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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 am humbled and incredibly honored to become the 77th President of the Canadian Urological Association. I am very proud to be able to continue the legacy of those who have been in this role before me and who have helped to shape our society into the vibrant and leading organization we are today. I am especially moved because a number of former presidents were my mentors and supporters, and inspired me to get involved in the CUA. I am deeply indebted to Jack Wyatt, Jack Sales, Joe Chin, and Gerry Brock, who showed me the importance of altruism and giving back to our specialty. The opportunity to serve the CUA in this capacity is a responsibility I take seriously, and I intend to continue to advance initiatives that will further strengthen our organization. I thank you all for your confidence and support.

For many of us, the CUA has been and will continue to be an important vehicle for high-quality continuing medical education; but we have evolved into so much more. With our scholarship foundation promoting high-quality research and committees dedicated to health policy and advocacy efforts, we can honestly say we, as an organization, truly are the “Voice of Urology in Canada.” We are at a stage in our society’s evolution where we have the capability and credibility to be influential in many domains in order to improve urological patient care, nationally and globally.

I have been involved in the CUA in many capacities over the last 20 years and I can say without exaggeration that despite the challenges of these past 18 months, the state of our organization is as strong as it has ever been. Under the capable hands of our CEO, Tiffany Pizioli, the amazing corporate office staff, and the many volunteers who make up the CUA Board, we have truly weathered the storm and are poised for a fantastic year ahead. The organization is in great financial shape and there are several exciting initiatives in the works that we will unveil throughout the year. The strength of our organization, however, is the people. We are truly blessed to have so many dedicated staff and leaders devoted to the CUA’s mission.

One shining example of this is our outgoing President, Dr. Andrew MacNeily. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Dr. MacNeily for going above and beyond the call of duty on our behalf in perhaps the most tumultuous two years in our organization’s storied history. His attention to detail, consensus-building approach to problem-solving, and pragmatism were exactly what we needed from a leader during this challenging time. Dr. MacNeily also managed to keep us entertained with his thoughtful presidential musings in *CUAJ*, which contained just the right mixture of humor and solemnity. Dr. MacNeily was recognized for his leadership with the 2021 Presidential Citation at the recent virtual 2021 CUA annual meeting (see photo on page 268). The Presidential Citation is an award recognizing a singularly outstanding contribution by an individual in support of the CUA’s mission, and I cannot envision a more deserving individual. Congratulations Dr. MacNeily and thank you for your incredible leadership, it has been an honor and a pleasure working alongside you.

I would like to close by welcoming you all to our next annual meeting in Charlottetown, PEI, June 25–27, 2022. The birthplace of confederation seems like a fitting venue for this upcoming year of renewal, and we all know it is hard to beat Atlantic Canada’s hospitality. Drs. Stephen Pautler and Duane Hickling, the Scientific co-Chairs have already begun their planning and I have no doubt will organize an amazing scientific program. With Dr. Scott Bagnell as our Local Arrangements Liaison working with the CUA corporate office team, I think it is safe to say this will be an amazing party and one of the most highly anticipated events in our organization’s history! I don’t know about you, but I am done with Zoom. I can’t wait for an in-person meeting and the opportunity for real interactions with friends and colleagues from across the country. Please mark your calendars and dig out that luggage from your basement — we have a lot to celebrate!!

I wish you and your families a safe and restful summer and look forward to seeing you all in Charlottetown!