.

Cheryl LeCroy
Secretary, 2017-2018

Directors-at-Large



Gina Powley

area or remaining a part of MVC and getting the chapter active in her area.

I am the liaison for *Urologic Nursing* and work with the Editor Susanne Quallich. Throughout the year, I have participated in all leadership calls and helped plan the agenda for one of the calls.

Gina Powley, MSN, ANP-BC
Director-at-Large



Glenn Sulley

It has been a great experience serving in my first year as Director at-Large. I am very grateful to have the opportunity to work with an exceptional group of colleagues who serve on the board.

As I continue to learn and grow in this role, I am excited to be involved in new committees and participate on various new task forces.

This past year, as liaison for the Sacral Nerve Stimulation / Percutaneous Tibial Nerve Stimulation SIG, I networked with several members at the conference SIG meetings in Chicago and San Diego, and participated on the SIG online forum, sharing new updates, troubleshooting, and gaining tips on programming and billing. I look forward to continuing to work with SIG Leader Jennifer Compton to help stimulate conversation on the online forum and to be readily available to our colleagues involved in this specialty. Also, I encourage members of all SIGs to participate and help generate discussion in SUNA's online forums, and to take the advantage of this excellent online networking resource.

At the 2018 **uroLogic** conference, I planned and coordinated the preconference workshop, *Certification Review Course for the RN*. This course featured excellent presenters and comprehensive urology content and had a great response from attendees.

I serve on SUNA's membership task force, and I am thrilled about the recommendations that we have made to the BOD this year. I am hopeful that these ideas will

help increase membership recruitment and help to retain current members within SUNA. Watch for more information!

I currently serve as chair of the Patient Education Fact Sheet Task Force. We are working to revise and possibly re-write current fact sheets and eventually create new ones. This project is long overdue, and I am thrilled to see it coming to fruition.

I continue to work closely with each of the local chapters assigned to me, coaching and mentoring. I find this role to be both challenging and rewarding. Thank you to all our members for their time, energy, and willingness to serve in such an amazing society. I am proud to be a member of SUNA!

Glenn Sulley, BS, RN, CURN
Director-at-Large



Katie Wall

Another year has passed, and I continue to enjoy serving as SUNA Director-at-Large (DAL). As a DAL, I coordinated the agenda for the Chapter Presidents Leadership Call in May 2018, and I reached out to chapter presidents who have not been on the leadership calls to increase participation. The May 2018 call included a presentation by SUNA Foundation Chair-Elect Debbie Buback and research opportunities shared by SUNA Research Liaison Barbara Broome. Debbie reviewed available awards and scholarships, the Silent Auction, AmazonSmile, and Cherished Memory donations. Barbara discussed research funding opportunities for the Young Investigator and Experience Investigator Research Programs.

In addition, I have been charged to work with past authors of the SUNA Clinical Practice Guidelines to update these resources with the latest evidence-based research.

In other areas, I have continued discussion on the uses of social media, which is a part of our daily lives. This topic has been discussed with several other SUNA leaders as well. I have been active in discussions regarding conference sites in new locations in the future as well as how to increase SUNA associate members, including medical assistants, surgical technicians, and licensed practical nurses. I also have been working on the APP membership for nurse practitioners, but also including physician assistants. As Board Liaison, I have worked very closely with Advanced Practice SIG Leader Jennifer Cera on the online forum and the SIG session at the national conference.

Lastly, the Florida Chapter was dissolved in October 2016. However, there is now a new chapter in Florida – the Greater Orlando Metro Chapter.

Katie Wall, MSN, FNP-C
Director-at-Large

SUNA Collaborates with AUA to Develop White Papers

The American Urological Association released three new white papers on optimizing outcomes for patients before, during, and following urologic surgery:

- Optimizing Outcomes in Urological Surgery: Pre-Operative Care for the Patient Undergoing Urologic Surgery or Procedure
- Optimizing Outcomes in Urologic Surgery: Intraoperative Considerations
- Optimizing Outcomes in Urologic Surgery: Postoperative

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For more information and to access the white papers, go to www.suna.org/article/white-papers-urologic-surgery.

New Report Supports NPs' Role in Resolving America's Primary Care Crisis

With a growing lack of primary care physicians and inadequate access to primary care in rural and medically underserved areas in the United States, increasing numbers of researchers, workforce analysts, and organizations recommend expanding the use of nurse practitioners (NPs) in primary care. In September 2018, the American Enterprise Institute in conjunction with Peter Buerhaus, PhD, RN, FAAN, a health care economist and Director of the Center for Interdisciplinary Health Workforce Studies at Montana State University, released a report entitled "Nurse Practitioners: A Solution to America's Primary Care Crisis." For more information and to access the report, go to www.suna.org/article/np-report.



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