



Society of Government Service Urologists

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Dear SGSU member,

As most of you know, the Kimbrough and SGSU have a rich tradition and have given rise to numerous Urologists who have contributed extensively to the carbon footprint of human kind. Since the first Kimbrough in 1953 in Washington, DC to the 2025 conference in Memphis, Tennessee, the organization has adhered to several tenets:

1. Excellence in Government Service Urology to help our service members, their families and those who have served.
2. Promote ethical and robust research.
3. Stimulate fraternity and friendship amongst the membership and guests.
4. **Prioritize resident and medical student education, development and leadership.**

It is bullet #4 that is the spirit of this letter. I was recently and humbly nominated to be President of the SGSU for the next year. At the most recent Board Meeting there was tremendous and healthy discussion regarding the future of this meeting and the ability to have residents participate because of broad Medical Education funding cuts across all services (Army, Navy, Air Force and VA).

All those on the Board and in attendance at the Business Meeting were very supportive of developing a long-term plan to help fund resident involvement in the form of scholarships supported by generous donors and grateful alumni. The first iteration of this resulted in a Board decision to sponsor 4 residents at \$2000 each to attend the next Kimbrough.

This is not enough.

Dr. Muta Issa from the Atlanta VA quickly put up \$5000 to match all donations and Dr. Hal Frazier (CPT, USN, Ret) and myself also agreed to do the same. I have found a donor generous enough to put up the \$15,000 completing the \$15,000 match making a total now of \$40,000 (\$32k from donors, \$8k from BOD motion) paving the way. This is only a start. We do not feel this is enough to keep the program in perpetuity. Ultimately, we would like to solicit large dollar donors to start an endowment to keep this viable for a number of years.

Everyone has a story as to why they dedicated time to Government Service. For me personally, it made the difference between success and failure professionally as a Urologist and as a person. I will always be indebted to Army Urology for what they did for my career and how it shaped me as a physician.

I am asking you to give back to an organization that has helped you somewhere along the way and made a difference in your life. Because of the organizational structure of the SGSU, the donations given to the general fund and earmarked for resident support are NOT tax deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me or anyone on the Board for further comments or questions.

Thank you,

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