Annual Meeting
Due to rapidly escalating global health concerns, coupled with U.S. President Trump’s emergency declaration, the AUA Board of Directors made the difficult, but necessary decision in March to cancel the 2020 AUA Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. This is only the fifth time in AUA’s history that we have cancelled the Annual Meeting. The other cancellations occurred in war time, but our concern for the health, safety and well-being of our members, staff, partners and patients made cancelling this year’s meeting similarly critical.

The AUA Annual Meeting is a major global event for the urology community and preparing for it involves the time and talent of a great many of our staff, physician volunteers, speakers and exhibitors. We are incredibly grateful for their time and deeply disappointed that we were not able to hold the meeting as planned.

Given the logistics that go into organizing a meeting of this size, the AUA was not able to reschedule the 2020 Annual Meeting. However, the AUA staff and physician leaders worked diligently to be able to share the abstracts and surgical videos from AUA 2020 virtually, free to all AUA members. In addition, I hope many members will be able to participate in AUA Live! on June 27 and 28, a robust program featuring two days of virtual education, including keynote lectures, sessions on new clinical guidelines, semi-live surgeries, late-breaking science, industry updates and more. I am extremely proud of our team’s efforts to bring our members the best science from AUA in the midst of this very challenging year.

Membership
The AUA remains a premier urological association with 23,213 members throughout the world who share a common mission. In the last 12 months we welcomed 2,252 new members to the AUA, representing the largest growth the association has experienced in a single year. With international, resident/fellow and medical/graduate student membership categories accounting for more than half of member growth in 2019, it is clear now more than ever that the organization continues to span the globe and provide a solid foundation for the future.

It was also especially exciting to welcome hundreds of future urologists via the 2020 Urology Residency Match. An annual rite of passage for medical students, this year’s match not only had the most applicants since 2014, but also saw a record-setting 86% of female participants match with programs, which is a welcomed sign of increasing diversity in urology.