

MINUTES



**20th Annual Membership Meeting
California Urological Association
Tuesday, October 30, 2007 ~ Hyatt Regency Scottsdale
Arizona Ballroom
(Held in conjunction with the Western Section AUA's Annual Meeting)**

Officers Present:

Douglas Chinn, M.D., President
Joseph Kuntze, M.D., President-Elect
David Benjamin, M.D., Secretary-Treasurer
Daniel A. Nachtsheim, M.D., Past President
Jeffrey E. Kaufman, M.D., Past President
David Benjamin, M.D., Secretary

Staff Present

Frank J. DeSantis, CAE
Chris DeSantis, MBA
Jeannie DeSantis, MBA

1. Call to Order

A quorum was established with 60 members present and approximately 80 in total attendance, President Douglas Chinn, M.D. called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 19th Annual Membership Meeting held on October 24, 2006 and the Interim Board Meeting held on May 20, 2007 were presented and accepted as read.

3. Report of the President– Douglas Chinn, M.D., President

Dr. Chinn began his report by thanking everyone in attendance and introducing the officers, dignitaries, and CUA past presidents. Dr. Chinn stated that the main goals of CUA are to preserve the practice of urology and maintain an ambition to take care of patients and fend off legislation that hurts the practice of urology. He said that increasing membership in the CUA is of importance, as it is numbers which will carry weight to change legislation. He said that the

CUA is working with industry to create a beneficial bond. He said that TAP just became a Patron Corporate Member, he then presented the representatives with a plaque of appreciation.

He noted that the CUA is highly active with interfacing with the CMA. He said that the CMA is the only lobbying organization to speak the voice of California urologists. He stated that the issues and access to care come through Sacramento and in order to protect our patients, the key is to belong to both the CMA and CUA. He also noted the members listed in the booklet who hold leadership positions in the CUA. Those areas of leadership include: the CMA Council on Legislation, CMA Specialty Society Delegation, the CMA Leadership Academy, the California Technology Assessment Forum, AACU, AMA and AUA Coalition

He noted that last year, the CUA lured new members by providing a free year of membership in the CUA to those California non-members. Dues notices will be sent to those members for 2008 dues.

Dr. Chinn reviewed the many CUA Frontline email briefings which were sent during the year containing updates and alerts.

He also recognized the work effort and diligence of the CUA office staff support – Chris and Jeannie De Santis. The motion to approve the President’s Report was seconded and passed.

4. Report of the Secretary/Treasurer, David Benjamin, MD

Dr. Benjamin reviewed the financial report noting that there was an increase in assets of approximately \$14,000 from September 06 - 07. The CUA remains financially stable.

Dr. Benjamin reviewed the Membership report noting that there were 586 current members. This is an increase of 164 new members. This increase is mostly due to the fact that the CUA made all qualified non-members, a member for free for one year. Dues notices will be sent to all of these non-members in hopes that they will retain their membership. For those who paid dues in 2007, only 9% are outstanding, the list is provided. He noted that members’ dues are the main support of the organization and to please review the list of those members outstanding in dues and encourage them to remain members. The motion to approve the Secretary/Treasurer’s Report was seconded and passed.

5. Report of the CMA – Dean Hadley, M.D. for Dr. Thomas Hildreth

The report of the Specialty Delegation highlighted CMA changes and issues. Dr. Hadley, a member of the CUA, attended the CMA meeting and reported the following: He stated that the

CUA was well represented. We have four urologists on the Board of Trustees, which equates to 10% of the Board. The CMA had a change in the Executive Director position. The new Executive Director is Joe Dunn, a litigator and former State Senator from Orange County. He stated that the main issue at the CMA is healthcare reform- healthcare funding reform. The government wants to add a 2% tax on doctors. The CMA is fighting this saying it is not feasible. The reform most likely will not happen this year. He noted that the CMA is an important organization as it fights for the rights of urologists and unfortunately less than half of the California urologists are members.

6. Report of the Medicare Carrier Advisory Committee – Jeffrey E. Kaufman, MD

Dr. Kaufman's report was given prior to the CUA meeting. Dr. Kaufman spoke on the issue of Recovery Audit Contractors. His talk addressed key issues: Medicare audits, MMA 2003, RAC pilot program, types of audits, what's reviewed, audit review inclusions and exclusions, complex audits and response, the RAC demands for payment, who's helping us, the RAC results.

Dr. Kaufman at the end of his talk said that the CUA is available anytime to support issues that our members may have and to utilize the hotline, website and email. What ever the issues may be, he noted that he is able to take your concerns as urologists to Sacramento, Washington and Medicare.

It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the report.

7. Election of Officers & Representatives – Douglas Chinn, M.D., President

The slate of officers/committee representatives for the term 2007-2009

President:	Joseph Kuntze, M.D.
President-Elect:	Phil Weintraub, M.D.
Imm. Past President:	Douglas Chinn, M.D.
Secretary/Treasurer:	David Benjamin, M.D.
CMA Representative:	Marty Prah, M.D.
CMA Alternate:	(TBD)
CMA Comm. On Legislation:	William Bonney, M.D.
CMA COL Alternate:	Douglas Chinn, M.D.
Carrier Advisory Committee:	Jeffrey Kaufman, M.D.

Calif. Tech. Asses. Forum: Robert Eisenberg, M.D.

CMA Young Urology Rep.: Danny Cosgrove, M.D.

Dr. Kuntze proudly presented Dr. Chinn with a plaque of appreciation for his service to the CUA as President for the past two years.

The slate of officers and representatives were voted upon and approved by the membership.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm on Tuesday, October 30, 2007.

Respectfully Submitted _____

David Benjamin, M.D., Secretary/Treasurer