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*The CUA exists to promote the highest standard of urologic care for Canadians and to advance the art and science of urology.*



I have served as your president for the past nine months and will pass the torch along to Dr. Fred Saad in June of this year. It has been a wonderful year in which I've had the opportunity to interact with committee chairs, members of the administrative staff, and many of the members of our association at meetings in North America and around the world.

My practice is probably very similar to many of the members of our association. I spend much of my time in direct patient care, with a smaller portion performing basic and clinical research. The most challenging part of time management for me is trying to keep up with evolving techniques and research in my areas of clinical interest. It has become incredibly clear to me over the last few years, that no matter how much I read and how many meetings I attend, it is an impossibility to keep up with all of the new developments in clinical practice and research across the breadth of urological conditions.

The beauty of being a member of our association is that colleagues are busy preparing educational manuscripts and programs that provide us with up-to-date information across a wide range of topics that allow us, in a time-efficient manner, to keep up with new developments. The amount of work, organization, and dedication that these programs require cannot be overestimated.

While I know that we all appreciate the devotion of the volunteers that provide the essential products put out by our association and recognize the amount of time and effort they devote to creation of these very important educational tools and programs, they often remain in the background. The roles played by the office of education, the guidelines committee, the patient information committee, and the team of people who work to create the annual meeting, as well as all others who help the Canadian Urological Association maintain its high standards and enviable reputation need to be recognized.

In my final editorial comment, I wanted to have the chance to thank all of those individuals who helped make my term as president productive and fun, and I would counsel any member who has an interest in getting more involved in the association to put your name forward for a position on the executive.

Thanks to all, and see you in Halifax!