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Annual Meeting 2023

The 2023 Annual Meeting held in St. Kitts was tremendously successful in achieving the desired combination of education, fellowship, and relaxation.

As you will recall, tropical weather and Caribbean urgency conspired against or plans for a meeting in St. Thomas. Maureen McCarthy and Andy and Susan Kirsch did an excellent job with a contingency plan that could not have worked out any nicer. The membership enjoyed their time together and we were happy to have several first-time attendees. Clinical conversations included the ideal meatus location in reoperative hypospadias, the emerging role of AI in medicine, renal transplantation to urinary diversions, and simple scrotoplasty with neonatal circumcision. Recreational activities included hiking in the rain up the side of a volcano, doing the limbo, reeling in a keeper, and dancing beachside.

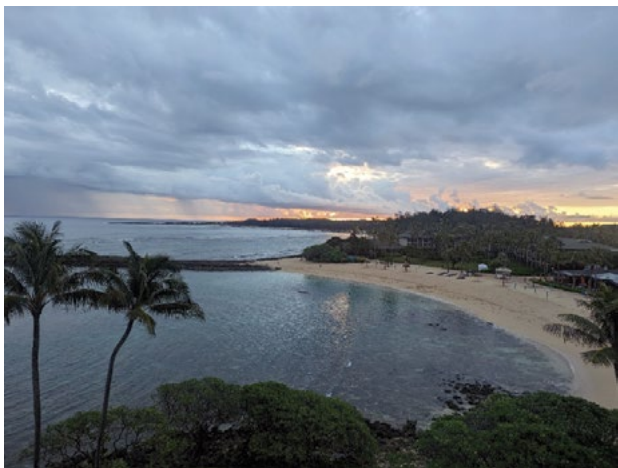


The membership is thankful for Andy and Susan putting on such a great meeting!



President's Message

One of the great things about attending serial AAPU meetings is that we are still looking back on the last meeting fondly while anticipating the next meeting. Where will we be? Is it possible to top that year? Who will join? What adventures are in store (and yes, what will we learn) with friends old and new?



Well, the wait is finally over--I am delighted to confirm that the 2024 AAPU meeting will be held at Turtle Bay Resort on the beautiful and natural North Shore of Oahu! Of the resorts Doug and I visited this Spring, Turtle Bay was a stand-out in terms of a vibe that I believe all will appreciate. There is something for everyone here. From the moment the gracious lobby greets you and yours to taking in the ocean views and the various activities offered on-resort and in the local area, the North Shore and the resort offer relaxation, outdoor adventures and good times together. This area and resort spoke to me for a variety of reasons, and I hope it will hold good things for you as well. Perhaps the strongest endorsement to those who have met my AAPU connoisseur: this resort is Greta-approved!



I want to thank Andy and Susan Kirsch for the amazing meeting that they planned for us in St Kitt's. They weathered the resort change as if it were something they do all the time and the St Kitts save was perhaps even better than the original plan. Well done and thank you for your leadership of the AAPU!



It was also lovely to welcome several first-time attendees to the meeting—let's keep that trend going! The scope of presentations and the level of collegial discussion builds every year –looking forward to gathering, sharing and strengthening the organization again this year. I hope to say Aloha to the AAPU faithful, some faces who have been absent for years (you know who you are) and some new members again this year.

As many of you know, the AAPU is now working with WJ Weiser to meet our organization's needs. Many thanks to our team at WJ Weiser and to our AAPU executive leadership team for the collaboration on this transition. This is of course our first annual meeting together and things are coming along well! We are going to have a great meeting –we all look forward to seeing YOU in Oahu MLK week 2024!

Until then, all the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth B. Yerkes". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Elizabeth B. Yerkes, MD
AAPU President



AAPU Board

On completion of the annual meeting two board members completed their service to the AAPU.

Dominic Frimberger completed his term as past-president and Phil Gleason completed his term as an at-large board member. Emily Blum was elected as an at-large member for a two-year term and Chip Roth was chosen as president-elect. The board for the upcoming year is: Elizabeth Yerkes, President; Andy Kirsch, Past President; Chip Roth, Secretary-Treasurer and President-Elect; Brian Vanderbrink, At-large (expiring 2024); Emily Blum, At-large (expiring 2025).



Thanks to Maureen McCarthy

The 2023 meeting was the last to be organized by Maureen as she is taking a step back from active meeting planning.

She has been our meeting coordinator and travel expert for over a decade. The success of the annual meeting, and the AAPU as a whole is based on creating a welcoming environment where new faces and old friends are equally celebrated. Maureen brought a skillset that fostered this aspect of the AAPU. Maureen's impact on our group will not be forgotten, and we were pleased to offer her honorary AAPU membership on completion of the 2023 meeting. **Bon Voyage, Maureen!**

Blake Palmer, M.D. Memorial Lecture

Dominic Frimberger offered a stirring tribute to Blake and the impact he had on many of us as individuals and on the AAPU as a whole.

During the business meeting, several ideas were considered on how Blake's contributions can live on within the AAPU. It was agreed to create a Blake Palmer M.D. Memorial Lecture which will be given at the annual meeting and will focus on a topic related to wellness for practicing physicians. This will be a new concept for the AAPU, and we are optimistic that this will provide an opportunity to connect with each other over topics that are key to a healthy professional career.



Wee Willies

The AAPU management of the annual Wee Willies dinner once again proved successful as Gil Rushton was honored during the 2022 SPU Fall Congress.

Gil's remarkable career was summarized with humor and respect by Tony Casale and Hans Pohl. The prior Wee Willie honorees convened and nominated Joe Ortenberg for this year's honor, which was approved by the membership. The 2023 Wee Willies dinner will be held during the Fall Congress in Houston. In an effort to coordinate the busy evening schedule, the dinner will be held on the evening of Friday, September 22, 2023. The ideal location is actively being scouted and please keep this date open on your calendar.

Membership Dues

If you have already paid your 2023 membership dues, we thank you for your continued support of AAPU. If you have not yet done so, we want to remind you that being a part of AAPU is being a part of an association that promotes the practice and education of pediatric urology. In addition, AAPU strives to create stimulating discussion and informational exchanges amongst practitioners engaged in the treatment of children with genito-urinary disorders.

Membership dues are \$200 and can be mailed to the executive office at:

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New Members



Full Name	Join Date
Renea Sturm, MD	3/6/2023
Shuvro De, MD	12/13/2022
Jason P. Van Batavia, MD	11/22/2022
Emily Blum, MD	11/2/2022
Israel Nosnik, MD	10/27/2022

Please consider nominating your partners, colleagues, and pediatric urology friends for membership. The process is easy and can be found on the website at, www.aapuonline.org/membership.

We need you to help us achieve our goals and continue to be a strong association.

2024 ANNUAL MEETING



AAPU 2024 ANNUAL MEETING
January 15 - 19, 2024
Turtle Bay Resort
Kahuku, Hawaii

We are thrilled to announce that the 2024 meeting will be held in Hawaii. Elizabeth and Doug Yerkes have scouted the 50th state and have located the most awesome location for a meeting ever...



...You should be there!