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AUA Board of Directors**

AUA Benefits

- Education
- Health Policy & Government Affairs
- Practice Management
- Financial Advantages
- Opportunity to be Involved

AUA Education

- Annual Meeting
- Office of Education
- Publications
- Guidelines
- Public Relations

Education: Annual Meeting

- Plenary Sessions
- Podium Sessions with Discussion
- Poster Sessions with Discussion
- OE Courses (114 with 35 free courses)
- Exhibits (“tools of the trade”)
- Discussions with colleagues

Education: Publications

- Journal of Urology
- AUA Updates
- AUA News

AUA Guidelines

- Roger Dmochowski: Chair
- AUA Guidelines are the “best”
- Surveys: “Extremely valuable and deserve increased support”
- Needs: MOC, Quality Care, & P4P
- Increasing frequency of updates
- Budget: Increased to \$875K from \$587K

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Government Affairs 501 (c)(6)

- Staff frequently meet with members of Congress and key governmental, private, and professional groups on socioeconomic issues.
- Committees:
 - ❖ Health Policy Council
 - ❖ Quality Improvement & Patient Safety
 - ❖ HP Survey & Research
 - ❖ Coding & Reimbursement

AUA Government Affairs

- First AUA/AACU Advocacy Conference
- In-office imaging services

Radiologists are trying to change

AMA House of Delegates Resolution now requires the AMA to defend the ability of specialists to provide in-office imaging services.

- RUC 5-Year Review Process
- Un-sustainable SGR formula debate continues

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Practice Management

- Practice Manager's Network
- Services:
 - ❖ AUA Coding Hotline (free to PMN members)
 - ❖ *Coding Tips for the Urologist's Office*
 - ❖ Coding Seminars
- *PM Tools: HIPAA compliance*
- *Education: Audio seminars, conferences*
- *Practice Management Committee*

Practice Management

- Watson Pharmaceuticals grant to provide AUA Coding Today via internet free to all AUA members.
- Collaboration with Medical Group Management Association (MGMA) and its Urology Administrators Assembly (UAA):
 - In 2007, UAA will eliminate their annual education conference to co-sponsor AUA's annual conference as well as increase co-sponsoring of audio-conferences from one to four.
- AUA Annual Meeting: PM Conferences included PM exhibitors.

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Financial Advantages

- Journal of Urology: \$585/ year
- Annual Meeting Registration: \$600
- AUA News:
- Health Policy Brief:
- Practice Management Tips:
- Coding Tips:
- Membership Directory:

Dues and Benefits of AUA

- Dues:

AUA	\$425
WSAUA	230
- Benefits: (>\$1,200 per year)
 - ❖ AUA Annual Meeting
 - ❖ Subscriptions to *Journal of Urology*, *AUA News*, and *Health Policy Brief*
 - ❖ *Coding Tips for the Urologist's Office*
 - ❖ AUA Membership & Referral Directory

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AUA Membership (Feb. 2006)

Total:	15,212
Practicing in USA	9,285
Retired	2,007
Voting Members	9,568
Senior	2,533

Appointments & Nominations

- Section appoints representative to BOD's
- WSAUA appoints 3 representatives to the Bylaws Committee, Health Policy Council, Judicial and Ethics Council, Journal of Urology Editorial Board, and Research Council.
- Section appoints representative to the following committees: Investment, Nominating, Practice Management, Residents, Young Urologists, and History

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- Section nominates members of other committees
- Section nominates (appoints) officers

Recent past-presidents from WSAUA

1996, Jack McAninch, M.D.

1997, Roy Correa, M.D.

2009, Western Section AUA President

AUA Board of Directors

- All members are urologists
- Five officers
- Eight Section representatives
- The Board members are diversified regarding their geographic locations and professional experiences.

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Thank you for the opportunity
to serve you
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